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THE 63RD LEGISLATIVE SESSION ADJOURNS SINE DIE

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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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On April 24, 2013, the 63rd Montana Legislature gaveled out for the final time and left the Capitol after 87 days of hard work. Shortly after 9 a.m. the House voted to adjourn, and later in the afternoon, the Senate followed. On the evening of April 23, negotiations with the Governor regarding the budget took place, which aided in the session concluding three days ahead of schedule.

The Montana Association of Counties was there until the very end, as our work was not complete until the final hour, with one last MACo-requested bill left to be acted on. The "justice court filing fees" bill ([HB 206](#)) was one of two pieces of legislation on the final agenda for the Senate Floor. HB 206 was scheduled for discussion before [SB 410](#), Authorizing transfers to implement provisions of House Bill 2, which was the bill that would bring an end to session.

The Conference Committee Report for HB 206 was adopted after a second reading vote of [30-20](#) and a third reading vote of [29-21](#). The Senate then discussed SB 410 and concurred on House's Amendments. Soon after the passage of these two bills, the motion was made to adjourn, and leadership gave their end-of-session remarks.

On a final note, [HB 258](#), Revise local government laws related to public notice, a MACo-requested bill, was signed by the Governor just after sine die. After a long journey through the session, which began on January 7, the MACo legislative staff attended the bill signing, which ended our days at the Capitol for the 63rd Legislative Session.

We extend our gratitude to all elected officials, legislative staff, Representatives, and Senators for your assistance and diligent work during the last 87 days. See you in the interim!

Coming Soon: We will be sending out a "wrap-up" issue of our Legislative Update that will include Interim Committee appointments.

HAPPENINGS FROM THE HILL

SESSION ADJOURNED!

To better keep our members informed about what occurred at the Montana Capitol over the last four months, we have been updating our Legislative page (and the homepage) on the MACo website daily with happenings from the 63rd Legislative Session.

If you're interested in getting a little info on what happened on the hill, click the link below.

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2013 PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Below are three different lists of proposed legislation for the 2013 Legislative Session. The MACo Resolutions & Introduced Legislation list includes bills that are associated with MACo Resolutions. The MACo Priority Watch List includes bills that we watched very closely or with which we may have some involvement. The MACo Watch List includes bills that are on our radar.

MACo RESOLUTIONS & ASSOCIATED LEGISLATION				
Bill No.	Short Title	Res. No.	Sponsor	Status
HB 164 LC1413	Revise when county commissioner district boundaries can be modified	2012-03	Amanda Curtis	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT CLARIFYING WHEN THE COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT BOUNDARIES MAY BE ALTERED; AND AMENDING SECTION 7-4-2102, MCA.			
HB 192 LC0542	Revise laws related to mobile home transfer and taxes	2010-13	Roy Hollandsworth	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT REVISING MOBILE HOME TAX LAWS; REQUIRING THE PAYMENT OR CANCELLATION OF TAXES PRIOR TO THE TRANSFER OF INTEREST IN A MOBILE HOME OR HOUSETRAILER; ALLOWING A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO CANCEL DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES ON A MOBILE HOME OR HOUSETRAILER TO BE MOVED FOR THE PURPOSES OF DESTRUCTION OR RECYCLING; AMENDING SECTION 15-24-202, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.			
HB 193 LC1055	Authorize interim appointments of county elected officials	2012-08	Roger A Hagan	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT ALLOWING A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO APPOINT AN INTERIM OFFICER TO A COUNTY OFFICE UPON OCCURRENCE OF A VACANCY; REQUIRING THE INTERIM OFFICER TO HAVE THE QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED OF THE OFFICE; PROVIDING THAT THE INTERIM OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE; AND AMENDING SECTION 7-4-2206, MCA.			
HB 194 LC1145	Revise gasoline and vehicle fuel tax fund laws	2012-07	Pat Ingraham	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT INCREASING THE CONTRACT AMOUNT FOR WHICH A LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROJECT MUST BE PUT TO A BID IF THE PROJECT IS FUNDED WITH GASOLINE TAXES; AMENDING 15-70-101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.			
HB 206 LC1064	Increase justice court filing fees	2012-09	Kelly Flynn	(H) Sent to Enrolling
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING FEES IN JUSTICE'S COURT AND SMALL CLAIMS COURT; AMENDING SECTIONS 25-31-112 AND 25-35-608, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN <u>EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.</u> "			
HB 258 LC1523	Revise local government laws related to public notice	2012-EC1	Bridget Smith	(H) Signed by Governor
	AN ACT REVISING CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH A LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE COMPLIED WITH CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLICATION OF NOTICE; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-1-2121 AND 7-1-4127, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.			
HB 325 LC0736	Revising legal holiday laws	2012-10	Keith Regier	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT REVISING WHAT IS CONSIDERED A HOLIDAY IF A LEGAL HOLIDAY FALLS ON A SATURDAY; AND AMENDING SECTION 1-1-216, MCA.			
HB 371 LC1286	Revise county public auction laws	2012-06	Pat Ingraham	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT INCREASING THE DOLLAR AMOUNT BELOW WHICH A COUNTY MAY PURCHASE EQUIPMENT AT PUBLIC AUCTION; AND AMENDING SECTION 7-5-2303, MCA.			
HB 510 LC0496	Eliminate requirement for annual absentee forms	2012-01	Pat Ingraham	(H) Signed by Governor
	AN ACT REPLACING MANDATORY ANNUAL ABSENTEE BALLOT LIST ADDRESS CONFIRMATION PROCEDURES FOR ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS WITH BIENNIAL PROCEDURES; AMENDING THE STANDARD VOTER REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST APPLICATION; ALLOWING ELECTORS TO REQUEST REMOVAL FROM THE ABSENTEE BALLOT LIST; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 13-1-210, 13-13-212, AND 13-21-210, MCA.			
SB 72 LC0724	Revise the livestock per-capita assessment date	2012-11	Debby Barrett	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT REVISING THE DATE ON WHICH CATTLE ARE COUNTED FOR PURPOSES OF LIVESTOCK ASSESSMENT FEES; AMENDING SECTIONS 81-6-104, 81-6-204, AND 81-6-209, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.			
SB 105 LC1063	Revise interim zoning laws	2010-09	Taylor Brown	(S) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT PROHIBITING THE 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.			

