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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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2013 PROJECTED SESSION CALENDAR

As adopted by Legislative Council—May 2, 2012

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

In accordance with 5-2-103, MCA, each regular session of the Legislature convenes on the first Monday in January of each odd-numbered year or, if January 1 is a Monday, on the first Wednesday.

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. 7:	63rd Legislative Session begins
Jan. 19:	Last day to request General Bills
Jan. 25:	Last day to request Revenue Bills
Feb. 16:	Last day for Committee to request General Bills
Feb. 27:	Transmittal of General Bills to other Chamber
Feb. 28-March 3:	Transmittal Break
March 20:	Transmittal of Revenue-Estimating Joint Resolutions
March 22:	Last day to request Bills Proposing Referendums or for Committee to request Revenue Bills
March 28:	Transmittal of Appropriation Bills
April 5:	Transmittal of Revenue Bills and Bills Proposing Referendums
April 8:	Transmittal of amendments to General Bills
April 10:	Last day to request Study Resolutions or Committee Bills to implement HB2
April 16:	Transmittal of amendments to Appropriation Bills
April 18:	Transmittal of amendments to Revenue Bills, Revenue-Estimating Joint Resolutions, and Bills Proposing Referendums
April 22:	Transmittal of Interim Study Resolutions
April 27:	Sine Die
April 30:	90 th Legislative Day – Sine Die.

DRAFT SCHEDULE FOR FIRST WEEK

Below is the proposed schedule for the first week of the 63rd Legislative Session. Please note that this schedule is subject to change — items may be added, removed, or times changed.

MONDAY, JANUARY 7		
8:30 – 10 AM (tentative)	Swearing-In Ceremony for State Elected Officials	Front steps of Capitol
12 PM (noon)	63 rd Legislative Session Convenes, Swearing-In Ceremony for Legislators	House & Senate Chambers
Afternoon (time to be determined)	Budget presentation to all legislators given by Legislative Fiscal Division	House Chambers
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8		
8 AM	Law School for Legislators	House Chambers
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9		
8 AM	Organizational Committee Meeting: House State Administration	Room 455
8 AM	Organizational Committee Meeting: House Taxation	Room 152
Upon Adjournment of Floor Sessions	Rules training for all legislators	House Chambers
THURSDAY, JANUARY 10		
3 PM	Organizational Committee Meeting: House Fish, Wildlife & Parks	Room 152
FRIDAY, JANUARY 11		
8 AM	Organizational Committee Meeting: Appropriation/Finance & Claims Subcommittees – Education	Room 472
8 AM	Organizational Committee Meeting: General Government	Room 350
8 AM	Organizational Committee Meeting: Health & Human Services	Room 102
8 AM	Organizational Committee Meeting: Judicial Branch, Law Enforcement & Justice	Room 317A
8 AM	Organizational Committee Meeting: Long-Range Planning	Room 317B
8 AM	Organizational Committee Meeting: Natural Resources & Transportation	Room 317C
1 PM	Presentation of Proposed Legislative Districting & Apportionment Plan Presented by Justice Regnier to joint House & Senate session	House Chambers
3 PM	Organizational Committee Meeting: Joint House & Senate Education Committee – Common Core Informational Hearing	Room 303
	Organizational Committee Meetings: House Federal Relations, Energy & Transportation	Room 172

SCHEDULED HEARINGS

The Senate Local Government Committee meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 3 p.m. in Room 405. The House Local Government Committee meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3 p.m. in Room 172. **MACo bills are in red text, priority bills are orange text, and watch bills are green text.**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10				
Time	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	455	HB 41	Revise interim committee monitoring duties	Carolyn Squires
8:00 AM	455	HB 23	Revising ethics violation laws for commissioner of political practices	Bryce Bennett
8:00 AM	455	HJ 1	Interim study of structure and duties of office of comm of political practices	Joanne G Blyton
8:00 AM	455	HB 53	Revise State Administration and Veteran Affairs statutory duties	Pat Ingraham
3:00 PM	102	HB 34	Extend Bond Validating Act	Carlie Boland
3:00 PM	172	HB 47	Revise certain county budgeting deadlines	Edie McClafferty

