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The Montana Association of Counties (MACo) publishes this weekly bulletin containing summary descriptions of bills of interest to local government officials. Each issue lists only the bills that have been introduced during the week. Please save this message or print it for future reference.

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MACo & the Montana Legislature

The MACo website has a section dedicated to helping members keep track of the happenings at the 62nd Montana Legislature:

<http://www.maco.cog.mt.us/Legislature/Legislative.htm>.

In this section you'll find MACo's resolutions, links to pertinent bills, an archive of our weekly *Legislative Updates*, links to bills and bill status reports, hearing calendars, committee listings, legislator contact information, and more.

Results of the 2011 Interim Study Poll – 62nd Legislature

NOTE: Studies highlighted in blue are of interest to MACo.

The Legislative Council is scheduled to meet on Friday, May 13 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 102 of the State Capitol to consider the results of the interim study poll and to assign interim study requests as the Council members determine is most beneficial.

There were 16 separate pieces of legislation adopted during the 62nd Session that request a legislative interim study to be conducted. Ballots were due by May 9, 2011. (This compares to 17 study requests in 2009, 21 in 2007, 22 in 2005, 13 in 2003, and 20 in 2001.)

116 ballots of a possible 150 were returned for a response rate of 77%; 114 (76% of possible 150) of the ballots were determined to be valid and useable.

The poll used the Borda method of selection, which awarded "points" based on the rankings in individual ballots. Each top-ranked study—rated #1 on an individual ballot—received 16 points. Each second-ranked study—rated #2 on a ballot—received 15 points, and so on through the study ranked 16th, which received 1 point. A study that was not ranked on a ballot received zero points.

The final column on the right in Table 1 indicates the staff's recommended disposition for each of the studies requested. Staff recommends that 12 of the 16 studies be assigned to various legislative committees. Staff also recommends that four study requests not be assigned to an interim committee or to staff.

Primary considerations underpinning the recommendations are: (1) each study's rank in the poll; (2) available committee resources, including committee time and budget; (3) available staff resources; and (4) alternatives to the study requested.

A "Do Not Assign" recommendation results from the totality of circumstances, including: (1) the typically low priority given by legislators to the study; (2) the relative unavailability of committee and staff resources (because the resources are devoted to higher priorities); and (3) alternatives to the study requested. A "Do Not Assign" recommendation is not a commentary on the inherent merits of the study requested, but is instead an attempt to accommodate the Legislature's highest priorities within existing resources.

The staff's recommendations are advisory only. The Legislative Council has the statutory authority and duty to assign each study. (See 5-5-217, MCA.)

Please see the poll results in the table below (page 2).

Happenings from the Hill

Session Adjourned!

To better keep our members informed about what occurred at the Montana Capitol, we have been updating our Legislative page (and the homepage) on the MACo website daily with happenings from the 62nd Legislative Session. These pages will continue to be updated until every bill has been through the Governor's office.

If you're interested in getting a little info on what happened on the hill, [click here to check out our updates over the course of the session](#).

2011 Interim Study Poll Results (Listed by Ranking)

Joint Resolution	May 10 Rank*	Total Points	Short Title/Subject of Resolution	Staff Recommendation for Interim Committee Assignment
HJR 13	1	888	Study state income tax and options for revision	Revenue & Transportation
SJR 28	2	827	Study performance-based funding for education	Education & Local Government
HJR 33	3	804	Study state health insurance exchange	Economic Affairs
SJR 20	4	772	Study implementation of privatization of Medicaid administration	Children & Families
SJR 23	5	727	Study exemption of nonprofits from property taxes	Revenue & Transportation
HJR 08	6	726	Study on reducing childhood hunger in Montana	Children & Families
SJR 30	7	705	Study ways to reduce childhood trauma	State-Tribal Relations
SJR 17	8	688	Study valuing centrally assessed property for tax purposes	Revenue & Transportation
SJR 29	9	675	Study of restorative justice	Law & Justice
SJR 26	10	653	Study to monitor agency activities recommended by Joint Approp Subcomm	Legislative Finance Committee
HJR 32	11	631	Study state parks, recreation, heritage programs	Environmental Quality Council
HRJ 39	12	527	Study subdivision rent or lease exemption	Education and Local Government
SJR 18	13	522	Study health care workforce development initiatives	Do not study
HJR 38	14	464	Study of local fire protection, firefighters, and EMT's	Do not study
SJR 27	14	464	Study waiver services for children with developmental disabilities	Do not study
SJR 15	16	411	Study bonding requirement for agricultural commodities and grain industry	Do not study
HB 525	NA	NA	Revise business and professional licensing laws to provide termination review	Economic Affairs
HB 602	NA	NA	Require interim study of exempt water wells	Water Policy Committee
HB 615	NA	NA	Advance cancer research and treatment	Children & Families (coordination only)
HB 642	NA	NA	Create select committee on efficiency in government—members—duties	Select Committee

Mean Average Points = 655 (SJR 29) | Median Points = 682 (SJR 17) | Ballots = 116 returned as of 5 p.m., May 9, 2011 (77%); 114/150 valid (76%)

* These rankings were compiled from the 114 useable of 116 "ballots" received by LSD as of 5 p.m., Monday, May 9, 2011.

Up-to-Date Actions on Bills from May 5 – 12, 2011

The Governor has been busy acting on hundreds of bills since the final day of the 62nd Legislative Session. To help keep our members up-to-date, we've listed all of the bills that the Governor has acted on over the past week. We've also listed the bills that are still pending and bills with an immediate effective date.

MACo bills are highlighted **green** and priority bills are highlighted **blue**.

KEY - Status (Governor's Actions)

N = No Action in 10 Days; Became Law Without Signature

SGND = Signed

VTD = Vetoed

S_LV = Signed with Line Item Veto

The "Status key" (to the right) goes with the tables below. It deciphers the meaning of the acronyms in the "Status" column.

Governor's Actions on May 05, 2011

No.	Sponsor	Short Title	Status
HB604	Cook	Provide for fund transfers to various accounts	S_LV
HB15	Schmidt	School facility grant program	SGND
HB29	McNiven	Expand criteria for extraordinary event exceptions to uses of credit information	SGND
HB47	Peterson	Allow free fishing on Father's Day weekend	SGND
HB90	McNutt	Amend Montana mortgage broker and mortgage lender licensing act	SGND
HB111	Stahl	Improving tax administration by depositing state agency lodging tax in gen fund	SGND
HB133	Salomon	Provide for court orders, fines, liens for noncompliance with noxious weed laws	SGND
HB297	Berry	Extend time frames to preserve historic right of way for state lands	SGND
HB525	McNiven	Revise business and professional licensing laws to provide termination review	SGND
HB530	Washburn	Allow counties to prepare mail ballots before election day	SGND
HB587	McNutt	Provide option for associate water court judge	SGND
HB607	Welborn	Clarifying procedure for sale of B10 nonresident big game combo licenses	SGND
HB615	Williams	Advance cancer research and treatment	SGND
HB622	Ankney	Revising funding for livestock mitigation and control of predatory animals	SGND
SB132	Essmann	Allow audiologist to sell hearing aid without hearing aid dispenser license	SGND
SB283	Essmann	Revise process for changing county boundaries	SGND
HB152	Washburn	Revise proof of residency and identity requirements for voting	VTD
HB316	Cook	Redistribute certain revenue and income	VTD

Governor's Actions on May 06, 2011

No.	Sponsor	Short Title	Status
HB198	Peterson	Generally revise eminent domain laws	N
HB409	Beck	Clarify laws relating to provider rates commission	N
HB458	Welborn	Revise laws related to outfitting and net client hunter use	N
HB611	Cook	Generally revise use of accounts and funds	N
HB43	MacLaren	Clarifying employer's rights related to employee use of medical marijuana	SGND
HB106	Lavin	Provide for a 24/7 sobriety project for impaired driving offenders	SGND
HB249	Fitzpatrick	Limit shareholder liability for corporation's acts and debts	SGND
HB262	Sands	Extend requirement for emergency medical service grant program	SGND
HB296	Sesso	Authorize the construction of the Southwest Montana Veterans' Home in Butte	SGND
HB370	Squires	Increase motor vehicle fee for state parks and Virginia & Nevada Cities	SGND

Governor's Actions on May 06, 2011 Continued . . .

