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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.**

Copies of bills are sent to County Clerks and Recorders and also can be found at [http://laws.leg.mt.gov/laws11/LAW0200W\\$.Startup](http://laws.leg.mt.gov/laws11/LAW0200W$.Startup).

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LOBBYING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNTIES

By Harold Blattie, Executive Director, Montana Association of Counties

With the 2011 Legislative Session fast approaching, counties are reminded that while elected officials are exempt from the normal reporting requirements of lobbyists, they still may need to register with the Commissioner of Political Practices as a "Principal" if the county pays for lobbying activities conducted on the county's behalf by hired or contract lobbyists or county employees.

Lobbying is controlled by [5-7-111](#), MCA, and ARM, [44.12.102-211](#), and is defined as the practice of promoting or opposing the introduction or enactment of legislation before the legislature or

the members of the legislature; and the practice of promoting or opposing official action by any public official. This definition also provides that actions when performed by a legislator, a public official, an elected local official, an elected federal official, or an elected tribal official, while acting in an official governmental capacity, is not lobbying. Additionally, there is nothing in the laws or regulations for lobbying subjects an individual, lobbying on his own behalf (not the county's behalf), to any reporting requirements nor deprives an individual of the constitutional right to communicate with public officials.

44.12.107 LOCAL GOVERNMENT LOBBYING—DEFINITIONS AND REPORTING

(1) A local government entity, which includes but is not limited to a county, a consolidated government, an incorporated city or town, a school district, or a special district, that engages in lobbying is a principal subject to the requirements of Title 5, chapter 7, MCA, and this chapter. A local government entity is exempt from reporting the following actions as lobbying activities:

- (a) recommendations or reports to the legislature or a committee thereof, or a public official, in response to a request expressly requesting or directing a specific study, recommendation, or report by a state agency on a particular subject;
- (b) any duty that is mandated by law, rule or executive order, such as the governor's annual message to the legislature
- (c) budget preparation activities related to preparation and submittal of the governor's executive budget as required by Article VI, section 9 of the Montana Constitution ([5-7-211](#), MCA) ;
- (d) information or testimony provided in response to a request from the legislature, a legislative committee, or a public official if the information or testimony does not support or oppose the official action under consideration; and

- (e) the actions of elected local officials while acting in their official capacity for a local government entity to promote or oppose the introduction or enactment of legislation before the legislature or the members of the legislature ([5-7-102](#) (11) (b) , MCA) .

Any lobbying activity, other than those specifically enumerated in 44.12.107(1)(a-e) is subject to reporting requirements. Subsection (e) exempts local elected officials from reporting and specifically allows for the promotion or opposition of legislation by local elected officials, while acting in their official capacity. County employees may provide informational testimony; not supporting or opposing legislation also is not subject to reporting requirements.

The line between providing informational testimony and advocating or opposing legislation is often a very thin, but nonetheless, a very important line. A county employee may attend a legislative committee hearing with well prepared and thought out testimony that is totally informational in nature, but is asked a question by a member of the committee. A response to that question could, and very often does, go into the arena of advocating support or opposition. This unto itself is not a problem and nothing prohibits such a response; however it could trigger reporting requirements.

At any time, when payments for lobbying activities exceeds \$2450* (reimbursement for personal living expenses do not have to be reported), or your county enters into a written or oral agreement for lobbying services, the reporting requirements are triggered and are retrospective, meaning that all costs irrespective of when incurred, must be reported. To comply with the reporting requirements, your county must be registered, using an L-3 form, as a "Principal" and a representative must be named. This would normally be the individual who will be responsible for completing and submitting the necessary reports. Each individual who has engaged in lobbying activities must also be registered as a lobbyist, irrespective of the amount your county spent for that individual to lobby. The application for registration as a lobbyist is completed on an L-1 form. The

financial reporting must be done on an L-5 form, and must be done at anytime expenditures exceed the \$2,450 threshold. A complete reporting calendar is incorporated in the L-5 report. All forms are available on the Commissioner of Political Practices Web site at <http://politicalpractices.mt.gov/4lobbying/forms.mcpX>

WHAT DOES ALL OF THIS MEAN?

