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

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MACo & THE MONTANA LEGISLATURE

The Montana Association of Counties' website has a section dedicated to helping members keep track of the happenings during the 64th Montana Legislative Session: <http://www.mtcounties.org/legislative/sessions/2015/2015-legislative-session>. In this section you'll find MACo's resolutions, links to pertinent bills, an archive of our weekly *Legislative Updates*, hearing calendars, committee listings, legislator contact information, and more.

2015 PROJECTED SESSION CALENDAR

As adopted by Legislative Council—June 10, 2014

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. 5:	64 th Legislative Session begins
Jan. 19:	Last day to request General Bills
Jan. 24:	Last day to request Revenue Bills
Feb. 16:	Last day for Committee to request General Bills & Resolutions
Feb. 26:	Transmittal of General Bills to other Chamber & Last day to request Appropriation Bills
Feb. 27-March 2:	Transmittal Break
March 19:	Transmittal of Revenue-Estimating Joint Resolutions & Last day to request Study Resolutions
March 21:	Last day to request bills proposing Referenda or for Committee to request Revenue Bills
March 27:	Transmittal of Appropriation Bills & Last day to request Committee Bills to implement House Bill 2
April 1:	Transmittal of Revenue Bills and Bills Proposing Referenda
April 7:	Transmittal of amendments to General Bills
April 15:	Transmittal of amendments to Appropriation Bills
April 17:	Transmittal of amendments to Revenue Bills, Revenue-Estimating Resolution, and Bills Proposing Referenda
April 21:	Transmittal of Interim Study Resolutions
April 27:	Sine Die

DRAFT SCHEDULE FOR FIRST WEEK

Below is the proposed schedule for the first week of the 64th Legislative Session. Please note that this schedule is subject to change — items may be added, removed, or times changed.

MONDAY, JANUARY 5		
12 PM (noon)	64 th Legislative Session Convenes, Swearing-In Ceremony for Legislators	House & Senate Chambers
TUESDAY, JANUARY 6		
8:00 AM	Law School for Legislators	House Chambers
1:00 PM	House & Senate Floor Sessions	Respective Chambers
1:30 PM	Introduction to Committees: Rules & Real-life Scenarios Training	Room 152
3:00 PM	Appropriations Committee's Organizational Meeting & HB 1 Hearing	Room 102
3:00 PM	Class III Committees' Organizational Meetings	Respective Hearing Rooms
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7		
8:00 AM	Class I Committees' Organizational Meetings	Respective Hearing Rooms
9:00 AM	Ethics Laws in Montana	House Chambers
10:00 AM	Being Ethical in Today's Legislature	House Chambers
1:00 PM	Rules Training for the Floor	House Chambers
1:30 PM	House Mock Floor Session	House Chambers
2:00 PM	House Floor Session	House Chambers
3:00 PM	Class II Committees' Organizational Meetings	Respective Hearing Rooms
THURSDAY, JANUARY 8		
8:00 AM	Appropriations/F & C Joint Subcommittees Organizational Meetings	Respective Hearing Rooms
10:00 AM	Mock Joint Subcommittee Hearings for Members & Secretaries	Room 102
1:00 PM	House & Senate Floor Sessions	Respective Chambers
FRIDAY, JANUARY 9		
All Day	Committee Hearings	Respective Hearing Rooms

SCHEDULED HEARINGS

Currently 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 highlighted green, priority bills are highlighted blue,** and **watch bills are highlighted yellow.**

Monday, January 5					
Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
No Hearings Scheduled as of Yet					

Tuesday, January 6					
Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
1:30 PM	(S) Rules	405	SR 1	Senate Rules Resolution	Matthew M Rosendale (R) SD 18
3:00 PM	(H) Agriculture	137	HB 109	Allow department of agriculture to provide plant sampling services	Daniel R Salomon (R) HD 93
3:00 PM	(H) Appropriations	102	HB 1	Feed bill	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87
3:00 PM	(H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks	152	HB 82	Allow development of boat dock on Wild Horse Island	Greg Hertz (R) HD 12
3:00 PM	(H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks	152	HB 92	Create a fish and wildlife enterprise fund	Moffie Funk (D) HD 82