No.	Sponsor	Short Title	Status
HB518	Hunter	Create a mental health care advance directive	SGND
HB533	Berry	Revise state coal leasing laws	SGND
HB543	Fitzpatrick	Revise law on administrative rules adopted by reference	SGND
HB559	Esp	Generally revise health laws for seasonal establishments	SGND
SB11	Erickson	Reduce withholding tax rate for lottery winnings	SGND
SB126	Larsen	Revise fees & licensing for plant nurseries & vendors; revise D of Ag inspection	SGND
SB153	Jent	Revise guardian ad litem laws to allow judges' discretion in appointed counsel	SGND
SB187	Shockley	Generally revise public defender laws	SGND
SB215	Gallus	Reduce state mark up on liquor based upon percent of Montana ingredients	SGND
SB221	Gillan	Provide waiver for accountable care organizations in HMO laws	SGND
SB294	Buttrey	Revise workforce training grant program	SGND
SB326	Larsen	Provide for a veterans home loan program	SGND
SB331	Jent	Generally revise surplus lines insurance law	SGND
SB351	Ripley	Revise laws governing managed care	SGND
SB354	Jent	Provide for Uniform Unsworn Foreign Declarations Act	SGND
SB411	Erickson	Revise administration of tax interest, penalties and delinquencies	SGND
SB417	Buttrey	Designate military affected areas	SGND
SB429	Wittich	Revised uniform limited liability company act	SGND
HB167	Regier	Criminalize offense involving death to an unborn child	VTD
HB186	Hunter	Continue allocation to Worksafe Montana thru assessment on work comp insurer	VTD
HB283	Bangerter	Allow sex to be considered in certain insurance coverage	VTD
HB366	Rosendale	Revise county interim zoning law	VTD
HB375	Cook	Reduce certain general fund transfers	VTD
HB408	Smith	Provide for timely filing and resolution of claims in medical liability cases	VTD
SB198	Balyeat	Revise fiscal note law	VTD
SB299	Hamlett	Clarify taxation and ownership river channel changed by evulsion	VTD
SB379	Olson	Generally revise county zoning laws	VTD

Governor's Actions on May 09, 2011

No.	Sponsor	Short Title	Status
HB132	Hoven	Improve, clarify, and make property tax administration more effective	SGND
HB258	Edmunds	Revise definition of guest ranch	SGND
HB477	Hollandsworth	Revise lodging facility use tax allocation to Montana historical society	SGND
SB35	Hamlett	Revise laws related to navigable river beds	SGND
SB36	Hamlett	Revise court costs and attorney fees in water cases	SGND
SB156	Windy Boy	Revise tribal use of TANF maintenance of effort funds	SGND
SB410	Brenden	Expend PPL v. MT proceeds on higher producing land to benefit public schools	SGND
HB612	Roberts	Generally revise state healthcare laws to implement House Bill No. 2	VTD
HB633	Esp	Revise healthy Montana kids program	VTD

Governor's Actions on May 10, 2011

No.	Sponsor	Short Title	Status
HB100	Vance	Require fiscal notes to include business impact	VTD
HB209	Washburn	Revise maintenance laws for FWP land to prioritize funds for WMAs	VTD
HB271	Kerns	Exception to concealed weapon offense if eligible to obtain permit	VTD
HB317	Cook	Sunset statutory appropriations over certain periods	VTD
HB333	Reichner	Include bank repossessions and other sales in property reappraisal comparables	VTD
HB405	Taylor	Medical malpractice reform	VTD
HB414	Harris	Provide for federal mandate accountability	VTD
HB444	Burnett	Create budget database website for taxpayer right to know	VTD
HB551	Flynn	Revise state employee health insurance program to include high deductible plan	VTD
HB577	Stahl	Revise taxes by removing tip income for workers' compensation purposes	VTD
HB616	Randall	Correct erroneous agriculture land values, provide remedy, create ag. committee	VTD
SB174	Vuckovich	Prohibit state funds for movement or relocation of bison to Spotted Dog WMA	VTD
SB201	Walker	Require small business impact analyses prior to adoption of administrative rule	VTD
SB253	Lake	Eliminate certain individual and corporation tax credits	VTD
SB406	Essmann	Central assessment mediation instead of dispute review or tax appeal board	VTD

Governor's Actions on May 12, 2011

No.	Sponsor	Short Title	Status
HB363	Cuffe	Provide for use of wolf license money	N
HB372	Washburn	Clarify preference system laws for nonresident permits and licenses	N
HB377	Warburton	Revise laws to allow medication aides in nursing homes	N
HB495	Cook	Revise statutory appropriations and local government entitlement share payments	N
HB613	Roberts	Generally revise elements of the budget process to implement House Bill No. 2	N
HB619	Ankney	Generally revise FWP laws to implement HB2	N
SB233	Keane	Generally revise environmental impact laws	N
SB241	Priest	Revise calculation of physician reimbursement for Medicaid services	N
SB292	Olson	Regulate underground coal gasification	N
SB295	Lake	Revise manner of appraising certain property for tax purposes	N
SB348	Barrett	Revise funding for wolf management	N
SB409	Tutvedt	Revise methods to establish rental fees and sale of state land cabin sites	N
HB5	Sesso	Long-range building appropriations	S_LV
HB7	Belcourt	Reclamation and development grants	S_LV
HB351	Cook	Treasure state endowment appropriations and transfers to the general fund	S_LV
HB2	McNutt	General Appropriations Act	SGND
HB4	Mehlhoff	Appropriations by budget amendment	SGND
HB6	McChesney	Renewable resource grants	SGND
HB8	Sesso	Renewable resource bonds and loans	SGND
HB9	Hollenbaugh	Cultural and aesthetic grants	SGND
HB10	Hollenbaugh	Long-range information technology appropriations	SGND

Governor's Actions on May 12, 2011 Continued . . .

No.	Sponsor	Short Title	Status
HB122	Malek	Provide for benefit and funding changes to public employees retirement system	SGND
HB159	Smith	Restrict authority of FWP to regulate ammo or firearms for hunting	SGND
HB165	Hollandsworth	Deposit certain trust land and river bed income to guarantee account	SGND
HB310	Blyton	Clarify initiatives language	SGND
HB460	Peterson	Revise unit ownership act affecting townhouses	SGND
HB560	Arntzen	Increase public involvement in urban renewal areas	SGND
HB561	Arntzen	Revise criteria for factors in urban renewal districts	SGND
HB562	Arntzen	Require notification of county and schools of urban renewal district	SGND
HB565	Noonan	Clarify requirements for providing services to high-risk children	SGND
HB621	Ankney	Revise aquatic invasive species laws and provide appropriation	SGND
HB641	Hands	Review tax expenditures	SGND
HB642	Blasdel	Create select committee on efficiency in government--members--duties	SGND
SB166	Balyeat	Revise income tax filing extension law	SGND
SB206	Jones	Generally revise laws related to energy transmission siting	SGND
SB212	Ripley	Clarify FWP authority to manage wild buffalo or bison	SGND
SB279	Jackson	Allow legislative security personnel w/permit to carry weapon into Capitol	SGND
SB305	Jackson	Revise energy policy	SGND
SB338	Arthun	Revise laws regarding certain officials and public service announcements	SGND
HB492	Howard	Prohibit immigration sanctuary policies by local governments	VTD
HB526	Edmunds	Create interstate health care compact	VTD
HB585	Bennett	Require public disclosure of contracts with outside counsel for state agencies	VTD
SB97	Shockley	Revise parental notice of abortion and judicial bypass	VTD
SB106	Priest	Compel participation in lawsuit on health care reform	VTD
SB199	Balyeat	Revise administration of income taxes and certain penalty & interest provisions	VTD
SB306	Murphy	Revise mining laws regarding cyanide heap and vat leach open-pit mining	VTD
SB366	Vincent	Generally revise welfare laws	VTD

Bills Pending Action

No.	Sponsor	Short Title
HB494	Edmunds	Revise laws relating to subdivision exemptions
SB29	Moss	Mandatory alcohol server and sales training
SB100	Shockley	Disposition of damage awards for state land leases
SB108	Barrett	Revise policy for management of large predators
SB125	Wittich	Prohibit state gov't from administering fed health insurance purchase reqmnt
SB136	Balyeat	Revise residency requirements for hunting
SB143	Barrett	Revise state grizzly bear policy
SB207	Moore	Clarify regulation of bison
SB225	Priest	Revise laws governing qualifying small power production facility purchases
SB229	Sonju	Revise laws relating to state-tribal coop agreements act and PERS
SB265	Hamlett	Reduce property taxes on new construction for use of gray water systems

Bills Pending Action Continued . . .