- If you do not believe your county will expend more than \$2,450 on lobbying activities, you should still track ALL lobbying costs, in case you should exceed the threshold.
- If you think your county will probably exceed the threshold, you should register as a Principal, then closely track all expenditures and file the necessary reports, irrespective of the amount actually spent to-date.
- If you know your county will exceed the threshold because you plan to or have contracted with an individual of lobbying services, register as a Principal and make sure that person has filed an application to be a registered lobbyist and immediately begin tracking all expenditures. You should review the reporting calendar in the L-5 report and file all reports in a timely manner.
- Montana Law does not prohibit lobbying; it imposes reporting requirements.

MACo is registered as a "Principal." MACo Executive Director, Harold Blattie, and Associate Director, Sheryl Wood, as well as MACo Chief Counsel, Mike Sehestedt, are registered to lobby on behalf of MACo. If you have questions, please contact either MACo or the Commissioner of Political Practices. For more information, visit <http://politicalpractices.mt.gov/default.mcpX>.

* someone who is paid a total less than the amount specified under [5-7-112](#), MCA in a calendar year. (2011: \$2,450.)

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.

Scheduled Hearings

There are no scheduled meetings at this time. Look for a list of scheduled hearings for the first week of the legislative season in next week's Legislative Update.

2011 Session - Draft Schedule for First Week

House and Senate leaders are planning several informational sessions for legislators during the first week of the 2011 legislative session. Following is a schedule (subject to change) of the first week. All meetings will be held in the State Capitol in Helena unless otherwise noted.

Monday, January 3		
9:30 – 11 A.M.	Presentation to Legislators on Overall Budget Status and Governor's Proposed Budget	Room 303
Noon	62nd Legislative Session Convenes: Swearing In Ceremony, Election of Officers	House and Senate Chambers
Tuesday, January 4		
7 – 8 A.M.	Meeting of Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs	To Be Determined
8 A.M. – Noon	Law School for Legislators	House Chamber
1 P.M.	Floor Sessions	House and Senate Chambers
1:30 – 5 P.M.	Budget Training for Legislators	House Chamber, Rooms 102, 137, 152, 172
Wednesday, January 5		
8 – 9 A.M.	Organizational Meetings of Class 1 Committees	Assigned Committee Hearing Rooms
9 A.M. – Noon	Overview of Budget by Topic	Rooms 102, 137, 152, 172, 303, 317
Noon – 1 P.M.	Rules Training for Legislators	To Be Determined
1 – 1:30 P.M.	Floor Sessions	House and Senate Chambers
2 – 5 P.M.	Budget Hearing, Joint Subcommittee on Education (public testimony scheduled at 4 P.M.)	Room 303
Thursday, January 6		
8 – 9 A.M.	Organizational Meetings of Class 2 Committees	Assigned Committee Hearing Rooms
9 A.M. – Noon	Overview of Budget by Topic	Rooms 102, 137, 152, 172, 303, 317
Noon – 1 P.M.	Rules Training for Legislators	To Be Determined
1 – 2 P.M.	Floor Sessions	House and Senate Chambers
2 – 5 P.M.	Budget Hearing, Joint Subcommittee on Public Health and Human Services (public testimony scheduled at 3:30 P.M.)	Room 303
Friday, January 7		
8 – 9 A.M.	Organizational Meetings of Class 3 Committees	Assigned Committee Hearing Rooms
9 A.M. – Noon	Overview of Budget by Topic	Rooms 102, 137, 152, 172, 303, 317
Noon – 1 P.M.	Rules Training for Legislators	To Be Determined
1 – 2 P.M.	Floor Sessions	House and Senate Chambers
2 – 5 P.M.	Budget Hearing, Joint Subcommittee on Public Safety, Corrections, and Judiciary; Discussion of Governor's Local Government Funding Proposals (public testimony scheduled at 3:45 P.M.)	Room 303
Saturday, January 8		
8 – 9 A.M.	Floor Sessions	House and Senate Chambers
9 A.M. – 3 P.M.	Public Hearing with Private Sector Employers: Agriculture, Labor, Health Care, Tourism/Recreation, Extraction, Renewable/Energy/Transmission, Manufacturing, Technology/Legal/Finance/Accounting, Transportation, Construction, Retail, Gaming/Taverns (These topic areas and the order in which they are presented are subject to change.)	To Be Determined