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

Time	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	455	HB 51	Revise applicability of federal laws and regulations to Montana National Guard	Champ Edmunds
8:00 AM	455	HB 38	Transfer GIS duties to state library	Pat Ingraham
8:00 AM	152	HB 32	Clarify the distribution of in-state lodging taxes paid by state agencies	Roy Hollandsworth
8:00 AM	152	HB 19	Revise penalty and interest provisions related to tax law enforcement	Roy Hollandsworth
8:00 AM	152	HB 35	Clarifying the laws related to property tax adjustments	Mike Miller

2013 PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Below are three different lists of proposed legislation for the 2013 Legislative Session that have been introduced thus far. The MACo Resolutions & Introduced Legislation list includes bills that are associated with MACo Resolutions. The MACo Priority Watch List includes bills that we are watching 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
SB 72 LC0724	Revise the livestock per-capita assessment date	2012-11	Debby Barrett	(S) Introduced
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "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."			

MACo PRIORITY WATCH LIST

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Duane Ankeny	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY TO VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2015; ESTABLISHING A BALANCED 6 BUDGET; ESTABLISHING AN OFFICIAL ESTIMATE OF THE STATE'S GENERAL FUND REVENUE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR OF THE 2014-2015 BIENNIUM; 7 ACCEPTING THE JUNE 30, 2012, UNASSIGNED GENERAL FUND BALANCE THAT WAS ESTABLISHED BASED ON GENERALLY ACCEPTED ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES; AND 8 PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 11	Treasure state endowment program	Steve Gibson	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "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; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 16	Revise involuntary commitment and emergency detention laws	Ellie Boldman Hill	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "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 IF THE PERSON IS SUBSTANTIALLY UNABLE TO PROVIDE FOR THE PERSON'S OWN BASIC NEEDS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 53-21-102, 53-21-119, AND 53-21-129, MCA."		
HB 38	Transfer GIS duties to state library	Pat Ingraham	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Administration 01/11/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "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."		

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 47	Revise certain county budgeting deadlines	Edie McClafferty	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Government 01/10/2013; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "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, AND 7-11-1025, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."			
HB 53	Revise State Administration and Veteran Affairs statutory duties	Pat Ingraham	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Administration 01/10/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "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 69	Create jail suicide prevention program in board of crime control	Margie MacDonald	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PREVENTION OF SUICIDES IN DETENTION CENTERS; REQUIRING THE ADOPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE RULES BY THE BOARD OF CRIME CONTROL; INCREASING THE SURCHARGE ON CERTAIN CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION TO DETENTION CENTERS; PROVIDING FOR A GENERAL FUND LOAN; AMENDING SECTIONS 3-1-318, 7-6-2541, AND 7-32-2224, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."			
HB 78	Clarify break in service requirements for postretirement employment under TRS	Keith Regier	(H) Introduced
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "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 90	Increase university system supplemental contributions rate to TRS	Jesse O'Hara	(H) Introduced
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OPTIONAL RETIREMENT PROGRAM EMPLOYER SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRIBUTION RATE; AMENDING SECTION 19-20-621, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."			
HB 91	Modify and expand public employee 457 deferred compensation program	Ryan Lynch	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Administration 01/15/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "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) Introduced
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "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."			
HB 96	Provide actuarial funding for PERS, HPORS, GWPORS, SRS retirement systems	Franke Wilmer	(H) Introduced
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT IMPROVING THE ACTUARIAL FUNDING STATUS OF CERTAIN PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS BY TEMPORARILY INCREASING EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, THE SHERIFFS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, AND THE GAME WARDENS' AND PEACE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-3-316, 19-3-2117, 19-6-404, 19-7-404, 19-8-504, AND 19-21-214, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."			
HB 97	Cap highest/final average compensation in MPERA retirement systems	Franke Wilmer	(H) Introduced
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT 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."			