No.	Sponsor	Short Title
SB266	Olson	Revise local coal tax gross proceeds tax abatement
SB277	Moore	Revise duties of Dept of Livestock re federal beef promotion; beef check off
SB286	Olson	Revise certain coal prospecting procedures
SB 297	Essmann	Provide a separate process for coal beneficiation
SB 298	Vincent	Revise land use laws regarding wildland urban interface
SB 307	Tutvedt	Revising the privatization plan review process and public comment
SB 312	Vincent	Revise metal mine laws
SB 329	Zinke	Generally revise K-12 laws
SB 356	Hamlett	Clarifying definition of good cause for water right objections
SB 358	Buttrey	Generally revise tax increment financing districts
SB 372	Tutvedt	Lower business equipment tax -- phase more reduction on state economic growth
SB 423	Essmann	Generally revise laws relating to use of marijuana

Bills with an Immediate Effective Date (These Bills Have Become Law)

No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Effective Date	Chapter No.
HB 54	Define order & program for certain Department of Livestock functions	Gordon Vance	3/11/2011	5
HB 19	Clarify that the Clean Indoor Air Act applies to smoking of medical marijuana	Diane Sands	3/16/2011	7
HB 156	Increase the rate of payment of interment allowance and headstone	Frank Smith	3/23/2011	33
HB 359	Revise workers' compensation law on settlements & lump-sum payments	Gordon Vance	3/23/2011	36
HB 399	Allow transfer of salvage title work without notary signature	Elsie Arntzen	3/25/2011	74
HB 28	Revise requirements for proposed septic mixing zones	Walter McNutt	3/30/2011	83
HB 63	Revise liquor laws related to nonprofits and protest	Pat Noonan	3/30/2011	86
HB 293	Provide tax exempt status for certain land owned by veterans' organizations	Pat Connell	4/1/2011	107
HB 484	Clarify receipt of absentee ballots for subsequent elections is not permanent	Carolyn Squires	4/1/2011	111
HB 123	Revise county and school district budgeting timelines	Edith McClafferty	4/10/2011	152
HB 430	Revise laws regarding administration of conservation districts	Cleve Loney	4/8/2011	162
HB 334	Generally revise workers' compensation	Scott Reichner	4/12/2011	167
SB 91	Update postal service requirements for proposed cities and towns	Taylor Brown	4/14/2011	177
HB 575	Generally revise annexation laws	Kris Hansen	4/15/2011	186
SB 55	Implement the federal military and overseas empowerment act	Larry Jent	4/15/2011	190
SB 236	Revise solid waste laws related to local government	Edward Buttrey	4/15/2011	196
HB 191	Revise regulation of retail food establishment exemptions	Kelly Flynn	4/18/2011	208
HB 352	Revise laws relating to water quality standards and provide alternatives	Ryan Osmundson	4/18/2011	213
SB 89	Reduce DEQ and local sanitation review times	Art Wittich	4/18/2011	217

Bills with an Immediate Effective Date Continued . . .

No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Effective Date	Chapter No.
HB 12	Revise jurisdiction for misdemeanor DUI/BAC offenses	Mike Menahan	4/20/2011	225
HB 279	Providing disaster and emergency services to tribal governments	Frank Smith	4/20/2011	228
SB 28	Clarify mental health diversion grant awards are based on admissions to MSH	Christine Kaufmann	4/20/2011	232
HB 166	Revise weed control laws	John Esp	4/21/2011	244
HB 277	Provide for regulation of golf cart operation	Ted Washburn	4/22/2011	247
HB 538	Providing for sale of bonds at public or private sale	Ken Peterson	4/22/2011	253
HB 602	Require interim study of exempt water wells	Walter McNutt	4/21/2011	256
SB 219	Revise laws relating to property tax protest	Gary Branae	4/21/2011	261
SB 357	Revise laws for appointment and election of a resigning county commissioner	Bradley Hamlett	4/21/2011	266
SB 42	Authorize warrants to obtain blood or breath test in DUI cases	Jim Shockley	4/28/2011	283
SB 420	Revise local government audit laws	Steven Gallus	4/28/2011	289
SB 75	Allow flexible hours for local property tax operations	Jon Sonju	4/29/2011	295
SB 340	Clarifying the enforcement of laws related to fire hazard reduction	Chas Vincent	4/29/2011	305

MACo Resolutions/Legislation

No.	Short Title	Res. No.	Sponsor	Status
HB 297 LC1431	Extend time frames to preserve historic right of way under environmental policy	2010-07	Tom Berry	(H) Signed by Governor
	AN ACT EXTENDING THE TIME FOR APPLYING FOR A HISTORIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ON STATE LANDS; AMENDING SECTION 77-1-130, MCA; AMENDING SECTION 5, CHAPTER 461, LAWS OF 1997, SECTION 6, CHAPTER 270, LAWS OF 2001, AND SECTIONS 2, 3, AND 4, CHAPTER 57, LAWS OF 2005; AND PROVIDING A TERMINATION DATE.			
HB 318 LC1049	Ensure county oversight in movement of publicly-owned wild buffalo or bison	2010-01	Wendy Warburton	(H) Vetoed by Governor*
	AN ACT REQUIRING APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BEFORE THE DEPARTMENTS OF LIVESTOCK OR FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS MAY AUTHORIZE ANY TRANSPLANTATION OR RELOCATION OF WILD BUFFALO OR BISON CERTIFIED AS BRUCELLOSIS-FREE INTO A MONTANA COUNTY; AMENDING SECTIONS 81-2-120 AND 87-1-216, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.			
HB 426 LC1283	Revise incorporation laws to coincide with annexation laws	2010-15	Gary MacLaren	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT REQUIRING WRITTEN CONSENT OF PROPERTY OWNERS FOR CERTAIN KINDS OF LAND TO BE INCLUDED IN A PROPOSED NEW CITY OR TOWN; AND AMENDING SECTION 7-2-4101, MCA.			
SB 144 LC0176	Revise laws governing translocation of bison; prohibit free-roaming bison	2010-14	John Brenden	(H) Died in Standing Committee*
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY PROHIBITING THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS FROM RELOCATING WILD BUFFALO OR BISON OR ALLOWING FREE-ROAMING BISON IN THE STATE; PROVIDING AN EXCEPTION TO THE PROHIBITION FROM RELOCATION; <u>REQUIRING REPORTS</u> ; AMENDING SECTION 87-1-216, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE <u>AND A TERMINATION DATE.</u> "			
SB 183 LC1029	Revise interim zoning laws	2010-09	Taylor Brown	(S) Vetoed by Governor*
	AN ACT PROHIBITING ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERIM ZONING DISTRICT OR INTERIM REGULATION TO PREVENT A PROPOSED USE UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; PROHIBITING ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERIM ZONING DISTRICT OR INTERIM REGULATION TO PREVENT AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES; AND AMENDING SECTION 76-2-206, MCA.			
SB 212 LC1052	Clarify FWP authority to manage wild buffalo or bison	2010-14	Rick Ripley	(S) Signed by Governor
	AN ACT CLARIFYING THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS TO MANAGE WILD BUFFALO OR BISON; REQUIRING A MANAGEMENT PLAN BEFORE WILD BUFFALO OR BISON MAY BE RELEASED OR TRANSPLANTED ONTO PRIVATE OR PUBLIC LAND; AMENDING SECTION 87-1-216, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.			

MACo Resolutions/Legislation Continued . . .

No.	Short Title	Res. No.	Sponsor	Status
SB 248 LC0421	Allow five member county tax appeal board	2010-02	Kim Gillan	Chapter Number Assigned
AN ACT ALLOWING A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO APPOINT A COUNTY TAX APPEAL BOARD WITH THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS OVER THREE TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COUNTY; PROVIDING THAT IN COUNTIES WITH BOARDS OF MORE THAN THREE MEMBERS, ONLY THREE OF THE MEMBERS HEAR EACH APPEAL; AND AMENDING SECTION 15-15-101, MCA.				
SB 358 LC1352	Generally revise tax increment financing districts	2010-19	Edward Buttrey	(S) Transmitted to Governor
AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT LAWS; PROVIDING FOR CREATION OF TARGETED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS; ALLOWING COUNTIES TO CREATE TARGETED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS AND TO USE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING; ADDING COMPONENTS THAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN AN URBAN RENEWAL PLAN; REMOVING PROVISIONS FOR CREATION OF AND BONDING IN TECHNOLOGY DISTRICTS, AEROSPACE TRANSPORTATION AND TECHNOLOGY DISTRICTS, AND INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-15-4282, 7-15-4283, 7-15-4284, 7-15-4286, 7-15-4288, 7-15-4290, 7-15-4292, 7-15-4293, 7-15-4294, 7-15-4301, 7-15-4302, 7-15-4304, AND 7-15-4324, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 7-15-4295, 7-15-4296, 7-15-4297, 7-15-4298, 7-15-4299, AND 17-5-820, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.				
SB 417 LC0866	Define military affected areas	2010-12	Brian Hoven	(S) Signed by Governor
AN ACT CREATING THE MILITARY AREA COMPATIBILITY ACT; ALLOWING A GOVERNING BODY TO DESIGNATE MILITARY AFFECTED AREAS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; PROVIDING FOR MILITARY AFFECTED AREA REGULATIONS; REQUIRING MAPS AND LEGAL DESCRIPTIONS OF THE MILITARY AFFECTED AREA; REQUIRING A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE DESIGNATION OF A MILITARY AFFECTED AREA; ALLOWING CREATION OF A JOINT REGULATION BOARD; PROVIDING FOR PRIOR NONCONFORMING USES IN A MILITARY AFFECTED AREA; ALLOWING REGULATIONS TO BE PART OF ZONING ORDINANCES; REQUIRING A PERMIT SYSTEM; REQUIRING THE REGULATIONS TO PROVIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT; ESTABLISHING AN APPEALS PROCESS; PROVIDING FOR A VARIANCE FROM THE REGULATIONS; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES AND REMEDIES FOR VIOLATIONS.				