MACo RESOLUTIONS & ASSOCIATED LEGISLATION (CONCLUDED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Res. No.	Sponsor	Status
SB 116 LC0156	Revise special fuel user permit laws	2012-19	Ron Arthun	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT REVISING SPECIAL FUEL USER PERMIT LAWS; REPEALING THE SPECIAL FUEL USER'S PERMIT; PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN NONRESIDENTS OBTAIN CERTAIN SPECIAL FUEL USER'S TEMPORARY PERMITS; CLARIFYING THE APPLICABILITY OF THE TAX ON SPECIAL FUEL AND VOLATILE LIQUIDS; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-70-301, 15-70-311, 15-70-314, 15-70-321, 15-70-330, 15-70-356, AND 15-70-372, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 7-5-2316, 7-5-4316, 15-70-302, 15-70-303, 15-70-304, 15-70-305, 15-70-306, 15-70-307, 15-70-317, 15-70-323, 15-70-325, 15-70-327, 15-70-328, 15-70-329, 15-70-331, 15-70-332, 15-70-333, 15-70-334, 15-70-335, 15-70-336, 20-6-630, AND 60-2-118, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.			
SB 132 LC1172	Revise statutory dates related to filling mid-term county elected office	2012-04	Greg Jergeson	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT REVISING DATES FOR FILLING VACANCIES IN COUNTY ELECTED OFFICES; REQUIRING NOTIFICATION OF THE COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR RATHER THAN THE CLERK AND RECORDER; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 3-10-201, 3-10-206, 7-4-2106, AND 7-4-2206, MCA.			
SB 161 LC1353	Change the requirements for establishing a special speed zone	2012-18	Mitch Tropila	(S) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT CHANGING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL SPEED ZONE; AND AMENDING SECTION 61-8-309, MCA.			
SB 239 LC0734	Generally revise tax increment financing districts	2010-19	Edward Buttrey	Chapter Number Assigned
	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; 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, 7-15-4285, 7-15-4286, 7-15-4287, 7-15-4288, 7-15-4289, 7-15-4290, 7-15-4291, 7-15-4292, 7-15-4293, 7-15-4294, 7-15-4301, 7-15-4302, 7-15-4304, 7-15-4305, 7-15-4306, 7-15-4322, 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 301 LC1315	Revise noxious weed laws	2012-14	Terry Murphy	(S) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT REVISING COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL LAWS; CLARIFYING PROCEDURES; REVISING TIME PERIODS FOR COMPLIANCE; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-22-2117, 7-22-2144, 7-22-2146, AND 7-22-2148, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 7-22-2123 AND 7-22-2124, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.			
SB 332 LC1315	Generally revise open-cut laws	2012-15	Bruce Tutvedt	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING OPENCUT MINING LAWS; REQUIRING NOTICE OF INSPECTIONS; REVISING NOTICE AND HEARING PROVISIONS; REQUIRING FEE FOR MATERIALS MINED ILLEGALLY; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-14-2124, 82-4-403, 82-4-425, 82-4-427, 82-4-431, 82-4-432, 82-4-433, AND 82-4-437, MCA.			

MACo RESOLUTIONS/LEGISLATION THAT DIED IN THE PROCESS

Bill No.	Short Title	Res. No.	Sponsor
HB 216 LC1104	Revise laws related to distribution of overweight and oversize permit fees	2012-16	Alan Doane
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE CERTAIN PERMITS FOR OVERSIZED AND OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES TO RETAIN THE FEES IMPOSED FOR THE PERMITS FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT'S ROAD FUND; AMENDING SECTION SECTIONS 61-10-109, 61-10-121, AND 61-10-126, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 326 LC0441	Require state coordination with local governments when requested	2012-20	Kelly Flynn
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING A COUNTY TO ESTABLISH COORDINATING COUNTY STATUS WITH STATE AGENCIES UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; PROVIDING A PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING THE STATUS; REQUIRING AN AGENCY IDENTIFIED BY THE COUNTY TO COORDINATE, HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS, AND CONSULT WITH COUNTY OFFICIALS PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTING CERTAIN POLICIES OR REGULATIONS; PROVIDING AN EXCEPTION FOR EMERGENCIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		

MACo PRIORITY WATCH LIST

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Duane Ankney	(H) Signed by Speaker
	AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY TO VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2015; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."□		
HB10	Long-range information technology appropriations	JP Pomnichowski	(H) Signed by Speaker
	AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2015; PROVIDING FOR MATTERS RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATIONS; PROVIDING FOR A TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE LONG-RANGE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM ACCOUNT; PROVIDING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND ACQUISITION OF NEW INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION, THE COMMISSIONER OF POLITICAL PRACTICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE SECRETARY OF STATE, AND THE LEGISLATIVE BRANCH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB11	Treasure state endowment program	Steve Gibson	(H) Signed by Speaker
	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 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; PROVIDING FOR A TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE STATE GENERAL FUND TO THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; PROVIDING FOR A TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE STATE GENERAL FUND TO THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 16	Revise involuntary commitment and emergency detention laws	Ellie Boldman Hill	(H) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT REVISING THE STATUTES RELATED TO INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS; REVISING WHEN THE RIGHT OF THE RESPONDENT TO BE PHYSICALLY PRESENT AT A HEARING MAY BE WAIVED; ALLOWING EMERGENCY DETENTION OF A PERSON IN CERTAIN CASES; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 53-21-102, 53-21-119, AND 53-21-129, MCA.		
HB 38	Transfer GIS duties to state library	Pat Ingraham	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT TRANSFERRING THE ADMINISTRATION OF CERTAIN GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO THE STATE LIBRARY; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-11-1014, 7-11-1029, 76-6-212, 90-1-403, 90-1-404, 90-1-405, 90-1-406, 90-1-410, 90-1-411, AND 90-1-413, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 47	Revise certain county budgeting deadlines	Edie McClafferty	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT REVISING DATES BY WHICH A COUNTY MUST FIX CERTAIN SALARIES, ADOPT A BUDGET, FIX TAX LEVIES, AND ESTIMATE SPECIAL DISTRICT COSTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-4-2504, 7-6-4024, 7-6-4036, 7-11-1025, 20-9-152, AND 20-15-313, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 53	Revise State Administration and Veteran Affairs statutory duties	Pat Ingraham	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT REVISING THE DUTIES OF THE STATE ADMINISTRATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE; AMENDING SECTION 5-5-228, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 78	Clarify break in service requirements for postretirement employment under TRS	Keith Regier	(H) Signed by Governor
	AN ACT REVISING BREAK-IN-SERVICE REQUIREMENTS FOR POSTRETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT IN A POSITION REPORTABLE TO THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-20-731 AND 19-20-733, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE.		
HB 91	Modify and expand public employee 457 deferred compensation program	Ryan Lynch	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT MODIFYING AND EXPANDING 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAMS FOR THE STATE AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO INCLUDE ROTH ACCOUNTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-50-101 AND 19-50-103, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 95	Require contributions on working retiree compensation	Franke Wilmer	(H) Signed by Governor
	AN ACT IMPROVING THE ACTUARIAL UNFUNDED LIABILITY OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES', SHERIFFS', AND FIREFIGHTERS' UNIFIED RETIREMENT SYSTEMS BY REQUIRING EMPLOYER AND STATE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR WORKING RETIREES IN THOSE SYSTEMS; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-7-1101 AND 19-13-1101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.		