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 105	Generally revise MPERA retirement system laws concerning plan administration	Tom Steenberg	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "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 112	Improve actuarial funding for teachers' retirement system	Jean Price	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING PROVISIONS OF THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO IMPROVE THE SYSTEM'S ACTUARIAL FUNDING; CREATING TWO MEMBERSHIP TIERS; INCREASING EMPLOYEE AND EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS; AUTHORIZING THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD TO ADJUST CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; REVISING HOW AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION IS CALCULATED FOR NEW MEMBERS; REVISING SERVICE RETIREMENT AND EARLY RETIREMENT ELIGIBILITY FOR NEW MEMBERS; REVISING DEATH AND DISABILITY BENEFIT PROVISIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS; REVISING THE BENEFIT MULTIPLIER FOR NEW MEMBERS; STATUTORILY APPROPRIATING MONEY FROM THE PUBLIC SCHOOL FUND GUARANTEE ACCOUNT TO THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-20-101, 19-20-208, 19-20-409, 19-20-427, 19-20-602, 19-20-605, 19-20-716, 19-20-732, 19-20-801, 19-20-802, 19-20-804, 19-20-805, 19-20-901, 19-20-1001, 20-9-501, AND 20-9-622, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 122	Ensure federal IRS qualification of MPERA retirement systems	Bryce Bennett	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "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; PROVIDING FOR THE ALLOCATION OF COSTS FOR CERTAIN ACTUARIAL WORK; 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."		
SB 4	Generally revise property reappraisal laws	Jim Peterson	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Taxation
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR ONE 2-YEAR REVALUATION CYCLE BEGINNING IN 2015 TO BE FOLLOWED BY ANNUAL REVALUATION THEREAFTER FOR CLASS THREE AGRICULTURAL LAND, CLASS FOUR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS, AND CLASS TEN FOREST LAND FOR PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES; CLARIFYING THE TERMS OF OFFICE OF AGRICULTURE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND FOREST LAND TAXATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR PURPOSES OF IMPLEMENTING THE NEW REAPPRAISAL PROCESS; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-6-134, 15-6-222, 15-7-102, 15-7-103, 15-7-111, 15-7-112, 15-7-131, 15-7-139, 15-7-201, 15-8-111, 15-10-420, 15-15-102, 15-16-101, 15-24-3202, 15-24-3203, 15-44-103, AND 77-1-208, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 15-6-193, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES."		
SB 5	Clarify authority of local governments to store electronic documents off-site	Edward Buttrey	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) State Administration
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING THAT ELECTRONIC RECORDS FOR A COUNTY MAY BE STORED AT A LOCATION SEPARATE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK; AND AMENDING SECTION 7-5-2131, MCA."		
SB 6	Require surrender of license plates if driver is uninsured	Edward Buttrey	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Highways & Transportation
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING A VEHICLE OPERATOR WHO DOES NOT PROVIDE PROOF OF MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE OR AN INDEMNITY BOND TO SURRENDER THE LICENSE PLATES UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE RETURN OF THE LICENSE PLATES; AND AMENDING SECTION 61-6-302, MCA."		

MACo PRIORITY WATCH LIST CONTINUED . . .

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 19	Define combined appropriation for exempt wells	Bradley Hamlett	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Natural Resources
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "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) Referred to Committee -- (S) Local Government
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "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 38	Establish stream depletion zones for exempt wells	Chas Vincent	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Natural Resources
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT DEFINING "STREAM DEPLETION ZONES"; REDUCING THE EXEMPTION FOR GROUND WATER APPROPRIATIONS WITHIN STREAM DEPLETION ZONES; LIMITING AREAS WHERE STREAM DEPLETION ZONES MAY BE ESTABLISHED; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 85-2-102 AND 85-2-306, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		
SB 54	Require worker's compensation coverage for volunteer firefighters	Tom Facey	(S) Introduced
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS; REQUIRING EACH COUNTY GOVERNING BODY TO ESTABLISH A FUND FOR PAYING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' WORKERS' COMPENSATION PREMIUMS; ALLOWING COUNTY GOVERNING BODIES TO IMPOSE A PERMISSIVE LEVY FOR PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS; EXCLUDING CERTAIN CITIES FROM THE PROPERTY TAX PERMISSIVE LEVY FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' WORKERS' COMPENSATION; REVISING PREMIUM AND BENEFIT PROVISIONS FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND CERTAIN VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS; SUPERSEDING THE UNFUNDED MANDATE LAWS; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-6-621, 7-33-2109, 7-33-2209, 7-33-2403, 7-33-4111, 15-10-420, 39-71-118, 39-71-123, AND 39-71-401, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
SB 55	Clarify coverage of routine costs for patients in approved clinical trials	Christine Kaufmann	(S) Introduced
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "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	(S) Introduced
	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, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
SB 77	Revise municipal contract competitive bidding law - no bid required up to \$100K	John Brenden	(S) Introduced
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT RAISING FROM \$50,000 TO \$100,000 THE CONTRACT AMOUNT ON CERTAIN MUNICIPAL PURCHASE AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS THAT REQUIRE USE OF THE COMPETITIVE, ADVERTISED BIDDING PROCESS; AMENDING SECTION 7-5-4302, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
SB 82	Require PERS new hires to be in DC plan	Dave Lewis	(S) Introduced
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING NEW HIRES INTO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO BE MEMBERS OF THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN; ALLOWING CERTAIN DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN MEMBERS AN OPTION TO SWITCH TO THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN; REVISING VESTING PROVISIONS FOR DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN MEMBERS; REQUIRING THE GOVERNOR TO INCLUDE IN THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET THE FUNDING NECESSARY TO AMORTIZE THE UNFUNDED LIABILITY OF THE DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN; REQUIRING THE BOARD TO SEEK A RULING OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE AND MAKING THE ACT CONTINGENT ON A FAVORABLE RULING; AMENDING SECTIONS 17-7-111, 17-7-112, 19-2-303, 19-2-403, 19-2-407, 19-2-715, 19-3-108, 19-3-316, 19-3-319, 19-3-401, 19-3-412, 19-3-2101, 19-3-2106, 19-3-2111, 19-3-2112, 19-3-2113, 19-3-2114, 19-3-2115, 19-3-2116, 19-3-2117, 19-3-2126, 19-3-2141, AND 19-21-214, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 19-3-2121, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES."		