MACo Resolutions/Legislation That Missed a Transmittal Deadline

No.	Short Title	Res. No.	Sponsor	Status
HB 130 LC0460	Expand types of elections to be conducted by mail ballot elections	2010-11	Pat Ingraham	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING MAIL BALLOT ELECTIONS; REQUIRING ELECTIONS OTHER THAN SCHOOL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD BY MAIL; PROVIDING FOR TRAINING OF ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS AND ELECTION JUDGES; REVISING PROCEDURES BY WHICH ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS CONFIRM ELECTORS' RESIDENCE AND MAILING ADDRESSES; REVISING PROCEDURES FOR REACTIVATING AN ELECTOR'S REGISTRATION; REVISING CERTAIN ABSENTEE BALLOT PROVISIONS; REQUIRING COUNTIES TO PAY FOR BALLOTS RETURNED WITH INSUFFICIENT POSTAGE; REVISING PROCEDURES FOR CREATING AND APPROVING A WRITTEN ELECTION PLAN; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO INACTIVE ELECTORS; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTING BOOTHS; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR PLACES OF DEPOSIT AND OFFICIAL DROP BOXES FOR BALLOT RETURNS; REVISING PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING AND COUNTING RETURNED BALLOTS; REPEALING THE REQUIREMENT THAT ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS PROVIDE FOR PROPORTIONAL VOTING IN CERTAIN ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 13-1-101, 13-1-203, 13-2-220, 13-2-222, 13-2-301, 13-4-203, 13-13-212, 13-13-214, 13-19-101, 13-19-102, 13-19-104, 13-19-105, 13-19-106, 13-19-201, 13-19-202, 13-19-203, 13-19-204, 13-19-205, 13-19-206, 13-19-207, 13-19-301, 13-19-303, 13-19-304, 13-19-305, 13-19-306, 13-19-307, 13-19-308, 13-19-309, 13-19-310, 13-19-311, 13-19-313, AND 13-21-210, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 13-19-302, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."				
SB 85 LC0580	Revise commissioners authority on use of county roads	2010-10	Cliff Larsen	(S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO LIMIT USE OF A COUNTY ROAD OR OTHER PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY UNDER THE COUNTY'S JURISDICTION; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-14-2103, 7-14-2133, AND 7-14-2134, MCA."				
SB 383 LC0865	Define spot zoning	2010-21	Llew Jones	(S) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES FOR ZONING REGULATIONS; REQUIRING A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO EVALUATE THE REGULATIONS TO ENSURE THAT THE PROPOSED PROCESS FOR ZONING OR REZONING AN AREA WILL NOT RESULT IN IMPERMISSIBLE SPOT ZONING; AND AMENDING SECTION 76-2-203, MCA."				

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HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Walter McNutt	(H) Signed by Governor
	AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY TO VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2013; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 11	Treasure state endowment program and transfers of money to the general fund	Jon Sesso	(H) Died in Process*
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF MONEY FROM THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT AND THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT TO THE STATE GENERAL FUND; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR EMERGENCY GRANTS AND PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING GRANTS; EXTENDING TRANSFERS TO THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT FUND TO 2021; AMENDING SECTIONS 17-5-703, 90-6-701, AND 90-6-703, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND A TERMINATION DATE."		
HB 19	Clarify that the Clean Indoor Air Act applies to smoking of medical marijuana	Diane Sands	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT CLARIFYING THAT SMOKING FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE MONTANA CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT INCLUDES THE SMOKING OF MARIJUANA FOR MEDICAL USE; AMENDING SECTION 50-40-103, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 20	Authorize county social host liability ordinances	Gordon Hendrick	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING COUNTIES TO ESTABLISH SOCIAL HOST ORDINANCES CONCERNING THE SERVICE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO AND POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES BY AN UNDERAGE PERSON AT SOCIAL GATHERINGS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 22	Extend the sunset on wireless 9-1-1 funding for less populated counties	Harry Klock	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT EXTENDING THE SUNSET ON WIRELESS 9-1-1 FUNDING FOR LESS-POPULATED COUNTIES; AMENDING SECTION 10-4-313, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 28	Revise requirements for septic mixing zones	Walter McNutt	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT REQUIRING THAT PROPOSED DRAINFIELD MIXING ZONES BE LOCATED WHOLLY WITHIN THE SUBDIVISION WHERE THE DRAINFIELD IS LOCATED OR ON AN ADJOINING RIGHT-OF-WAY; ALLOWING LOCATION OF A DRAINFIELD MIXING ZONE OUTSIDE THE SUBDIVISION IF AN EASEMENT OR OTHER AUTHORIZATION IS OBTAINED; AMENDING SECTION 76-4-104, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.		
HB 43	Clarifying employer's rights related to employee use of medical marijuana	Gary MacLaren	(H) Signed by Governor
	AN ACT CLARIFYING EMPLOYER RIGHTS RELATED TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION, DRUG TESTING, AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION INVOLVING AN EMPLOYEE'S MEDICAL USE OF MARIJUANA; EXPANDING THE TYPES OF EMPLOYEES COVERED BY THE WORKFORCE DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING ACT; CREATING EMPLOYMENT-RELATED EXCEPTIONS TO THE PROTECTIONS OF THE MEDICAL MARIJUANA ACT; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 39-2-206, 39-2-210, 39-2-313, 39-71-407, 50-46-201, AND 50-46-205, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 61	Allow local jurisdictions to set lower speed limits on unpaved roads	Gary MacLaren	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT ALLOWING A LOCAL AUTHORITY TO SET REDUCED SPEED LIMITS ON CERTAIN UNPAVED ROADS; AND AMENDING SECTION 61-8-310, MCA.		
HB 122	Provide for benefit and funding changes to public employees retirement system	Sue Malek	(H) Signed by Governor
	AN ACT REVISING BENEFIT AND FUNDING PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; INCREASING THE NORMAL RETIREMENT AGE FOR NEW HIRES; INCREASING THE AGE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR EARLY RETIREMENT FOR NEW HIRES; ELIMINATING EARLY RETIREMENT ELIGIBILITY BASED ON MEMBERSHIP SERVICE FOR NEW HIRES; CHANGING THE CALCULATION OF HIGHEST AVERAGE COMPENSATION FOR NEW HIRES; REDUCING THE MULTIPLIER USED TO CALCULATE BENEFIT PAYMENTS FOR NEW HIRES; INCREASING THE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS DUE ON BEHALF OF NEW HIRES; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-3-108, 19-3-315, 19-3-513, 19-3-901, 19-3-902, 19-3-904, 19-3-906, 19-3-1002, 19-3-1008, 19-3-1106, 19-3-1205, 19-3-2117, 19-3-2141, AND 19-21-214, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 123	Revise county and school district budgeting timelines	Edith McClafferty	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT REVISING CERTAIN DEADLINES RELATIVE TO SCHOOL AND LOCAL GOV. FINANCING LAWS; AMENDING SECTIONS 4036, 15-10-305, 20-3-205, 20-3-209, 20-7-705, 20-9-115, 20-9-121, 20-9-131, 20-9-134, 20-9-141, 20-9-142, 20-9-151, 20-9-152, 20-9-213, 2 439, 20-9-501, 20-9-503, 20-9-506, 20-9-533, 20-9-534, 20-9-604, 20-10-144, 20-10-146, 20-10-147, AND 20-15-313, MCA; REPEAL SECTION 20-9-211, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 133	Provide for court orders, fines, liens for noncompliance with noxious weed laws	Daniel Salomon	(H) Signed by Governor
	AN ACT REVISING AND CLARIFYING THE PROCESSES AND REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO THE CONTROL OF NOXIOUS WEEDS; AUTHORIZING A WEED CONTROL BOARD TO SEEK A COURT ORDER TO MANAGE NOXIOUS WEEDS; PROVIDING FOR CIVIL PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO CONTROL NOXIOUS WEEDS; PROVIDING FOR A LIEN ON PROPERTY FOR UNPAID CIVIL PENALTIES; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-22-2123, 7-22-2124, AND 7-22-2148, MCA.		