MACo PRIORITY WATCH LIST (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 97	Cap highest/final average compensation in MPERA retirement systems	Franke Wilmer	(H) Returned from Enrolling
	AN ACT REVISING THE COMPENSATION USED TO DETERMINE RETIREMENT BENEFITS IN CERTAIN PUBLIC RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; PLACING A CAP ON THE EARNINGS THAT MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE HIGHEST OR FINAL AVERAGE COMPENSATION USED TO DETERMINE A RETIREMENT BENEFIT UNDER THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES', JUDGES', HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS', SHERIFFS', GAME WARDENS' AND PEACE OFFICERS', MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS', AND FIREFIGHTERS' UNIFIED RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-2-303, 19-2-1005, 19-3-108, 19-5-101, 19-6-101, 19-7-101, 19-8-101, 19-9-104, AND 19-13-104, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 105	Generally revise MPERA retirement system laws concerning plan administration	Tom Steenberg	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE JUDGES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE SHERIFFS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE GAME WARDENS' AND PEACE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE FIREFIGHTERS' UNIFIED RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' COMPENSATION ACT; REVISING PROVISIONS RELATED TO RETIREMENT, DISABILITY, AND DEATH BENEFITS AND PAYMENTS; REVISING PROVISIONS RELATED TO OPTIONAL MEMBERSHIP, SERVICE CREDIT, AND REEMPLOYMENT; PROVIDING FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR THE EMPLOYEE INVESTMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL; REVISING DEATH BENEFITS UNDER THE SHERIFFS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; REVISING CANCELLATION AND REINSTATEMENT OF DISABILITY BENEFITS UNDER THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' COMPENSATION ACT; CORRECTING TERMINOLOGY AND INTERNAL REFERENCES; ELIMINATING EXPIRED PROVISIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-2-303, 19-2-403, 19-2-406, 19-2-505, 19-2-706, 19-2-801, 19-2-907, 19-3-412, 19-3-512, 19-3-908, 19-3-1103, 19-3-1106, 19-3-1210, 19-3-1501, 19-3-2133, 19-3-2141, 19-5-601, 19-5-701, 19-5-801, 19-5-802, 19-6-601, 19-7-503, 19-7-601, 19-7-901, 19-7-1001, 19-8-302, 19-8-701, 19-8-801, 19-8-1002, 19-9-710, 19-9-1007, 19-13-104, 19-13-803, AND 19-17-605, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 19-3-1005, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 122	Ensure federal IRS qualification of MPERA retirement systems	Bryce Bennett	(H) Signed by Governor
	AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING PROVISIONS RELATED TO FEDERAL TAX QUALIFICATION OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE JUDGES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE SHERIFFS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE GAME WARDENS' AND PEACE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE FIREFIGHTERS' UNIFIED RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE DEFERRED COMPENSATION PROGRAM; REVISING THE DEFINITION OF "NORMAL RETIREMENT AGE" TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL LAW; REVISING MAXIMUM COMPENSATION AND MAXIMUM BENEFIT PROVISIONS, LIMITATIONS ON ELIGIBLE ROLLOVER DISTRIBUTIONS, MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT, AND ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICE RETIREMENT TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL LAW; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-2-303, 19-2-405, 19-2-1001, 19-2-1011, 19-2-1014, 19-3-901, 19-5-501, 19-6-501, 19-7-501, 19-8-601, 19-9-801, 19-13-701, AND 19-50-104, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.		
HB 314	Revising special district laws	Doug Kary	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT REVISING LAWS GOVERNING SPECIAL DISTRICTS; ALLOWING A GOVERNING BODY TO ORDER A REFERENDUM ON THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL DISTRICT; REVISING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR INITIATING THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL DISTRICT BY PETITION; INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF TIME A CLERK OF A GOVERNING BODY HAS TO CERTIFY OR REJECT A PETITION; REQUIRING THAT MAPS OF PROPOSED BOUNDARIES BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AT A CERTAIN TIME; CLARIFYING WHO MUST RECEIVE NOTICE OF PASSAGE OF A RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO CREATE A SPECIAL DISTRICT; REVISING THE DEADLINE FOR PROTESTING A PROPOSED DISTRICT AND SUFFICIENCY OF PROTEST; REQUIRING A PROTEST FORM TO BE SENT TO PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE PROPOSED DISTRICT; REQUIRING A REFERENDUM UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; REQUIRING CREATION OF A SPECIAL DISTRICT UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; REVISING THE DEADLINE BY WHICH THE GOVERNING BODY MUST ESTIMATE COSTS OF A SPECIAL DISTRICT; LIMITING THE AMOUNT A GOVERNING BODY MAY CHARGE TO ADMINISTER A SPECIAL DISTRICT; REVISING SPECIAL DISTRICT COST ESTIMATE AND ASSESSMENT DATES; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-11-1003, 7-11-1006, 7-11-1007, 7-11-1008, 7-11-1011, 7-11-1013, 7-11-1021, 7-11-1023, AND 7-11-1025, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.		
HB 396	Revise laws regarding translocation of wild buffalo/bison	Mike Lang	(H) Died in Process*
	AN ACT REQUIRING APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BEFORE THE DEPARTMENTS OF LIVESTOCK OR FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PARKS MAY AUTHORIZE ANY RELEASE, 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 450	Revise medical insurance and medical payment laws	Roger A Hagan	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES REGARDING INSURANCE PAYERS FOR MEDICAL CARE AFTER MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE. "		