Class 1 committees regularly meet Mondays through Fridays at 8 A.M. in the following rooms:

- Senate Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs, Room 422
- Senate Finance and Claims, Room 317
- Senate Judiciary, Room 303
- Senate Taxation, Room 405
- House Appropriations, Room 102
- House Business and Labor, Room 172
- House Judiciary, Room 137
- House State Administration, Room 455
- House Taxation, Room 152

Class 2 committees regularly meet Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 3 P.M. in the following rooms:

- Senate Education and Cultural Resources, Room 303
- Senate Local Government, Room 405
- Senate Natural Resources, Room 422

- Senate Public Health, Welfare and Safety, Room 317
- Senate State Administration, Room 335
- House Education, Room 137
- House Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecomm., Room 172
- House Human Services, Room 152
- House Natural Resources, Room 472
- House Transportation, Room 455

Class 3 committees regularly meet Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3 P.M. in the following rooms:

- Senate Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Room 335
- Senate Energy and Telecommunications, Room 317
- Senate Fish and Game, Room 422
- Senate Highways and Transportation, Room 405
- House Agriculture, Room 472
- House Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, Room 152
- House Local Government, Room 172

2011 Projected Session Calendar

As Revised by Leadership — December 7, 2010

Please Note: Legislative leadership holds the authority to further revise the schedule, including the days the Legislature meets and the proposed breaks.

Introduction deadlines: Generally, bills and resolutions must be introduced within 2 legislative days after delivery. JR 40-50, H40-10.

“General bills” is used to denote all bills, except appropriation or revenue bills, and all joint resolutions.

Notes: Deadline dates are determined according to legislative days.

Certain bills and resolutions relating to administrative rules may be transmitted at any time during the session. JR 40-200(3).

Jan. 3:	62 th Legislative Session begins	March 30:	Transmittal of Revenue Bills and Bills Proposing Referendums
Jan. 17:	Last day to request General Bills	April 1:	Transmittal of amendments to General Bills
Jan. 22:	Last day to request Revenue Bills	April 4:	Last day to request Study Resolutions or Committee Bills to implement HB2
Feb. 14:	Last day for Committee to request General Bills	April 9:	Transmittal of amendments to Appropriation Bills
Feb. 24:	Transmittal of General Bills to other Chamber	April 12:	Transmittal of amendments to Revenue Bills, Revenue-Estimating Joint Resolutions, and Bills Proposing Referendums
Feb. 25-28:	Transmittal Break	April 15:	Transmittal of Interim Study Resolutions
March 17:	Transmittal of Revenue-Estimating Joint Resolutions	April 21:	Session adjourns; Sine Die
March 19:	Last day to request Bills Proposing Referendums or for Committee to request Revenue Bills		
March 25:	Transmittal of Appropriation Bills		

MACo Resolutions/Legislation

No.	Title	Res. No.	Sponsor	Status-Date
HB 22	Extend the sunset on wireless 9-1-1 funding for less populated counties	Justice & Public Safety PS 14	Harry Klock	(H) Introduced 11/19/2010

MACo Priority Watch List

No.	Title	Sponsor	Status-Date
HB 20	Authorize county social host liability ordinances	Gordon R Hendrick	(H) Introduced 11/17/2010
HB 26	Clarify the provisions of the entitlement share payment program	Roy Hollandsworth	(H) Introduced 11/24/2010
HB 28	Revise requirements for septic mixing zones	Walter McNutt	(H) Introduced 11/29/2010
HB 43	Clarifying employer's rights related to employee use of medical marijuana	Gary MacLaren	(H) Introduced 12/06/2010
SB 1	Amend assessment of rural special improvement districts	Bruce Tutvedt	(S) Referred to Committee (S) Taxation 12/14/2010
SB 8	Allow local governing body to require public water and sewer systems	Terry Murphy	(S) Referred to Committee (S) Natural Resources 12/14/2010
SB 14	Revise definitions for motor vehicle disposal, recycling	Dave Lewis	(S) Introduced 11/24/2010
SB 17	Require admin of detention facility by sheriff, chief of police or dept of corr	Jim Shockley	(S) Referred to Committee (S) Judiciary 12/14/2010
SB 18	Provide sheriff sole authority to hire/fire detention/law enforcement officer	Jim Shockley	(S) Referred to Committee (S) Judiciary 12/14/2010