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HB 135	Provide benefit and funding changes to sheriffs retirement system	Carolyn Squires	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT INCREASING THE TIME PERIOD FOR CALCULATING HIGHEST AVERAGE COMPENSATION FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO INITIALLY BECAME MEMBERS OF THE SHERIFFS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM AFTER JUNE 30, 2011; AMENDING SECTION 19-7-101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 140	Transfer funds from the economic development special revenue account	Cynthia Hiner	(H) Died in Process*
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY ALLOCATION TO THE STATE GENERAL FUND OF 50% OF THE EARNINGS DEPOSITED INTO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; AMENDING SECTIONS 17-5-703 AND 90-1-205, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."		
HB 156	Increase the rate of payment of interment allowance and headstone	Frank Smith	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT INCREASING THE ALLOWANCE TO BE PAID BY THE COUNTY OF RESIDENCE FOR THE INTERMENT AND THE SHIPPING AND RAISING OF A HEADSTONE FOR A VETERAN; AMENDING SECTION 10-2-501, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 166	Revise weed control laws	John Esp	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING WEED CONTROL LAWS; REQUIRING COUNTY APPROVAL OF WEED MANAGEMENT PLANS; CLARIFYING DUTY OF A PROPERTY OWNER TO INFORM THE OWNER'S AGENT AND THE PURCHASER OF WEED INFESTATIONS AND MANAGEMENT; REVISING FUNDING OPTIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-4-2711, 7-22-2103, 7-22-2109, 7-22-2116, 7-22-2120, 7-22-2121, 7-22-2126, 7-22-2141, 7-22-2142, 7-22-2153, AND 80-7-814, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 186	Continue allocation to Worksafe Montana thru assessment on work comp insurer	Chuck Hunter	(H) Vetoed by Governor
	AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY TO PROVIDE UP TO \$500,000 PER YEAR IN MATCHING FUNDS FOR WORKPLACE SAFETY PROGRAMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH A NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION; INCREASING CERTAIN ASSESSMENTS PAID INTO THE ADMINISTRATION FUND; AMENDING SECTION 39-71-201, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AN APPLICABILITY DATE, AND A TERMINATION DATE.		
HB 187	Provide for Montana-made wooden products in highway and road specs	Pat Connell	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT REQUIRING THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND COUNTIES TO USE MONTANA-MADE WOODEN PRODUCTS IN CERTAIN ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION OR RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.		
HB 212	Eliminate county classification	Pat Ingraham	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT ELIMINATING COUNTY CLASSIFICATIONS; REPLACING REFERENCES TO COUNTY CLASSIFICATIONS WITH AMOUNT OF TAXABLE VALUATION OR POPULATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-18-641, 2-18-702, 7-2-2213, 7-2-2218, 7-2-2222, 7-2-2225, 7-3-1214, 7-3-1306, 7-3-1341, 7-4-2405, 7-4-2601, 7-4-2602, 7-4-2703, 7-4-2705, 7-4-3006, 7-6-2102, 7-6-2401, 7-6-2413, 7-21-3211, 7-22-2142, 7-32-101, 7-32-2102, 7-32-2111, 13-17-101, 15-23-703, 15-24-3001, 15-36-332, 15-39-110, 30-14-122, 39-4-107, 80-7-814, AND 90-6-1001, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 7-1-2111 AND 7-1-2112, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 252	Prohibit dept. of transportation from recovering indirect costs for fed grants	Brian Hoven	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FROM RECOVERING FROM CERTAIN TRANSIT PROVIDERS INDIRECT COSTS FOR U.S. FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION GRANTS; AND AMENDING SECTION 17-1-106, MCA.		
HB 262	Extend requirement for emergency medical service grant program	Diane Sands	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT MAKING PERMANENT THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PROVIDERS GRANT PROGRAM; APPROPRIATING FUNDS; REPEALING SECTION 12, CHAPTER 437, LAWS OF 2009; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.		
HB 316	Redistribute certain revenue and income to state general fund	Rob Cook	(H) Vetoed by Governor*
	AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF REVENUE AND INCOME; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF REVENUE AND INCOME TO THE STATE GENERAL FUND AND THE GUARANTEE ACCOUNT; DECREASING THE BALANCE OF VARIOUS STATE ACCOUNTS AND FUNDS; REDUCING DISTRIBUTIONS TO VARIOUS AGENCIES, COUNTIES, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS; TRANSFERRING A PORTION OF THE CORPUS OF THE BIG SKY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND, THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT FUND, AND THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM FUND TO THE SEVERANCE TAX PERMANENT FUND; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF COAL SEVERANCE TAXES; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF OIL AND NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION TAXES; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF METALLIFEROUS MINES LICENSE TAXES; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF THE RESOURCE INDEMNITY AND GROUND WATER ASSESSMENT TAX AND MONEY FROM OPENCUT MINING FEES; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF INTEREST INCOME FROM THE RESOURCE INDEMNITY TRUST FUND; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF THE LODGING FACILITY USE TAX; REVISING THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL MINERAL LEASING FUNDS TO COUNTIES; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF THE GENETICS PROGRAM FEE; REVISING THE ALLOCATION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT; REVISING THE ALLOCATION TO THE OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION DAMAGE MITIGATION ACCOUNT; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-35-108, 15-36-331, 15-37-117, 15-38-106, 15-38-202, 15-65-121, 17-3-240, 33-2-712, 75-1-1101, 82-11-131, AND 82-11-161, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND TERMINATION DATES.		

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HB 317	Sunset statutory Approps. over certain periods	Rob Cook	(H) Vetoed by Governor*
	AN ACT PROVIDING TERMINATION DATES FOR STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS; PROVIDING AN ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF FINANCING MANDATED DUTIES OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-17-105, 5-11-120, 5-11-407, 10-1-108, 10-1-1202, 10-1-1303, 10-2-603, 10-3-312, 15-65-121, 15-70-369, 15-70-601, 16-11-509, 17-3-112, 17-7-502, 20-8-107, 20-9-534, 20-9-622, 22-3-1004, 23-4-105, 23-5-306, 23-5-409, 23-5-612, 23-7-301, 23-7-402, 37-43-204, 37-51-501, 39-71-503, 41-5-2011, 42-2-105, 44-4-1101, 44-12-206, 44-13-102, 53-1-109, 53-24-108, 53-24-206, 61-3-415, 69-3-870, 75-5-1108, 75-6-214, 75-11-313, 80-11-518, 81-10-103, 82-11-161, 90-1-115, 90-1-203, 90-1-205, 90-1-504, 90-3-1003, 90-9-301, AND 90-9-306, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 319	Require contractors to list special fuel users' permit on bids for govt projects	Walter McNutt	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT REQUIRING A PERSON BIDDING ON CERTAIN PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS TO LIST THE PERSON'S SPECIAL FUEL USER'S PERMIT NUMBER ON THE BID, IF APPLICABLE.		
HB 333	Include bank repossessions in property reappraisal comparables	Scott Reichner	(H) Vetoed by Governor*
	AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO INCLUDE SALES OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY THAT HAS BEEN SOLD BECAUSE OF NONPAYMENT OF MORTGAGE WHEN USING THE COMPARABLE SALES METHOD OF DETERMINING MARKET VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY; ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS FOR INCLUDING THE SALES IN THE COMPARABLE SALES METHOD; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-7-307 AND 15-8-111, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.		
HB 334	Generally revise workers' compensation	Scott Reichner	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAWS; PROVIDING FOR CLOSURE OF CLAIMS; PROVIDING A PROCESS TO REOPEN MEDICAL CLAIMS; ESTABLISHING A MEDICAL DIRECTOR AND MEDICAL REVIEW PANEL; REVISING PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY DEFINITION AND BENEFITS; CLARIFYING WHAT CONSTITUTES COURSE AND SCOPE OF EMPLOYMENT; ALLOWING RETROACTIVE BENEFIT PAYMENTS TO CERTAIN WORKERS; PROVIDING FOR SETTLEMENTS OF MEDICAL CLAIMS; PROVIDING FOR INSURER DESIGNATION OF TREATING PHYSICIANS; PROVIDING PAY SCALES FOR TREATING PHYSICIANS AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS; PROVIDING CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON MEDICAL PAY SCHEDULES FOR THE BIENNIUM; REQUIRING THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR TO SUBMIT REPORTS ON THE MONTANA STATE FUND TO THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER; REVISING VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES AND TERMS TO ASSIST AN EMPLOYEE IN STAYING AT WORK OR RETURNING TO WORK; CREATING A STAY-AT-WORK/RETURN-TO-WORK ASSISTANCE FUND AND PROVIDING FOR ASSESSMENTS; EXTENDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 39-71-105, 39-71-116, 39-71-118, 39-71-225, 39-71-315, 39-71-320, 39-71-403, 39-71-407, 39-71-703, 39-71-704, 39-71-711, 39-71-721, 39-71-736, 39-71-741, 39-71-1011, 39-71-1025, 39-71-1031, 39-71-1101, 39-71-1102, 39-71-1106, AND 39-71-2361, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY DATES.		
HB 338	Revise the document standards law	John Esp	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT REVISING STANDARDS AND FEES FOR DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO COUNTY CLERKS FOR RECORDING; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-4-2636 AND 7-4-2637, MCA.		
HB 351	Treasure state endowment Approps. and transfers to the general fund	Rob Cook	(H) Returned with Governor's Line-item Veto
	AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS THROUGH THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING GRANTS FROM THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; PLACING CONDITIONS UPON GRANTS AND FUNDS; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR EMERGENCY GRANTS; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR PRELIMINARY INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING GRANTS; APPROPRIATING MONEY FROM THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITIES FOR REGIONAL WATER PROJECTS; REQUIRING THE TRANSFER OF MONEY FROM THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT AND THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT TO THE STATE GENERAL FUND; RETAINING THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM FUND WITHIN THE COAL SEVERANCE TAX TRUST FUND FOR AN ADDITIONAL 4 YEARS; EXTENDING TRANSFERS TO THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT FUND AND THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM FUND TO 2020; REVISING GRANT CONDITIONS AND RANKING PROCEDURES; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 17-5-703, 90-6-703, AND 90-6-710, MCA; AMENDING SECTION 6, CHAPTER 495, LAWS OF 1999, AND SECTION 1, CHAPTER 70, LAWS OF 2001; REPEALING SECTION 2, CHAPTER 70, LAWS OF 2001; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 366	Revise county interim zoning law	Matthew Rosendale	(H) Vetoed by Governor*
	AN ACT REVISING COUNTY INTERIM ZONING REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES; REQUIRING A COUNTY TO INITIATE A STUDY OR INVESTIGATION TO VERIFY THE EXISTENCE OF AN EMERGENCY; LIMITING A RESOLUTION FOR AN INTERIM ZONING DISTRICT OR INTERIM REGULATION TO 182 DAYS FROM THE DATE IT BECOMES EFFECTIVE; ELIMINATING THE SPECIFICATION OF EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES; REQUIRING CERTAIN PROCEDURES FOR THE EXTENSION OF A RESOLUTION FOR AN INTERIM ZONING DISTRICT OR INTERIM REGULATION; AND AMENDING SECTION 76-2-206, MCA.		