MACo PRIORITY WATCH LIST (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 454	Provide funding for the public employees' retirement system defined benefit plan	Bill McChesney	(H) Returned from Enrolling
	AN ACT PROVIDING FUNDING FOR THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; PROVIDING THAT THE UNALLOCATED PORTION OF COAL SEVERANCE TAX COLLECTIONS IS STATUTORILY APPROPRIATED TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF INTEREST INCOME FROM THE COAL TAX PERMANENT FUND AND PROVIDING A STATUTORY APPROPRIATION OF A PORTION OF THE INTEREST INCOME TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' DEFINED BENEFIT RETIREMENT PLAN; AMENDING THE TERMINATION DATE FOR THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN MONEY FROM THE COAL SEVERANCE TAX BOND FUND TO THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT FUND AND THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM FUND; TEMPORARILY INCREASING EMPLOYEE AND EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; REVISING THE GUARANTEED ANNUAL BENEFIT ADJUSTMENT FOR NEW AND CURRENT MEMBERS; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-35-108, 17-5-703, 19-3-315, 19-3-316, 19-3-1605, AND 19-3-2117, MCA; AMENDING SECTION 6, CHAPTER 495, LAWS OF 1999, AND SECTIONS 15 AND 16, CHAPTER 389, LAWS OF 2011; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 553	Generally revise gravel permit permitting process	David Halvorson	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING OPENCUT MINING LAWS; ALLOWING OPENCUT OPERATIONS TO MINE UNDER A CONDITIONAL PERMIT DURING THE PERMIT REVIEW PERIOD; AND AMENDING SECTION SECTIONS 82-4-422 AND 82-4-432, MCA."		
HB 637	Deposit lottery revenue to Teachers' Retirement System	Nicholas Schwaderer	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THAT ALL NET REVENUE FROM THE STATE LOTTERY MUST BE CREDITED TO THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM THROUGH DEPOSIT IN THE PENSION ACCUMULATION ACCOUNT; AMENDING SECTIONS 23-7-202 AND 23-7-402, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
SB 5	Clarify authority of local governments to store electronic documents off-site	Edward Buttrey	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT CLARIFYING THAT ELECTRONIC RECORDS FOR A COUNTY MAY BE STORED AT A LOCATION SEPARATE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-5-2131 AND 7-5-2133, MCA.		
SB 19	Define combined appropriation for exempt wells	Bradley Hamlett	(S) Transmitted to House for Consideration of Governor's Proposed Amendments
	AN ACT DEFINING THE TERM "COMBINED APPROPRIATION" FOR WATER WELLS AND DEVELOPED SPRINGS THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM PERMITTING; CLARIFYING THE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "DEVELOPED SPRING"; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 85-2-102 AND 85-2-306, MCA.		
SB 23	Revise interim zoning laws	Matthew M Rosendale	(S) Returned from Enrolling
	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.		
SB 55	Clarify coverage of routine costs for patients in approved clinical trials	Christine Kaufmann	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT CLARIFYING THAT ISSUERS OF HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE MAY NOT DENY ROUTINE PATIENT COSTS FOR INDIVIDUALS IN AN APPROVED CLINICAL TRIAL; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-18-704, 33-22-101, 33-31-111, 33-35-306, 53-4-1005, AND 53-6-101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE.		
SB 56	Eliminate calculation errors of taxes, fees, and assessments to local government	Larry Jent	(H) Died in Process*
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE CALCULATION OF FEES AND ASSESSMENTS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR THE COMPUTATION OF PROPERTY TAXES; LIMITING THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE'S ROLE IN CALCULATING FEES AND ASSESSMENTS THAT ARE NOT MILL-RELATED FOR ENTRY OF TAXES; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-13-4524, AND 15-10-305, 85-7-2136, AND 85-6-601, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."		
SB 67	Revise certain statutory report requirements to the legislature	Kendall Van Dyk	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT REVISING STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS FOR AGENCY REPORTING TO THE STATE ADMINISTRATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE AND THE LEGISLATURE; REVISING REPORTING BY THE CAPITOL COMPLEX ADVISORY COUNCIL, THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION REGARDING THE EMPLOYEE INCENTIVE PROGRAM, THE MONTANA VETERANS' AFFAIRS DIVISION, THE SECRETARY OF STATE REGARDING SECURED TRANSACTIONS, THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ADMINISTRATION, THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE BOARD OF INVESTMENTS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 2-17-804, 2-18-1103, 10-2-102, 17-6-230, 19-2-405, 19-20-201, AND 30-9A-527, MCA.		