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 3	Supplemental appropriations	Duane Ankney	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 4	Appropriations by budget amendment	Duane Ankney	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 5	Long-range building appropriations	Duane Ankney	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 6	Renewable resource grants	Rob Cook	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 7	Reclamation and development grants	Rob Cook	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 8	Renewable resource bonds and loans	Rob Cook	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 9	Cultural and aesthetic grants	Roy Hollandsworth	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 10	Long-range information technology appropriations	JP Pomnichowski	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 12	Appropriate funds for provider payments	Carolyn Pease-Lopez	(H) Introduced
HB 13	State employee pay plan	Kathy Swanson	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 14	Bonding program	Galen Hollenbaugh	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 19	Revise penalty and interest provisions related to tax law enforcement	Roy Hollandsworth	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 01/11/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 21	Generally revise statutory appropriation laws	Rob Cook	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 22	Generally revise state auditor laws on insurance	Kimberly Dudik	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Business and Labor
HB 30	Revise late registration laws	Ted Washburn	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Administration 01/14/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 33	Revising large predator laws	Ted Washburn	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks
HB 35	Clarifying the laws related to property tax adjustments	Mike Miller	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 01/11/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 36	Remove statutory references to local government severance tax	Carlie Boland	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Taxation
HB 37	Allow temporary leasing of water rights	Bill McChesney	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Natural Resources
HB 39	Revise school finance laws to correct implementation problems	Bill McChesney	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Education
HB 42	Revise laws related to destruction of property by minors	Keith Regier	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
HB 43	Create jail suicide prevention program in DPHHS	Steve Lavin	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Human Services

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HB 44	Update criminal intelligence information section and advisory council	Steve Lavin	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
HB 48	Revise Insure Montana laws	Bill McChesney	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Business and Labor
HB 50	Prohibit immigration sanctuary policies by local governments	David Howard	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
HB 54	Revise teacher's retirement system administrative and tax qualification laws	Pat Ingraham	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Administration 01/15/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 59	Revise title of governor's drought advisory committee	Ryan Lynch	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Natural Resources
HB 66	Allow for electronic service of notices of levy and writs of execution	Brian Hoven	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Taxation
HB 71	Clarifying restorative justice laws and establish grant program	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
HB 72	Allow restorative justice as condition of suspended or deferred sentence	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
HB 74	Require disclosure of child abuse to DPHHS to law enforcement in all cases	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald	(H) Introduced
HB 77	Revise public assistance laws relating to counties	Pat Ingraham	(H) Introduced
HB 79	Constitutional referendum to rename the State Auditor	Tom Berry	(H) Introduced
HB 80	Authorizing peace officer status for corrections criminal investigators	Steve Lavin	(H) Introduced
HB 82	Revise applicability of extraterritorial worker's compensation agreements	Scott Reichner	(H) Introduced
HB 84	Revise 72-hour presumptive eligibility requirements for crisis stabilization	Pat Noonan	(H) Introduced
HB 87	Provide state insurance commissioner with health insurance rate review authority	Jeffrey W Welborn	(H) Introduced
HB 89	Allow de minimus refund of abandoned property or closed estates	Ryan Lynch	(H) Introduced
HB 91	Modify and expand public employee 457 deferred compensation program	Ryan Lynch	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Administration 01/15/2013; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 95	Require contributions on working retiree compensation	Franke Wilmer	(H) Introduced
HB 96	Provide actuarial funding for PERS, HPORS, GWPORS, SRS retirement systems	Franke Wilmer	(H) Introduced
HB 97	Cap highest/final average compensation in MPERA retirement systems	Franke Wilmer	(H) Introduced
HB 105	Generally revise MPERA retirement system laws concerning plan administration	Tom Steenberg	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
HB 106	Generally revise water use laws	Pat Connell	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Natural Resources
HB 108	Revise registration and proof of identity requirements for voting	Ted Washburn	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration

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HB 111	Repeal business equipment tax reduction for value-added manufacturing	Mike Miller	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Taxation
HB 112	Improve actuarial funding for teachers' retirement system	Jean Price	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
HB 119	Allow payment of expenses for deceased Medicaid and MT healthy kid enrollees	Carolyn Pease-Lopez	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Human Services
HB 120	Generally revise election laws	Pat Ingraham	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
HB 121	Revise property valuation laws for tax purposes for certain timber lands	Pat Ingraham	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Taxation
HB 125	Clarify when candidate's name is held off the ballot	Jesse O'Hara	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
HB 126	Generally revise ballot issues and petition statutes	Pat Ingraham	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
HB 129	Revise campaign finance and disclosure laws	Steve Gibson	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
HB 130	Revise uninsured employer's fund laws	Steve Fitzpatrick	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Business and Labor
HB 134	Define certain investigators in state auditor's office as peace officers	Steve Lavin	(H) Introduced
HB 139	Update laws governing law enforcement communications system	Steve Lavin	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
HJ 2	Interim study investigating state/local gov electronic records management	Galen Hollenbaugh	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
SB 10	Provide for licensure and regulation of mental health peer support specialists	Mary Caferro	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs
SB 16	Revise tax increment financing laws related to distribution	Dick Barrett	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Taxation
SB 22	Allow for recording notice of tax lien with the secretary of state	Ron Arthun	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Judiciary
SB 25	Increase reimbursement rates for pupil transportation	Greg Jergeson	(S) Introduced
SB 27	Revise Insure Montana laws to expand small employer definition	Cliff Larsen	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety
SB 30	Revise big sky trust fund wage rate laws	Edward Buttrey	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs
SB 33	Revise disaster relief expenditure laws	Larry Jent	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) State Administration
SB 35	Revise statutory requirements for notarization of certain documents	Jim Keane	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) State Administration
SB 37	Declaring conceal weapon permit app. info as confidential criminal justice info	Terry Murphy	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Judiciary
SB 39	Eliminate DNRC report on wildland/urban interface designation	Chas Vincent	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation

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SB 40	Generally revising provisions governing subdivision review	Edward Buttrey	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Local Government
SB 41	Prohibiting consideration of future subdivision impact	Edward Buttrey	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Local Government
SB 48	Establish regional water system rate process	Greg Jergeson	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Local Government
SB 53	Revise penalties for certain misdemeanor offenses	Robyn Driscoll	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Judiciary
SB 55	Clarify coverage of routine costs for patients in approved clinical trials	Christine Kaufmann	(S) Introduced
SB 56	Eliminate calculation errors of taxes, fees, and assessments to local government	Larry Jent	(S) Introduced
SB 57	Adopt certain uniform laws commission language for military/overseas ballots	Larry Jent	(S) Introduced
SB 67	Revise certain statutory report requirements to the legislature	Kendall Van Dyk	(S) Introduced
SB 68	Revise ballot return envelope requirements to reflect extra postage required	Robyn Driscoll	(S) Introduced
SB 71	Code commissioner bill	Mitch Tropila	(S) Introduced
SB 73	Repeal DARE program	Christine Kaufmann	(S) Introduced
SJ 1	Joint Rules Resolution	Art Wittich	(S) Introduced
SJ 2	Revenue estimate pursuant to the Joint Rules of the Legislature	Bruce Tutvedt	(S) Introduced
SR 1	Senate Rules Resolution	Art Wittich	(S) Introduced

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