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HB 375	Reduce certain general fund transfers	Rob Cook	(H) Veto Override Vote Mail Poll in Progress
	AN ACT REVISING TRANSFERS FROM THE STATE GENERAL FUND; REDUCING TRANSFERS TO CERTAIN ACCOUNTS, ENTITIES, AND RECIPIENTS; AMENDING SECTION 15-1-122, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE.		
HB 494	Revise laws relating to subdivision exemptions	Champ Edmunds	(H) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT REVISING PROVISIONS GOVERNING EXEMPTION FROM SUBDIVISION REVIEW FOR THE SALE, RENT, LEASE, OR OTHER CONVEYANCES OF BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES, OR OTHER IMPROVEMENTS; AMENDING SECTION 76-3-204, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 495	Revise statutory Approps. and Local Gov. entitlement share payments	Rob Cook	(H) Transmitted to Governor – No Action in 10 Days – Became Law Without Signature
	AN ACT REVISING STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS; REDUCING STATUTORY APPROPRIATION DISTRIBUTIONS; CLARIFYING THE PROVISIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITLEMENT SHARE PAYMENT PROGRAM; ELIMINATING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITLEMENT SHARE ANNUAL GROWTH FACTOR FOR FISCAL YEARS 2012 AND 2013; REVISING THE ENTITLEMENT SHARE GROWTH RATE; REDUCING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITLEMENT SHARE FOR TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS; ELIMINATING THE THREE-FIFTHS VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR REVISION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITLEMENT SHARE PAYMENTS; PROHIBITING AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF MILLS A LOCAL GOVERNMENT MAY LEVY FOR A REIMBURSED TAX BASE DECREASE; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-121 AND 15-10-420, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.		
HB 522	Extend approval of subdivision application to mutually agreed upon time	Douglas Kary	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS REGARDING THE LOCAL REGULATION OF SUBDIVISIONS; AUTHORIZING A GOVERNING BODY TO EXTEND THE APPROVAL OF A SUBDIVISION APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR A MUTUALLY AGREED-UPON PERIOD OF TIME; REQUIRING THE AGREEMENT FOR THE EXTENSION TO BE IN WRITING; PROVIDING THAT A GOVERNING BODY MAY ISSUE MORE THAN ONE EXTENSION; AND AMENDING SECTION 76-3-610.		
HB 530	Allow counties to prepare mail ballots before election day	Ted Washburn	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT ALLOWING ELECTION JUDGES TO BEGIN PREPARING ABSENTEE BALLOTS BEFORE ELECTION DAY; REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO ADOPT RULES GOVERNING SECURITY OF BALLOTS AND SECRECY OF VOTES; AND AMENDING SECTION 13-13-241, MCA.		
HB 542	Revise subdivision and platting act	John Esp	(H) Vetoed by Governor*
	AN ACT REVISING PROVISIONS GOVERNING CRITERIA FOR LOCAL GOV. REVIEW OF PROPOSED SUBDIVISIONS AND INFORMATION PROVIDED AS PART OF A REVIEW; REQUIRING INFORMATION FROM A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY TO BE SUPPORTED BY SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION; PROHIBITING CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION PROVIDED BY A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY THAT IS OR HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN AN EFFORT TO ACQUIRE OR ASSIST OTHERS IN ACQUIRING AN INTEREST IN THE REAL PROPERTY UNDER REVIEW; PROHIBITING A GOVERNING BODY FROM CONSIDERING THE IMPACT OF A SUBDIVISION UNDER REVIEW IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE IMPACTS OF POTENTIAL FUTURE SUBDIVISIONS; PROVIDING THAT INFORMATION PERTAINING TO MITIGATION BY THE SUBDIVIDER MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED NEW INFORMATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 76-3-608 AND 76-3-615, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.		
HB 555	Providing for nonduplication of health insurance benefits	Steve Fitzpatrick	(H) Died in Process*
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR NONDUPLICATION OF BENEFITS UNDER INDIVIDUAL, GROUP, OR OTHER HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE, INCLUDING GOVERNMENTAL EMPLOYEE HEALTH PLANS; PROVIDING FOR INFORMATION GATHERING FROM INSURED AND HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS; PROVIDING FOR REFUNDS OR CREDITS IF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS RECEIVE DUPLICATE PAYMENTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-18-704 , 20-15-225, AND 33-22-101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY DATE."		
HB 562	Require notification of county and schools of urban renewal district	Elsie Arntzen	(H) Signed by Governor
	AN ACT REQUIRING NOTIFICATION OF THE COUNTY AND SCHOOLS REGARDING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF AN URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICT WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF A MUNICIPALITY; REQUIRING NOTIFICATION OF THE INTENDED USE OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING TO THE COUNTY AND SCHOOLS; REQUIRING THE ANNUAL REPORT OF URBAN RENEWAL DISTRICTS TO BE MADE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST TO THE COUNTY AND SCHOOLS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION OF A MUNICIPALITY; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-15-4211, 7-15-4221, 7-15-4237, AND 7-15-4282, MCA.		