MACo PRIORITY WATCH LIST (CONCLUDED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 77	Revise municipal contract competitive bidding law - no bid required up to \$100K	John Brenden	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT RAISING FROM \$50,000 TO \$80,000 THE CONTRACT AMOUNT ON CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SCHOOL PURCHASE AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS THAT REQUIRE USE OF THE COMPETITIVE, ADVERTISED BIDDING PROCESS; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-5-2301, 7-5-4302, AND 20-9-204, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.		
SB 99	Revise laws related to motor vehicle insurance verification	Alan Olson	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT REVISING INSURANCE VERIFICATION PROCEDURES FOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 61-3-303, 61-3-312, AND 61-6-105, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.		
SB 108	Renew Montana charitable endowment tax credit	Taylor Brown	(S) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE TAX CREDIT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO A QUALIFIED ENDOWMENT; EXTENDING THE TERMINATION DATE OF THE TAX CREDIT; SPECIFYING THE MINIMUM ANNUITY RATE FOR DEFERRED CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES; CLARIFYING THE REQUIRED TIMING OF PAYMENTS FOR DEFERRED CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITIES; APPLYING THE PROVISIONS OF THE UNIFORM PRUDENT MANAGEMENT OF INSTITUTIONAL FUNDS ACT TO THE DEFINITION OF "PERMANENT, IRREVOCABLE FUND"; AMENDING SECTION 15-30-2327, MCA; AMENDING SECTION 9, CHAPTER 537, LAWS OF 1997, SECTION 5, CHAPTER 226, LAWS OF 2001, SECTION 7, CHAPTER 4, LAWS OF 2005, AND SECTIONS 2, 3, 4, AND 7, CHAPTER 208, LAWS OF 2007; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE, AN APPLICABILITY DATE, AND A TERMINATION DATE.		
SB 376	Executive budget proposal to include actuarial funding for pension systems	Larry Jent	(H) Died in Standing Committee*
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING ACTUARIAL FUNDING FOR THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; REQUIRING THAT ANY SHORTFALL IN THE ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS ARE ACTUARIALLY SOUND MUST BE INCLUDED IN THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 17-7-111 AND 17-7-122, MCA."		
SB 386	Revise volunteer firefighter benefit laws	Tom Facey	(S) Returned from Enrolling
	AN ACT REVISING LAWS GOVERNING BENEFITS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS; ALLOWING CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL FIRE AGENCIES TO PROVIDE WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS; REVISING PREMIUM AND BENEFIT PROVISIONS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND CERTAIN VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-6-621, 39-71-118, 39-71-123, AND 39-71-401, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.		
SB 401	Revise disposition of metalliferous mines license tax	Jon C Sesso	(S) Returned from Enrolling
	AN ACT REVISING DISPOSITION OF THE METALLIFEROUS MINES LICENSE TAX; AND AMENDING SECTION 15-37-117, MCA.		
SR 22	Confirm Governor's appointees to public employee retirement board	Ron Arthun	(S) Filed with Secretary of State
	A RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA CONCURRING IN, CONFIRMING, AND CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD MADE BY THE GOVERNOR AND SUBMITTED BY WRITTEN COMMUNICATION DATED JANUARY 16, 2013, TO THE SENATE.		

MACo WATCH LIST

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 3	Supplemental appropriations	Duane Ankney	(H) Signed by Speaker
HB 4	Appropriations by budget amendment	Duane Ankney	(H) Signed by Speaker
HB 5	Long-range building appropriations	Duane Ankney	(H) Signed by Speaker
HB 6	Renewable resource grants	Rob Cook	(H) Signed by Speaker
HB 7	Reclamation and development grants	Rob Cook	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 8	Renewable resource bonds and loans	Rob Cook	(S) 2nd Reading Governor's Proposed Amendments Not Adopted
HB 9	Cultural and aesthetic grants	Roy Hollandsworth	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 12	Appropriate funds for provider payments	Carolyn Pease-Lopez	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 13	State employee pay plan	Kathy Swanson	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 19	Revise penalty and interest provisions related to tax law enforcement	Roy Hollandsworth	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 21	Generally revise statutory appropriation laws	Rob Cook	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 22	Generally revise state auditor laws on insurance	Kimberly Dudik	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 30	Revise late registration laws	Ted Washburn	(H) Died in Process*
HB 35	Clarifying the laws related to property tax adjustments	Mike Miller	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 36	Remove statutory references to local government severance tax	Carlie Boland	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 37	Allow temporary leasing of water rights	Bill McChesney	(H) Signed by Governor
HB 39	Revise school finance laws to correct implementation problems	Bill McChesney	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 42	Revise laws related to destruction of property by minors	Keith Regier	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 48	Revise Insure Montana laws	Bill McChesney	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 50	Prohibit immigration antiooperation policies by local governments	David Howard	(H) Died in Process*
HB 54	Revise teacher's retirement system administrative and tax qualification laws	Pat Ingraham	(H) Signed by Speaker
HB 59	Revise title of governor's drought advisory committee	Ryan Lynch	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 66	Allow for electronic service of notices of levy and writs of execution	Brian Hoven	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 71	Clarifying restorative justice laws and establish grant program	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald	(H) Signed by Governor
HB 72	Allow restorative justice as condition of suspended or deferred sentence	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 74	Require disclosure of child abuse to DPHHS to law enforcement in all cases	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald	(H) Signed by Speaker
HB 77	Revise public assistance laws relating to counties	Pat Ingraham	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 79	Constitutional referendum to rename the State Auditor	Tom Berry	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 82	Revise applicability of extraterritorial worker's compensation agreements	Scott Reichner	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 84	Revise 72-hour presumptive eligibility requirements for crisis stabilization	Pat Noonan	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 87	Provide state insurance commissioner with health insurance rate review authority	Jeffrey W Welborn	(H) Signed by Speaker
HB 89	Allow de minimus refund of abandoned property or closed estates	Ryan Lynch	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 100	Create a medicaid pay-for-performance pilot project	Ron Ehli	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 101	Increase reimbursement rates for children's medicaid mental health services	Ron Ehli	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
HB 106	Generally revise water use laws	Pat Connell	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 107	Revise laws related to legal counsel representation in abuse and neglect cases	Ryan Lynch	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 111	Repeal business equipment tax reduction for value-added manufacturing	Mike Miller	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 114	Clarify garbage types for animal feed	Christy Clark	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 120	Generally revise election laws	Pat Ingraham	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 124	Clarify exemption for school districts and special districts in elections	Jesse O'Hara	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 125	Clarify when candidate's name is held off the ballot	Jesse O'Hara	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 126	Generally revise ballot issues and petition statutes	Pat Ingraham	(S) Died in Process*
HB 129	Revise campaign finance and disclosure laws	Steve Gibson	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 130	Revise uninsured employer's fund laws	Steve Fitzpatrick	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
HB 139	Update laws governing law enforcement communications system	Steve Lavin	Chapter Number Assigned