MACo Watch List

No.	Title	Sponsor	Status-Date
HB 12	Provide one-year jurisdiction for misdemeanor DUI/BAC offenses	Mike Menahan	(H) Introduced 11/12/2010
HB 16	Allow public disclosure of certain information in residential realty transfer	Dick Barrett	(H) Introduced 11/15/2010
HB 32	Revise laws regarding general appropriations bills	Ken Peterson	(H) Introduced 11/30/2010
HB 33	Provide that any amount of dangerous drugs is impaired driving per se	Ken Peterson	(H) Introduced 11/30/2010
HB 34	Split DPHHS Tobacco Settlement Fund	Trudi Schmidt	(H) Introduced 12/07/2010
HB 35	Amend DPHHS administrative rule reducing Medicaid physician reimbursement rates	Trudi Schmidt	(H) Introduced 12/07/2010
HB 36	Clarify commitment laws relating to people with developmental disabilities	Trudi Schmidt	(H) Introduced 12/07/2010
HB 40	Changing the standard for adoption of administrative rules	Ken Peterson	(H) Introduced 12/03/2010

MACo Watch List Continued . . .

HB 41	Amend law relating to designation of local government auditor	Wayne Stahl	(H) Introduced 12/06/2010
HB 42	Transfer fund balance from coal bed methane account to general fund	Galen Hollenbaugh	(H) Introduced 12/06/2010
HB 46	Revise and clarify the realty transfer act	Pat Ingraham	(H) Introduced 12/07/2010
SB 12	Repeal obsolete business equipment property tax reimbursement	Ron Erickson	(S) Referred to Committee (S) Taxation 12/14/2010
SB 21	Court dismissal of case with no action	Jim Shockley	(S) Referred to Committee (S) Judiciary 12/14/2010
SB 22	Allow public disclosure of certain information in commercial realty transfer	Jeff Essmann	(S) Referred to Committee (S) Taxation 12/14/2010
SB 24	Revise involuntary commitment of alcoholics	Jim Shockley	(S) Referred to Committee (S) Judiciary 12/14/2010
SB 28	Clarify mental health diversion grant awards are based on admissions to MSH	Christine Kaufmann	(S) Referred to Committee (S) Public Health, Welfare & Safety 12/14/2010
SB 32	Revise interim committee laws	David E Wanzenried	(S) Referred to Committee (S) Business, Labor, & Econ, Affairs 12/14/2010
SB 33	Allow electronic voter registration for qualified electors w/valid drivers' lic	David E Wanzenried	(S) Introduced 12/03/2010
SB 34	Revise interim committees	Jeff Essmann	(S) Introduced 12/06/2010
SB 35	Revise laws related to navigable river beds	Bradley Hamlett	(S) Introduced 12/07/2010
SB 37	Eliminate statutory physician provider rate increase	Bob Hawks	(S) Introduced 12/07/2010
SB 38	Revise laws related to state land trust interest and income revenue	Bob Hawks	(S) Introduced 12/07/2010
SB 40	Statewide on-call judge for search warrants	Jim Shockley	(S) Introduced 12/06/2010
SB 41	Allow cities to establish courts of record	Jim Shockley	(S) Introduced 12/06/2010

2011 Legislative Committees

House Committees

Agriculture

Meets Tuesday and Thursday, 3 p.m., Room 472

Krayton Kerns (R-Laurel), chair
 Bob Wagner (R-Harrison), vice chair
 Joanne Blyton (R-Joliet)
 Christy Clark (R-Choteau)
 Lila Evans (R-Browning)
 Steve Fitzpatrick (R-Great Falls)
 Tim Furey (D-Milltown)
 Alan Hale (R-Basin)
 Brian Hoven (R-Great Falls)
 David Howard (R-Park City)
 Margaret MacDonald (D-Billings)
 Edie McClafferty (D-Butte)
 Jonathan McNiven (R-Huntley)
 Pat Noonan (D-Ramsay)
 Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D-Billings)
 Lee Randall (R-Broadus)
 Joe Read (R-Ronan)
 Daniel Salomon (R-Ronan)
 Sterling Small (R-Busby)
 Frank Smith (D-Poplar)
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Appropriations