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HB 604	Provide for fund transfers to the guarantee account and old state fund account	Rob Cook	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT PROVIDING FOR FUND TRANSFERS AND AN APPROPRIATION; AUTHORIZING FUND TRANSFERS FROM THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND SPECIALIZED TELECOMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT, THE OLDER MONTANANS TRUST FUND, AND THE FIRE SUPPRESSION ACCOUNT TO THE GENERAL FUND; AUTHORIZING FUND TRANSFERS FROM THE MOTOR VEHICLE AND RECYCLING ACCOUNT, THE ORPHAN SHARE ACCOUNT, THE COAL BED METHANE PROTECTION ACCOUNT, AND THE OIL AND GAS CONSERVATION ACCOUNT TO THE GUARANTEE ACCOUNT FOR DISTRIBUTION TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AUTHORIZING A FUND TRANSFER FROM THE OLDER MONTANANS TRUST FUND TO THE HEALTH AND MEDICAID INITIATIVES ACCOUNT; AUTHORIZING A FUND TRANSFER TO THE OLD FUND WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACCOUNT FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND THE OLD FUND LIABILITY ACCOUNT; REVISING THE TRANSFER TO THE RESEARCH AND COMMERCIALIZATION STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR FISCAL YEARS 2012 AND 2013; IMPOSING A PREMIUM FEE ON CERTAIN WORKERS' COMPENSATION POLICIES; CREATING A STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-35-108, 39-71-2352, 52-3-115, 53-19-310, 75-10-532, 75-10-743, 76-13-150, 76-15-904, AND 82-11-135, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE, AN APPLICABILITY DATE, AND TERMINATION DATES.		
HB 621	Revise aquatic invasive species laws and provide appropriation	Duane Ankney	(H) Signed by Governor
	AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES IN MONTANA; REVISING THE MONTANA AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES ACT; AUTHORIZING COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION; ELIMINATING THE COORDINATING AUTHORITY; AUTHORIZING THE USE OF QUARANTINE MEASURES IN AN INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT AREA; APPROPRIATING FUNDS FROM THE STATE GENERAL FUND; AMENDING SECTIONS 80-7-1002, 80-7-1003, 80-7-1005, 80-7-1006, 80-7-1007, 80-7-1008, AND 80-7-1011, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 622	Revising funding for livestock mitigation and control of predatory animals	Duane Ankney	(H) Signed by Governor
	AN ACT REVISING FUNDING FOR LIVESTOCK LOSS MITIGATION AND CONTROL OF PREDATORY ANIMALS; CREATING STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS TO REIMBURSE PRODUCERS FOR LIVESTOCK LOSS AND TO PROTECT LIVESTOCK FROM PREDATORY ANIMALS; TRANSFERRING MONEY TO THE ACCOUNTS; CREATING STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK SUBJECT TO A TERMINATION DATE; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-15-3110, 2-15-3114, 15-1-122, 15-24-925, 17-7-502, 81-1-110, 81-7-103, AND 81-7-104, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE.		
HB 629	Revise subdivision law and rent or lease exemption	Austin Knudsen	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING SUBDIVISION LAW; REVISING THE EXEMPTION FOR THE RENT OR LEASE OF BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES OR PARTS OF BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES; PROVIDING REVIEW PROCEDURES FOR THE RENT OR LEASE OF MORE THAN THREE <u>CERTAIN</u> BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES; PROVIDING AN EXEMPTION FROM HEARING REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING AN EXEMPTION FROM PARK DEDICATION REQUIREMENTS; <u>ALLOWING A GOVERNING BODY TO EXEMPT CERTAIN BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES FROM SUBDIVISION REVIEW; ALLOWING A GOVERNING BODY TO REVIEW CERTAIN BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES IN THE SAME MANNER AS MAJOR SUBDIVISIONS</u> ; AMENDING SECTIONS 76-3-201, 76-3-204, 76-3-208, 76-3-504, 76-3-506, 76-3-605, 76-3-608 , 76-3-620, 76-3-621, 76-6-203, AND 76-7-203, MCA; AND REPEALING SECTION 76-3-202, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. "		
HJ 4	Resolution opposing designation of national monuments without state's consent	Ken Peterson	(H) Filed with Secretary of State
	A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA OPPOSING THE DESIGNATION OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS IN MONTANA WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE MONTANA LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR.		
SB 1	Amend assessment of rural special improvement districts	Bruce Tutvedt	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT REQUIRING RECALCULATION OF THE AMOUNT ASSESSABLE TO EACH LOT, TRACT, OR PARCEL IN A SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT OR RURAL SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT IF THE NUMBER OF LOTS, TRACTS, OR PARCELS INCREASES; REQUIRING NOTICE OF POSSIBLE RECALCULATIONS DURING THE CREATION OF THE DISTRICT; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-12-2103, 7-12-2105, 7-12-2151, 7-12-4104, 7-12-4106, 7-12-4161, AND 7-12-4162, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.		
SB 58	Lengthen time DNA evidence must be preserved in certain cases	Lynda Moss	(H) Died in Standing Committee*
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT LENGTHENING THE TIME PERIOD FOR WHICH BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE MUST BE PRESERVED AFTER A CONVICTION HAS BEEN OBTAINED FOR CERTAIN FELONY CRIMINAL OFFENSES; PROVIDING A MINIMUM TIME PERIOD FOR WHICH BIOLOGICAL EVIDENCE MUST BE PRESERVED IN CERTAIN FELONY CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS WHEN A CONVICTION HAS NOT BEEN OBTAINED; AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF EVIDENTIARY ITEMS THAT ARE IMPRACTICAL TO STORE IF PORTIONS OF THE ITEMS SUFFICIENT TO PERMIT FUTURE DNA TESTING ARE PRESERVED; AMENDING SECTION 46-21-111, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		

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SB 91	Update postal service requirements for proposed cities and towns	Taylor Brown	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT REVISING POSTAL SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPOSED CITIES AND TOWNS; AMENDING SECTION 7-2-4101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.		
SB 108	Revise policy for management of large predators	Debby Barrett	(S) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT REQUIRING CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION WITH CERTAIN COUNTY AND TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS IN PROPOSED STATE AND FEDERAL POLICY DECISIONS REGARDING LARGE PREDATORS AND LARGE GAME SPECIES; AMENDING SECTION 87-1-217, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.		
SB 174	Prohibit state funds for movement or relocation of bison to Spotted Dog WMA	Gene Vuckovich	(S) Vetoed by Governor*
	AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS FROM EXPENDING ANY FUNDS ON THE RELOCATION OR TRANSPLANTATION OF WILD BUFFALO OR BISON ON THE SPOTTED DOG WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA; AMENDING SECTION 87-1-201, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.		
SB 187	Generally revise public defender laws	Jim Shockley	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING THE MONTANA PUBLIC DEFENDER ACT AND RELATED STATUTES; RESTRICTING AND LIMITING CASELOAD LEVELS FOR THE CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER AND DEPUTY PUBLIC DEFENDERS; REQUIRING NOTARIZED AFFIDAVITS OF INDIGENCY; REVISING THE PROVISION FOR PAYMENT BY DEFENDANTS OF PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-15-1028, 46-8-101, 46-8-113, 46-8-114, 47-1-102, 47-1-105, 47-1-111, 47-1-202, 47-1-205, 47-1-215, AND 47-1-216, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.		
SB 191	Require septic system disclosure on property sale	Ron Erickson	(H) Died in Standing Committee*
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING A SEPTIC SYSTEM DISCLOSURE STATEMENT ON REAL ESTATE DOCUMENTS; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		
SB 207	Clarify regulation of bison	Frederick Moore	(S) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT CLARIFYING THE REGULATION OF BISON; GRANTING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH A PERMIT AND INSPECTION SYSTEM FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF BISON; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 81-1-101, 81-2-120, 81-2-121, 81-3-201, 81-4-603, 81-5-101, 85-1-104, AND 87-1-216, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.		
SB 217	Revise award of costs to enforce constitutional right-to-know	Terry Murphy	(H) Died in Standing Committee*
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING THAT THE EXISTING RIGHT TO ATTORNEY FEES AND COSTS IN A LEGAL ACTION TO OBTAIN A DOCUMENT OR TO HAVE ACCESS TO A PUBLIC MEETING APPLIES <u>ONLY</u> TO THE PARTY SEEKING THE DOCUMENT OR ACCESS; CLARIFYING THAT THE RIGHT TO COSTS AND FEES APPLIES TO AN APPEAL FROM A DECISION OF A DISTRICT COURT; AMENDING SECTION 2-3-221, MCA; AND PROVIDING APPLICABILITY DATES."		
SB 219	Revise laws relating to property tax protest	Gary Branae	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT REVISING THE PROVISIONS RELATED TO ACCESS TO PROTESTED PROPERTY TAXES; REVISING THE PROVISIONS RELATED TO A SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ELECTION ON WHETHER TO WAIVE THE DISTRICT'S RIGHT TO RECEIVE ITS PORTION OF THE PROTESTED TAXES UPON SETTLEMENT OF THE TAX PROTEST; PROVIDING THAT THE ELECTION APPLIES ONLY TO CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY THAT IS ASSESSED ANNUALLY BY THE DEPARTMENT; ALLOWING LOCAL TAXING JURISDICTIONS TO ACCESS PROTESTED TAXES OF CENTRALLY ASSESSED INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY; REVISING THE CALCULATION OF GUARANTEED TAX BASE AID FOR A DISTRICT THAT ELECTS TO WAIVE ITS RIGHT TO RECEIVE ITS PORTION OF CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROTESTED TAXES; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-402, 15-1-409, AND 20-9-366, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND APPLICABILITY DATES.		
SB 266	Revise local coal tax gross proceeds tax abatement	Alan Olson	(S) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT REVISING THE LOCAL ABATEMENT OF THE COAL GROSS PROCEEDS TAX ON COAL PRODUCED BY A NEW OR EXPANDING UNDERGROUND COAL MINE; PROVIDING THAT THE TAX ABATEMENT MAY BE 50% OR LESS; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-23-703 AND 15-23-715, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.		
SB 283	Revise process for changing county boundaries	Jeff Essmann	(S) Signed by Governor
	AN ACT ALLOWING REAL PROPERTY TO BE MOVED FROM ONE COUNTY TO ANOTHER FOR REASONS OF PUBLIC SAFETY; REQUIRING A PETITION AND REQUIRING THAT THE PETITION CONTAIN CERTAIN INFORMATION; REQUIRING THE PETITIONERS TO MEET CERTAIN QUALIFICATIONS; REQUIRING BOARDS OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN AFFECTED ADJOINING COUNTIES TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT UPON RECEIPT OF A PETITION BEFORE AN ELECTION MAY BE HELD; REQUIRING THAT THE PROCESS CEASE IF THE ADJOINING COUNTIES ARE UNABLE TO AGREE ON BOUNDARIES; PROVIDING FOR A VOTE AND FORM OF BALLOT; PROVIDING FOR A PROCESS IF THE ELECTORS VOTE TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARIES; REQUIRING TRANSFER OF CERTIFIED COPIES OF INDEXES AND LAND RECORD ABSTRACTS AND PROVIDING FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF ASSOCIATED COSTS; ALLOWING A COUNTY TO WHICH PROPERTY IS TRANSFERRED TO LEVY A TAX; REQUIRING NOTIFICATION OF CERTAIN STATE AGENCIES; PROVIDING THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE NOT AFFECTED; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-2-103, 7-2-2201, 7-2-2202, 7-2-2411, 7-2-2412, 7-4-2631, 7-4-2632, 7-4-2637, AND 15-10-420, MCA.		