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 142	Restore Dingell-Johnson fish restoration and management funding assent language	Pat Connell	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 145	Revise the Montana Federal Mandates Accountability Act	Bill Harris	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 146	Generally revise laws related to solid waste licenses and fees	Kris Hansen	(H) Signed by Governor
HB 148	Clarifying local government authority to regulate amateur radio operators	Pat Connell	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 152	Provide deadlines for governing bodies to review tax exemption applications	Steve Fitzpatrick	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 154	Enable county attorney to act as legal advisor to irrigation board if requested	David (Doc) Moore	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
HB 158	Require agencies to present proposed rules to interim committees	Doug Kary	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
HB 162	Revise state employee health insurance program laws	Kelly Flynn	(H) Died in Process*
HB 168	Revise DUI laws for THC	David (Doc) Moore	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 169	Allow growth policy to be used for coordination	Kerry White	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 181	Allow local trustees to define ratio of certified library personnel to students	Nancy Ballance	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
HB 192	Revise laws related to mobile home transfer and taxes	Roger A Hagan	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 195	Revise laws related to taxation of certain forest land	Pat Ingraham	(H) Signed by Governor
HB 200	Revise election laws; prohibit certain electioneering	Steve Fitzpatrick	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
HB 202	Revise laws related to the deposit and investment of public money	Roger A Hagan	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 203	Revise direct state aid to public libraries	Christy Clark	(H) Signed by Governor
HB 208	Providing immunity for solid waste management system	Jerry O'Neil	(S) Died in Process*
HB 218	Require Board of Oil and Gas to administer grant program for oil and gas impacts	Duane Ankney	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 226	Exempt computer professionals from overtime pay	Donald W Jones	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 230	Generally revise property tax laws	Scott Reichner	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
HB 232	Strengthen exclusive remedy laws in workers' compensation	Austin Knudsen	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 233	Generally revise 24/7 sobriety program	Steve Lavin	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 245	Authorize counties to dedicate park land	Champ Edmunds	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 250	Require navigator, insurance producer certification for exchanges	Liz Bangerter	(H) Signed by Governor
HB 251	Revise date absentee ballots are available	Pat Ingraham	(S) Died in Process*
HB 252	Revise notary public journal storage to secretary of state's office	Pat Ingraham	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 261	Revise unemployment insurance laws for business impacted by natural disaster	Tom Berry	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 280	Authorize choice for out-of-state health care insurance	Cary Smith	(H) Died in Process*
HB 296	Revise when ballots may be prepared for counting	Pat Ingraham	(S) Died in Process*
HB 297	Provide that employment of an unauthorized alien is unlawful	David Howard	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 301	Revise school bonding limits	David Halvorson	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 304	Generally revise concealed weapons laws	Krayton Kerns	(H) Died in Process*
HB 320	Change name of optional retirement system	Bryce Bennett	(H) Signed by Governor
HB 322	Revise laws related to livestock loss	Mike Cuffe	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
HB 323	Add grizzly bear livestock losses to the livestock loss program	Mike Cuffe	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 329	Prohibit state employees from being lobbyists	Randy Brodehl	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
HB 334	Revise department of transportation contracting laws	Jennifer Eck	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
HB 335	Revise sexual offender laws	Jennifer Eck	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 336	Generally revise highway patrol retirement system laws	Steve Gibson	(H) Signed by Governor
HB 345	Revise false claims act	Cary Smith	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 352	Revise justice court laws	Steve Fitzpatrick	(H) Signed by Governor
HB 354	Establish a wildfire project suppression fund	Pat Connell	(H) Signed by Speaker
HB 365	Provide epinephrine standards, options for emergency responders	Tom Steenberg	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
HB 367	Generally revise motor vehicle salvage title laws	Jonathan McNiven	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 369	Revise laws for courts of limited jurisdiction	Steve Fitzpatrick	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
HB 373	Revise property tax laws	Scott Reichner	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
HB 377	Increase contributions and funding for TRS, revise GABA	Tom Woods	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 395	Revising membership of livestock loss board	Kirk Wagoner	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 403	Revising fees collected by district court clerks	Ellie Boldman Hill	(H) Signed by Speaker
HB 408	Revise tax rate laws on mandated pollution control equipment	Mike Miller	(H) Returned from Enrolling

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 410	Third party voter registration integrity preservation	Ted Washburn	(H) Signed by Governor
HB 414	Permit registration of motor vehicle to those having interest in real property	Brian Hoven	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 417	Revise eminent domain laws related to due process	Kelly Flynn	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 421	Revise law pertaining to abandoned vehicles	Joanne G Blyton	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
HB 422	Generally revise junk vehicle program laws	Joanne G Blyton	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 431	Revise laws related to surface owner damage and disruption compensation	Austin Knudsen	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 435	Revise laws related to coal board grants and railroad quiet zones	Bill McChesney	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
HB 437	Allow county to create improvement district for certain purposes	Jonathan McNiven	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
HB 442	Increase vehicle damage reporting requirement	Lee Randall	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 443	Revise termination of tax increment financing	Rob Cook	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
HB 444	Provide tax credit for access to state lands	Tom Jacobson	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 451	Revise firewarden laws	Wylie Galt	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 455	Revise law for the reissuance of title for abandoned vehicles	Joanne G Blyton	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 461	Increase pension for certain volunteer firefighters	Ed Lieser	(H) Signed by Governor
HB 462	Revise lien laws for due process considerations	Donald W Jones	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 464	Generally revise laws related to prevailing wage	Christy Clark	(H) Signed by Speaker
HB 465	Increase certain county clerk fees	Joanne G Blyton	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 469	Allow arbitration for disputes relating to construction liens	Steve Fitzpatrick	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 472	Reduce business equipment taxes by increasing the exemption	Gerald (Jerry) Bennett	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
HB 485	Revise landlord tenant laws to expand Justice Court jurisdiction	Steve Lavin	(H) Signed by Governor
HB 489	An act to create the Montana health care database	Chuck Hunter	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
HB 499	Amending conveyance exemptions for subdivision regulations	Ellie Boldman Hill	(H) Signed by Speaker
HB 509	Provide for prepaid wireless 911 service charge	Keith Regier	(H) Signed by Speaker
HB 517	Revise natural resources operation account revenue sources	Mike Cuffe	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
HB 542	Revise speed limit laws	Amanda Curtis	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
HB 544	Revising insurance provisions related to provider networks	Scott Reichner	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 547	Agency coordination of permits for large-scale projects	Carl Glimm	(S) Died in Process*
HB 548	Increase truck speed limits by removing special restrictions	Daniel Zolnikov	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
HB 556	Revise laws related to coal severance tax allocations	Mike Cuffe	(H) Signed by Speaker
HB 558	Revise road laws related to aggregate stabilization	Dennis R Lenz	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
HB 559	Generally revise motor vehicle laws	Liz Bangerter	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 562	Revise subdivision laws	Kathy Swanson	(H) Sent to Enrolling
HB 564	Revise district court venue laws	Champ Edmunds	(H) Signed by Speaker
HB 573	Generally revise motor vehicle laws	Roger A Hagan	(S) Died in Process*
HB 574	Establish "small herd exemption" to certain laws related to the sale of milk	Champ Edmunds	(S) Died in Process*
HB 575	Generally revise 9-1-1 laws	Tom Berry	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 579	Establish task force on military missions and strategic/economic impacts in MT	Roger A Hagan	(S) Died in Process*
HB 580	Provide funding for governor's sage-grouse advisory council	Pat Connell	(H) Signed by Speaker
HB 581	Revise income tax using a tie to federal taxable income and repealing credits	Kris Hansen	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
HB 583	Establish Montana Suicide Review Team	Rob Cook	(H) Signed by Speaker
HB 586	Revise aquatic invasive species laws	Mike Cuffe	(H) Signed by Speaker
HB 589	Establish an oil and gas trust fund	Tom Jacobson	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
HB 593	Revise DOR laws for calculating soil type and productivity values on range land	Kirk Wagoner	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 599	Provide funding for road projects	Joanne G Blyton	(S) Died in Process*
HB 603	Generally revise privacy laws and location information of electronic devices	Daniel Zolnikov	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 604	Create Select Committee on Medicaid Innovation, Reform, and Expansion	Cary Smith	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 605	Generally revise resort district laws	Nicholas Schwaderer	(H) Signed by Governor
HB 607	Expand electronic title, lien filing, and registration pilot program	Steve Lavin	(H) Signed by Speaker
HB 608	Transfer orphan share funding to natural resources operation/project accounts	Mike Cuffe	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
HB 623	Generally revise laws related to health care and health insurance	Liz Bangerter	(H) Died in Standing Committee*
HB 625	Implementing the provisions of House Bill 2	Duane Ankney	(H) Returned from Enrolling