Meets Monday-Friday, 8 a.m., Room 102

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 Randy Brodehl (R-Kalispell)
 Tom Burnett (R-Bozeman)
 Rob Cook (R-Conrad)
 Mike Cuffe (R-Eureka)
 Champ Edmunds (R-Missoula)
 Ron Ehli (R-Hamilton)
 John Esp (R-Big Timber)
 Steve Gibson (R-East Helena)
 Cynthia Hiner (D-Deer Lodge)
 Roy Hollandsworth (R-Brady)

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 Bill McChesney (D-Miles City)
 Robert Mehlhoff (D-Great Falls)
 Ryan Osmundson (R-Butte)
 Don Roberts (R-Billings)
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Business & Labor

Meets Monday-Friday, 8 a.m., Room 172

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 Christy Clark (R-Choteau)
 Virginia Court (D-Billings)
 Lila Evans (R-Browning)
 Tim Furey (D-Milltown)
 Edward Greef (R-Florence)
 Chuck Hunter (D-Helena)
 Harry Klock (R-Harlowton)
 Jonathan McNiven (R-Huntley)
 Pat Noonan (D-Ramsay)
 Scott Reichner (R-Bigfork)
 Michele Reinhart (D-Missoula)
 Matthew Rosendale (R-Glendive)
 Daniel Salomon (R-Ronan)
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 Gordon Vance (R-Bozeman)
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Education

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 Joanne Blyton (R-Joliet)
 Christy Clark (R-Choteau)
 Lila Evans (R-Browning)
 Sue Malek (D-Missoula)
 Edie McClafferty (D-Butte)
 Jonathan McNiven (R-Huntley)
 Jean Price (D-Great Falls)
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Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications

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 Robyn Driscoll (D-Billings)
 Douglas Kary (R-Billings)
 James Knox (R-Billings)
 Austin Knudsen (R-Culbertson)
 Gary MacLaren (R-Victor)
 Mary McNally (D-Billings)
 Mike Menahan (D-Helena)
 Jesse O'Hara (R-Great Falls)
 Ken Peterson (R-Billings)

Mike Phillips (D-Bozeman)
Derek Skees (R-Whitefish)
Sterling Small (R-Busby)
Wayne Stahl (R-Saco)
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Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

Meets Tuesday, Thursday, 3 p.m., Room 152

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Jeffrey Welborn (R-Dillon), vice chair
Carlie Boland (D-Great Falls)
Pat Connell (R-Corvallis)
Virginia Court (D-Billings)
Robyn Driscoll (D-Billings)
Kelly Flynn (R-Townsend)
Bill Harris (R-Mosby)
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Dan Kennedy (R-Laurel)

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Ken Peterson (R-Billings)

Mike Phillips (D-Bozeman)

Jean Price (D-Great Falls)

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Human Services

Meets Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 3 p.m., Room 152

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Steve Fitzpatrick (R-Great Falls)

Tim Furey (D-Milltown)

Ellie Boldman Hill (D-Missoula)

Chuck Hunter (D-Helena)

Pat Ingraham (R-Thompson Falls)

Dan Kennedy (R-Laurel)

Michael More (R-Gallatin Gateway)

Pat Noonan (D-Ramsay)

Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D-Billings)

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Judiciary

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Bill Harris (R-Mosby)

Ellie Boldman Hill (D-Missoula)

David Howard (R-Park City)

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Mike Menahan (D-Helena)

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Legislative Administration

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Ellie Boldman Hill (D-Missoula)

Krayton Kerns (R-Laurel)

Gary MacLaren (R-Victor)

Mike Milburn (R-Cascade)

Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D-Billings)

Lee Randall (R-Broadus)

Keith Regier (R-Kalispell)

Diane Sands (D-Missoula)

Cary Smith (R-Billings)

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Natural Resources

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Gerald Bennett (R-Libby)

Pat Connell (R-Corvallis)

Virginia Court (D-Billings)

Kelly Flynn (R-Townsend)

Alan Hale (R-Basin)

Betsy Hands (D-Missoula)

Bill Harris (R-Mosby)