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SB 288	Provide administrative appeal for special district assessment	Kim Gillan	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT ALLOWING ASSESSMENTS OF A SPECIAL DISTRICT TO BE APPEALED TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF THE DISTRICT; AND AMENDING SECTION 7-11-1027, MCA.		
SB 295	Revise manner of appraising certain property for tax purposes	Bob Lake	(S) Transmitted to Governor – No Action in 10 Days – Became Law Without Signature
	AN ACT REVISING THE MANNER OF APPRAISING CERTAIN PROPERTIES FOR PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES; ALLOWING ANNUAL INFORMAL REVIEWS OF CLASSIFICATION AND APPRAISAL FOR AGRICULTURAL, RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL, AND FOREST PROPERTY; REQUIRING CERTAIN INFORMATION BE PROVIDED TO AN OBJECTOR FOR USE IN INFORMAL REVIEWS; PROHIBITING AN INCREASE IN THE VALUE OF PROPERTY THROUGH AN INFORMAL REVIEW EXCEPT DUE TO A PHYSICAL CHANGE IN A PROPERTY OR A MISTAKE IN A PROPERTY DESCRIPTION; PROVIDING THAT THE CONSIDERATION PAID ON A MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE MUST BE DISCLOSED IN A REALTY TRANSFER CERTIFICATE; REQUIRING THE USE OF THE UNIFORM STANDARDS OF PROFESSIONAL APPRAISAL PRACTICE; REQUIRING THAT ERRONEOUS CALCULATION ERRORS MUST BE CORRECTED FOR ALL AFFECTED PROPERTIES; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-7-102, 15-7-307, 15-8-111, AND 15-8-601, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE.		
SB 298	Revise land use laws regarding wildland urban interface	Chas Vincent	(S) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT PROVIDING THAT A GOVERNING BODY MAY NOT DENY A PROPOSED SUBDIVISION BASED SOLELY ON A CERTAIN WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE DESIGNATION; AND AMENDING SECTION 76-3-608, MCA.		
SB 306	Revise mining laws regarding cyanide health and vat leach open-pit mining	Terry Murphy	(S) Vetoed by Governor*
	AN ACT CLARIFYING THE PROHIBITION OF CYANIDE HEAP AND VAT LEACH OPEN-PIT GOLD AND SILVER MINING; AND AMENDING SECTION 82-4-390, MCA.		
SB 325	Referendum to require majority vote in general elections	Joe Balyeat	(H) Died in Standing Committee*
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 5, OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE THAT IN A GENERAL ELECTION, A MAJORITY OF VOTES IS NEEDED IN ORDER TO BE ELECTED; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
SB 357	Revise laws for appointment and election of a resigning county commissioner	Bradley Hamlett	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT PROHIBITING A RESIGNING MEMBER OF A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FROM PARTICIPATING IN FILLING THE VACANCY TO BE CREATED BY THE RESIGNATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-16-501 AND 7-4-2106, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.		
SB 372	Lower business equipment tax – phase more reduction on state economic growth	Bruce Tutvedt	(S) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT REDUCING THE TAXATION FOR A PORTION OF THE TAXABLE MARKET VALUE OF CLASS EIGHT BUSINESS EQUIPMENT OWNED BY A TAXPAYER; PROVIDING FUTURE TAX REDUCTIONS CONTINGENT ON INCREASES IN STATE COLLECTIONS OF INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX AND CORPORATION LICENSE TAX; CHANGING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO TAXATION OF CLASS EIGHT PROPERTY; PROVIDING A REIMBURSEMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS UNDER THE ENTITLEMENT SHARE PAYMENT, TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS THROUGH THE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, TO COUNTY SCHOOL RETIREMENT AND COUNTY TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT, AND TO THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM THROUGH SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS FOR THE LOSS OF CLASS EIGHT AND CLASS TWELVE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE; PROVIDING STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-1-121, 15-6-138, 15-6-141, 15-10-420, 15-23-101, 17-7-502, 20-9-501, 20-9-630, AND 20-10-146, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AN APPLICABILITY DATE, AND A TERMINATION DATE.		
SB 379	Generally revise county zoning laws	Alan Olson	(S) Vetoed by Governor*
	AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING COUNTY ZONING LAWS; REVISING PROCEDURES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OR REVISION OF BOUNDARIES FOR A ZONING DISTRICT AND THE ADOPTION OR AMENDMENT OF ZONING REGULATIONS; CLARIFYING ZONING PROTEST REQUIREMENTS; PROVIDING THAT A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY VOTE TO OVERRIDE A SUCCESSFUL PROTEST UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; REQUIRING THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO DEVELOP FINDINGS OF FACT TO OVERRIDE A ZONING PROTEST; CLARIFYING PROCEDURES FOR THE ADOPTION OF ZONING REGULATIONS AND BOUNDARIES; AMENDING SECTIONS 76-2-101 AND 76-2-205, MCA; AND PROVIDING A CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE.		
SB 420	Revise local government audit laws	Steven Gallus	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR DELINQUENT FILING OF REQUIRED AUDITS AND REPORTS BY A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT TO ADOPT RULES ESTABLISHING A FINE; ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT TO WAIVE THE PENALTIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-7-503 AND 2-7-517, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.		

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SB 423	Generally revise laws relating to use of marijuana	Jeff Essmann	(S) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MONTANA MARIJUANA ACT AND REVISING LAWS RELATING TO THE USE OF MARIJUANA; CREATING A REGISTRY PROGRAM FOR THE CULTIVATION, MANUFACTURE, TRANSPORTATION, AND TRANSFER OF MARIJUANA BY CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS; REQUIRING REPORTING; ALLOWING INSPECTIONS; REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE MONITORING; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; ESTABLISHING A TRANSITION PROCESS; AMENDING SECTIONS 37-1-316, 37-3-343, 37-3-347, 41-5-216, 45-9-203, 46-18-202, 50-46-201, 50-46-202, AND 61-11-101, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 50-46-101, 50-46-102, 50-46-103, 50-46-201, 50-46-202, 50-46-205, 50-46-206, 50-46-207, AND 50-46-210, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.		
SJ 6	Resolution regarding federal land use policy	Alan Olson	(S) Filed with Secretary of State
	A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO EXPEDITE THE FEDERAL LAND USE DECISION PROCESSES IN MONTANA, TO RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF TRADITIONAL MULTIPLE RESOURCE USES ON FEDERAL LANDS, NOT TO IMPOSE RESTRICTIONS ON ADDITIONAL FEDERAL LAND OR MINERALS THAT WOULD PRECLUDE DEVELOPMENT, AND TO SUPPORT FEDERAL LEGISLATION PLACING CHECKS AND BALANCES ON THE PRESIDENT'S POWERS TO DECLARE NATIONAL MONUMENTS.		
SJ 14	Resolution urging improved Dept of Livestock communication on bison control	Bob Hawks	(S) Filed with Secretary of State
	A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA ENCOURAGING IMPROVED COMMUNICATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK WITH PRIVATE LANDOWNERS AFFECTED BY BISON CONTROL ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE INTERAGENCY BISON MANAGEMENT PLAN.		

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