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 630	Establish the Montana food policy modernization project	Kathleen Williams	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 633	Provide for an interim select committee on efficiency in government	Ron Ehli	(H) Sent to Enrolling
HB 635	Revise education laws related to transfers of territory between districts	Ray L Shaw	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
HJ 2	Interim study investigating state/local gov electronic records management	Galen Hollenbaugh	(H) Filed with Secretary of State
HJ 20	Study resolution on public defender operations and funding	Kimberly Dudik	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
HJ 23	Interim study of electronic data disclosure	Bryce Bennett	(H) Died in Standing Committee*
HJ 25	Interim study of workers' compensation and subrogation, other issues	Scott Reichner	(H) Sent to Enrolling
HJ 26	Interim study on water ditch/canal easement restatement process options	Pat Connell	(H) Sent to Enrolling
HJ 27	Study water policy	Kathleen Williams	(S) Died in Standing Committee*
HR 1	House Rules Resolution	Cary Smith	(H) Filed with Secretary of State
HR 4	House resolution opposing the Federal Forest Jobs and Recreation Act	Kerry White	(H) Died in Standing Committee*
SB 7	Revise Medicaid application process	Mary Caferro	(H) Died in Standing Committee*
SB 16	Revise tax increment financing laws related to distribution	Dick Barrett	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 24	Revise zoning laws for sand and gravel operations	Matthew M Rosendale	(S) Died in Process*
SB 30	Revise big sky trust fund wage rate laws	Edward Buttrey	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 33	Revise disaster relief expenditure laws	Larry Jent	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 34	Create unclaimed life insurance benefits act	Mary Caferro	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 35	Revise statutory requirements for notarization of certain documents	Jim Keane	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 39	Eliminate DNRC report on wildland/urban interface designation	Chas Vincent	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 40	Generally revising provisions governing subdivision review	Edward Buttrey	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 41	Prohibiting consideration of future subdivision impact	Edward Buttrey	(S) Died in Process*
SB 48	Establish regional water system rate process	Greg Jergeson	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 49	Revise laws regarding reporting to the legislative finance committee	Rick Ripley	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 53	Revise penalties for certain misdemeanor offenses	Robyn Driscoll	(H) Died in Standing Committee*
SB 57	Adopt certain uniform laws commission language for military/overseas ballots	Larry Jent	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 65	Revise laws relating to confidentiality of child abuse and neglect reports	Art Wittich	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 66	Clarify MAPA with respect to adoptions by reference in administrative rules	Ron Arthun	(H) Died in Standing Committee*
SB 69	Revise Medicaid qualification enforcement laws	Edward Walker	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 71	Code commissioner bill	Mitch Tropila	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 73	Repeal DARE program	Christine Kaufmann	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 84	Establish standards and structure for patient-centered medical homes	Christine Kaufmann	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 92	Revise strip and underground mining laws	Alan Olson	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 96	Lower the business and equipment tax	Bruce Tutvedt	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 111	Revising the apportionment of certain highway construction funds	Matthew M Rosendale	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 114	Eliminate certain charges for motor vehicle registration	Janna Taylor	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 121	Generally revise laws related to contracts	Jennifer Fielder	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 122	Generally revise election laws regarding municipal nonpartisan elections	Tom Facey	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 127	Revise unemployment law, revise def. of misconduct	Edward Buttrey	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 128	Revise when unemployment insurance rates not affected by benefits paid	Edward Buttrey	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 137	Revise local government laws relate to property environmental clean-up	Alan Olson	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 138	Extend class 14 tax classification to all new generating and fuel facilities	Art Wittich	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 141	Revise definitions for certain common carrier pipelines	Alan Olson	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 143	Revise bison management	John Brenden	(H) Died in Process*
SB 144	Generally revise noxious weed trust fund laws	Jon C Sesso	(S) Transmitted to Governor