Cleve Loney (R-Great Falls)

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Local Government

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Bryce Bennett (D-Missoula)

Tom Berry (R-Roundup)

Edward Greef (R-Florence)

Kristin Hansen (R-Havre)

Pat Ingraham (R-Thompson Falls)

James Knox (R-Billings)

Steve Lavin (R-Kalispell)

Sue Malek (D-Missoula)

Mary McNally (D-Billings)

Jerry O'Neil (R-Columbia Falls)

Michele Reinhart (D-Missoula)

Matthew Rosendale (R-Glendale)

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State Administration

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Pat Connell (R-Corvallis)

Betsy Hands (D-Missoula)

Gordon Hendrick (R-Superior)

Douglas Kary (R-Billings)

Dan Kennedy (R-Laurel)

James Knox (R-Billings)

Gary MacLaren (R-Victor)

Tom McGillvray (R-Billings)

Jean Price (D-Great Falls)

Derek Skees (R-Whitefish)

Frank Smith (D-Poplar)

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Rules

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Steve Fitzpatrick (R-Great Falls)

Betsy Hands (D-Missoula)

Kristin Hansen (R-Havre)

Chuck Hunter (D-Helena)

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Transportation

Meets Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 3 p.m., Room 455

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Taxation

Meets Monday-Friday, 8 a.m., Room 152

Mark Blasdel (R-Somers), chair

Mike Miller (R-Helmville), vice chair

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Steve Fitzpatrick (R-Great Falls)

Kelly Flynn (R-Townsend)

Alan Hale (R-Basin)

Brian Hoven (R-Great Falls)

Austin Knudsen (R-Culbertson)

Steve Lavin (R-Kalispell)

Sue Malek (D-Missoula)

Edie McClafferty (D-Butte)

Mary McNally (D-Billings)

Jerry O'Neil (R-Columbia Falls)

Mike Phillips (D-Bozeman)

Lee Randall (R-Broadus)

Wayne Stahl (R-Saco)

Janna Taylor (R-Dayton)

Kathleen Williams (D-Bozeman)

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Joint Appropriations Subcommittees

Education

Chair: Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R-Brady)
Sen. Debby Barrett (R-Dillon)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D-Cascade)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D-Bozeman)
Sen. Llew Jones (R-Conrad)
Rep. Robert Mehlhoff (D-Great Falls)
Rep. Ryan Osmundson (R-Buffalo)
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General Government

Chair: Rep. Bill Beck (R-Whitefish)
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Rep. Bill McChesney (D-Miles City)
Sen. Alan Olson (R-Roundup)
Sen. David Wanzenried (D-Missoula)
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Health and Human Services

Chair: Rep. Don Roberts (R-Billings)
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D-Box Elder)
Rep. Tom Burnett (R-Bozeman)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D-Helena)
Rep. John Esp (R-Big Timber)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R-Helena)
Sen. Jason Priest (R-Red Lodge)
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D-Great Falls)
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Judicial Branch, Law Enforcement, and Justice

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Rep. Randy Brodehl (R-Kalispell)
Sen. Steve Gallus (D-Butte)
Rep. Cynthia Hiner (D-Deer Lodge)
Sen. Edward Walker (R-Billings)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R-Whitefish)
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Long-Range Planning

Chair: Rep. Walter McNutt (R-Sidney)
Sen. Taylor Brown (R-Huntley)
Rep. Rob Cook (R-Conrad)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R-Hamilton)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D-Miles City)
Rep. Jon Sesso (D-Butte)
Sen. Jon Sonju (R-Kalispell)
Sen. Carol Williams (D-Missoula)
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Natural Resources and Transportation

Chair: Rep. Duane Ankney (R-Colstrip)
Sen. John Brenden (R-Scobey)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R-Eureka)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh (D-Helena)
Sen. Jim Keane (D-Butte)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R-Wolf Creek)
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Greg DeWitt, 406-444-5392
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Senate Committees

Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation

Meets Tuesday, Thursday, 3 p.m., Room 335
Donald Steinbeisser (R-Sidney), chair
Taylor Brown (R-Huntley), vice chair
Gary Branae (D-Billings)
Bob Hawks (D-Bozeman)
Rowlie Hutton (R-Havre)
Cliff Larsen (D-Missoula)
Eric Moore (R-Miles City)
Terry Murphy (R-Cardwell)
Rick Ripley (R-Wolf Creek)
Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D-Crow Agency)
Jonathan Windy Boy (D-Box Elder)
Staff: Sue O'Connell, 406-444-3597

Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs

Meets Monday-Friday, 8 a.m., Room 422
Joe Balyeat (R-Bozeman), chair
Verdell Jackson (R-Kalispell), vice chair
Jeff Essmann (R-Billings)
Tom Facey (D-Missoula)
Eric Moore (R-Miles City)
Donald Steinbeisser (R-Sidney)
Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D-Crow Agency)
Mitch Tropila (D-Great Falls)
Bruce Tutvedt (R-Kalispell)
Gene Vuckovich (D-Anaconda)
Jonathan Windy Boy (D-Box Elder)
Staff: Pat Murdo, 406-444-3594

Energy and Telecommunications

Meets Tuesday, Thursday, 3 p.m., Room 317
Alan Olson (R-Roundup), chair
Verdell Jackson (R-Kalispell), vice chair
Shannon Augare (D-Browning)
Ron Erickson (D-Missoula)
Jeff Essmann (R-Billings)
Bob Lake (R-Hamilton)
Lynda Moss (D-Billings)
Jason Priest (R-Red Lodge)
Mitch Tropila (D-Great Falls)
Kendall Van Dyk (D-Billings)
Chas Vincent (R-Libby)
Edward Walker (R-Billings)
Staff: Sonja Nowakowski, 406-444-3078

Education and Cultural Resources

Meets Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 3 p.m., Room 303
Ryan Zinke (R-Whitefish), chair
Rick Ripley (R-Wolf Creek), vice chair

Gary Branae (D-Billings)
Taylor Brown (R-Huntley)
Jeff Essmann (R-Billings)
Tom Facey (D-Missoula)
Bob Hawks (D-Bozeman)
Bob Lake (R-Hamilton)
Eric Moore (R-Miles City)
Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D-Crow Agency)
Staff: Casey Barrs, 406-444-3957

Ethics

On Call
Jim Shockley (R-Victor), chair
Debby Barrett (R-Dillon)
Cliff Larsen (D-Missoula)
Lynda Moss (D-Billings)
Staff: Dave Bohyer, 406-444-3592

Finance and Claims

Meets Monday-Friday, 8 a.m., Room 317
Dave Lewis (R-Helena), chair
Rick Ripley (R-Wolf Creek), vice chair
Debby Barrett (R-Dillon)
John Brenden (R-Scobey)
Taylor Brown (R-Huntley)
Edward Buttrey (R-Great Falls)
Mary Caferro (D-Helena)
Steve Gallus (D-Butte)
Brad Hamlett (D-Cascade)
Bob Hawks (D-Bozeman)
Llew Jones (R-Conrad)
Jim Keane (D-Butte)
Alan Olson (R-Roundup)
Jason Priest (R-Red Lodge)
Jon Sonju (R-Kalispell)
Edward Walker (R-Billings)
David Wanzenried (D-Missoula)
Carol Williams (D-Missoula)
Ryan Zinke (R-Whitefish)
Staff: Taryn Purdy, 406-444-5383

Fish and Game

Meets Tuesday, Thursday, 3 p.m., Room 422
John Brenden (R-Scobey), chair
Joe Balyeat (R-Bozeman), vice chair
Debby Barrett (R-Dillon)
Tom Facey (D-Missoula)
Steve Gallus (D-Butte)
Brad Hamlett (D-Cascade)
Greg Hinkle (R-Thompson Falls)
Larry Jent (D-Bozeman)

Jim Shockley (R-Victor)
Art Wittich (R-Bozeman)
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Highways and Transportation

Meets Tuesday, Thursday, 3 p.m., Room 405
Llew Jones (R-Conrad), chair
Jon Sonju (R-Kalispell), vice chair
Ron Arthun (R-Wilsall)
Anders Blewett (D-Great Falls)
Edward Buttrey (R-Great Falls)
Mary Caferro (D-Helena)
Jim Keane (D-Butte)
Bruce Tutvedt (R-Kalispell)
Gene Vuckovich (D-Anaconda)
David Wanzenried (D-Missoula)
Ryan Zinke (R-Whitefish)
Staff: Rachel Weiss, 406-444-5367