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 145	Require all information on a concealed weapon permit application confidential	Frederick (Eric) Moore	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 146	Generally revise subdivision review criteria laws regarding agency comment	Edward Buttrey	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 147	Generally revise subdivision review criteria laws regarding agriculture	Edward Buttrey	(S) Died in Process*
SB 148	Limit lost wage and benefit award for wrongful discharge to 2 yrs from discharge	Llew Jones	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 172	Revise laws related to dental insurance plans and services	Edward Walker	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 173	Generally revising state workers' compensation insurance fund laws	Jim Keane	(S) Died in Process*
SB 174	Authorize alternatives for state agency worker's compensation coverage	Jim Keane	(H) Died in Standing Committee*
SB 175	Generally revise public education funding	Llew Jones	(H) Signed by Speaker
SB 176	Generally revise voting requirements and procedures for non-profit organizations	Jim Peterson	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 185	Revise veteran public employment hiring laws	Jon C Sesso	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 194	Restrict the use of strip and body cavity searches	Anders Blewett	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 195	Revise laws protecting job applicant/employee privacy related to social media	Anders Blewett	(H) Died in Standing Committee*
SB 196	Generally revise criminal laws	Matthew M Rosendale	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 201	Revise laws on rural/urban interface and fire protection	Bradley Hamlett	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 202	Revise traffic laws	Christine Kaufmann	(H) Died in Process*
SB 207	Adopt Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act	Kendall Van Dyk	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 209	Authorize resort area district to issue bonds and pledge resort tax revenue	Ron Arthun	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 217	Revise laws governing watershed protection	Bradley Hamlett	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 223	Require plan for terminating Montana comprehensive health association laws	Mary Caferro	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 225	Generally revise tow truck laws	Elsie Arntzen	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 226	Revise laws relating to dyed diesel and vehicles dedicated to animal husbandry	Frederick (Eric) Moore	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 231	Revise tax exemption laws regarding tribal recreational property	Shannon Augare	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 237	Require land board approval of land purchases	John Brenden	(H) Died in Standing Committee*
SB 240	Revise taxation of pollution control equipment	Bruce Tutvedt	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 252	Generally revise irrigation district laws related to elections	Matthew M Rosendale	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 258	Name the justice building after Joe Mazurek	Art Wittich	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 270	Require insurance coverage of telemedicine services	Edward Buttrey	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 271	Generally revise county sewer and water district laws	Fred Thomas	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 280	Allow mediation for dispute of property valuation	Fred Thomas	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 282	Generally revise taxation of income, including the corporate license tax	Bruce Tutvedt	(S) Sent to Enrolling
SB 288	Revise condemnation procedures	Chas Vincent	(H) Died in Process*
SB 290	Revise county zoning regarding notice of change of use	Elsie Arntzen	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 292	Revise medical peer review laws to clarify definitions	Bruce Tutvedt	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 293	Require certain water and sanitation information at subdivision preapplication	Bruce Tutvedt	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 297	Revise laws related to health care provider service payments	Elsie Arntzen	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 305	Generally revise laws governing bison management in Montana	Jim Peterson	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 312	Revise state information technology policy	Jon Sonju	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 316	Generally revise subdivision laws regarding encroachment onto private property	Jennifer Fielder	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 323	Revise workers' compensation laws on prescribing schedule II and III drugs	Fred Thomas	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 324	Generally revise the subdivision laws related to lease or rent requirements	Matthew M Rosendale	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 336	Clarify the definition of spring in water law	Bradley Hamlett	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 344	Public scoping process for FVP land acquisitions	Chas Vincent	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 345	Revise laws related to liability for forest and range fires	Chas Vincent	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 346	Revise exempt well laws	Chas Vincent	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 348	Providing for an act for Montana school safety	Fred Thomas	(S) Returned from Enrolling

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 352	Raise county population for certificate of need for ambulatory surgery centers	Fred Thomas	(H) Died in Standing Committee*
SB 370	Generally revise laws related to the Legislature	Jeff Essmann	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 375	Generally revise Montana campaign laws	Jim Peterson	(H) Died in Standing Committee*
SB 395	Revise health care laws to expand Medicaid and improve health care delivery	David E Wanzenried	(H) Died in Standing Committee*
SB 396	Create oil and local impact account funding	John Brenden	(H) Died in Standing Committee*
SB 398	Revise property tax revaluation process and the taxation of property	Bruce Tutvedt	(H) Died in Standing Committee*
SB 405	Referendum to revise close of late voter registration	Alan Olson	(S) Filed with Secretary of State
SB 408	Referendum to provide top two primary in certain elections	Alan Olson	(S) Filed with Secretary of State
SJ 1	Joint Rules Resolution	Art Wittich	(S) Filed with Secretary of State
SJ 2	Revenue estimate pursuant to the Joint Rules of the Legislature	Bruce Tutvedt	(S) Filed with Secretary of State
SJ 14	Resolution requesting an interim study of local government election procedures	Alan Olson	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SJ 15	Interim study on public land management	Jennifer Fielder	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SJ 17	Resolution to encourage voluntary streamside best management practices	Verdell Jackson	(H) Died in Standing Committee*
SJ 23	Study resolution on the tax appeal process	Bruce Tutvedt	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SJ 30	Legislative interim study on TIFIDs	Bruce Tutvedt	(S) Died in Process*
SR 1	Senate Rules Resolution	Art Wittich	(S) Filed with Secretary of State
SR 8	Confirm certain Governor's appointees for health-related boards	Jason Priest	(S) Filed with Secretary of State
SR 14	Confirm Governor's appointee to head the department of agriculture	Taylor Brown	(S) Filed with Secretary of State
SR 15	Resolution to confirm Governor's director of department of transportation	Elsie Arntzen	(S) Filed with Secretary of State
SR 16	Confirm Governor's appointee to head the department of revenue	Bruce Tutvedt	(S) Filed with Secretary of State
SR 21	Confirm Governor's appointment for director of DPHHS	Jason Priest	(S) Filed with Secretary of State
SR 27	Confirm Governor's appointee as director of the department of corrections	Terry Murphy	(S) Filed with Secretary of State
SR 28	Confirm Governor's appointee as director of DFWP	John Brenden	(S) Filed with Secretary of State
SR 65	Confirmation of appointees to the board of personnel appeals	Jon Sonju	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SR 67	Confirm Governor's appointees to certain public safety boards and councils	Terry Murphy	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SR 75	Confirm Governor's appointee to the Board of Aeronautics	Elsie Arntzen	(S) Returned from Enrolling

* after status indicates the bill is **probably** dead: "Probably Dead" is a Bill Progress Category, and is assigned to those bills that have been voted down or missed a transmittal deadline, and to those bill drafts that have been canceled. To revive a bill that is "probably dead" typically requires a supermajority vote (usually a 2/3 vote) by the House or Senate.

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