Judiciary

Meets Monday-Friday, 8 a.m., Room 303
Jim Shockley (R-Victor), chair
Terry Murphy (R-Cardwell)
Shannon Augare (D-Browning)
Anders Blewett (D-Great Falls)
Greg Hinkle (R-Thompson Falls)
Rowlie Hutton (R-Havre)
Larry Jent (D-Bozeman)
Cliff Larsen (D-Missoula)
Lynda Moss (D-Billings)
Jim Peterson (R-Buffalo)
Chas Vincent (R-Libby)
Staff: Valencia Lane, 406-444-4025

Local Government

Meets Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 3 p.m., Room 405
Jon Sonju (R-Kalispell), chair
Art Wittich (R-Bozeman), vice chair
Shannon Augare (D-Browning)
Edward Buttrey (R-Great Falls)
Steve Gallus (D-Butte)
Lynda Moss (D-Billings)
Alan Olson (R-Roundup)
Bruce Tutvedt (R-Kalispell)
Gene Vuckovich (D-Anaconda)
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Legislative Administration

On Call
Taylor Brown (R-Huntley), chair

Edward Buttrey (R-Great Falls), vice chair
Bob Hawks (D-Bozeman)
Llew Jones (R-Conrad)
Cliff Larsen (D-Missoula)
Staff: Susan Byorth Fox, 406-444-3066

Natural Resources

*Meets Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 3 p.m.,
Room 422*

Debby Barrett (R-Dillon), chair
Greg Hinkle (R-Thompson Falls), vice chair
John Brenden (R-Scobey)
Brad Hamlett (D-Cascade)
Verdell Jackson (R-Kalispell)
Christine Kaufmann (D-Helena)
Jim Keane (D-Butte)
Cliff Larsen (D-Missoula)
Jim Peterson (R-Butte)
Donald Steinbeisser (R-Sidney)
Mitch Tropila (D-Great Falls)
Chas Vincent (R-Libby)
Edward Walker (R-Billings)
David Wanzenried (D-Missoula)
Staff: Sonja Nowakowski, 406-444-3078

Public Health, Welfare, and Safety

*Meets Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 3 p.m.,
Room 317*

Terry Murphy (R-Cardwell), chair
Jason Priest (R-Red Lodge), vice chair

Mary Caferro (D-Helena)
Kim Gillan (D-Billings)
Rowlie Hutton (R-Havre)
Dave Lewis (R-Helena)
Kendall Van Dyk (D-Billings)
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Rules

On Call

Jeff Essmann (R-Billings), chair
Alan Olson (R-Roundup), vice chair
Joe Balyeat (R-Bozeman)
Anders Blewett (D-Great Falls)
John Brenden (R-Scobey)
Taylor Brown (R-Huntley)
Steve Gallus (D-Butte)
Kim Gillan (D-Billings)
Bob Hawks (D-Bozeman)
Larry Jent (D-Bozeman)
Jim Keane (D-Butte)
Dave Lewis (R-Helena)
Jim Peterson (R-Butte)
Rick Ripley (R-Wolf Creek)
Jim Shockley (R-Victor)
Bruce Tutvedt (R-Kalispell)
Chas Vincent (R-Libby)
David Wanzenried (D-Missoula)
Carol Williams (D-Missoula)
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State Administration

*Meets Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 3 p.m.,
Room 335*

Jim Shockley (R-Victor), chair
Ron Arthun (R-Wilsall), vice chair
Joe Balyeat (R-Bozeman)
Anders Blewett (D-Great Falls)
Larry Jent (D-Bozeman)
Llew Jones (R-Conrad)
Jonathan Windy Boy (D-Box Elder)
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Taxation

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Bob Lake (R-Hamilton), vice chair
Ron Arthun (R-Wilsall)
Gary Branae (D-Billings)
Ron Erickson (D-Missoula)
Jeff Essmann (R-Billings)
Kim Gillan (D-Billings)
Christine Kaufmann (D-Helena)
Jim Peterson (R-Butte)
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Chas Vincent (R-Libby)
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