Wednesday, January 7					
Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
3:00 PM	(H) Federal Relations, Energy, & Telecomm.	472	HB 16	Repeal the Montana low-income telephone assistance program	Keith Regier (R) HD 4
3:00 PM	(S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety	317	SB 5	Establish all-hazard incident management teams and provide funding authority	Jonathan Windy Boy (D) SD 16
3:00 PM	(S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety	317	SB 7	Revise and extend the prescription drug registry fee	Roger Webb (R) SD 23

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 117	Address unlicensed practice for certain licensing boards	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76
8:00 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 63	Revise licensing/regulation of engineers and land surveyors	Kathy Swanson (D) HD 77
8:00 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 78	Clarify vehicle owner's privacy rights for event data recorders	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76
8:00 AM	(S) Taxation	405	SB 17	Revise laws related to the agricultural land valuation advisory committee	Dick Barrett (D) SD 45
8:00 AM	(S) Taxation	405	SB 33	Revise certain reports to RTIC from annual to biennial	Janna Taylor (R) SD 6
8:00 AM	(S) Taxation	405	SB 6	Clarify department of revenue's uniform dispute review procedures	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44
8:00 AM	(S) Taxation	405	SB 18	Revising the time frame for the calculation of the entitlement share growth rate	Dick Barrett (D) SD 45
3:00 PM	(H) Agriculture	137	HB 105	Authorize Ag Department to provide and set fees for analytical lab services	Tom Woods (D) HD 62
3:00 PM	(H) Agriculture	137	HB 108	Revise noxious weed budget laws	Daniel R Salomon (R) HD 93
3:00 PM	(H) Agriculture	137	HB 91	Standardize per diem for all agricultural boards and committees	Christy Clark (R) HD 17
3:00 PM	(S) Energy and Telecommunications	317	SB 11	Revise universal system benefits laws to exempt small electric utilities	Jim Keane (D) SD 38

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 113	Exclude certain vessel sales/parts persons & mechanics from overtime laws	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) HD 20
8:00 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 79	Exempt certain apprentices from licensure	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 27	Increase K-12 BASE aid, entitlements, and payments	Denise Hayman (D) HD 66
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 31	Revise school finance laws	Kathy Kelker (D) HD 47
3:00 PM	(H) Natural Resources	172	HB 36	Allow water permit volume change due to incomplete use	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	303	SB 58	Revise public notice for certain water rights	Pat Connell (R) SD 43
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	303	SB 88	Establish contracting laws for conservation districts	John Brenden (R) SD 17
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	SB 1	Provide rule-making authority for secretary of state to establish certain fees	Douglas (Doug) Kary (R) SD 22
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	SB 16	Revise appointment process laws for commissioner of political practices	Dee Brown (R) SD 2
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	SB 27	Revise agency oversight authority of interim committees	Dee Brown (R) SD 2
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	SB 45	Require the publishing of a state phone directory every two years	John Brenden (R) SD 17

2015 PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Below are three different lists of proposed legislation for the 2015 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 & INTRODUCED LEGISLATION				
Bill No.	Short Title	Res. No.	Sponsor	Status
HB 112	Extend sunset on enhanced 9-1-1 fund distribution	2014-09	Keith Regier (R) HD 4	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Federal Relations, Energy, & Telecommunications
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT EXTENDING THE SUNSET ON WIRELESS 9-1-1 FUNDING FOR LESS-POPULATED COUNTIES; AMENDING SECTION 10-4-313, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."			
LC0555	Clarify laws pertaining to assignment of road/street addresses	2014-02	Tom Steenberg (D) HD 99	(C) Draft in Input/Proofing
	LANGUAGE NOT YET AVAILABLE			
LC0770	Generally revise laws applicable to county government	2014-11	Rob Cook (R) HD 18	(C) Draft Request Received
	LANGUAGE NOT YET AVAILABLE			
LC1013	Clarify eligible voters in certain local government elections	2014-03	Douglas Kary (R) SD 22	(C) Draft Ready for Delivery
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING ELIGIBLE VOTERS IN CERTAIN ELECTIONS; CLARIFYING THAT CERTAIN OFFICERS OF A COMPANY MAY PETITION, PROTEST, OR VOTE IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES ON BEHALF OF THE PROPERTY OWNED BY THE COMPANY; AMENDING SECTION 7-1-4134, MCA; AND REPEALING SECTION 7-13-2254, MCA."			
LC1039	Revise what employment by a PERS retiree is considered active member service	2014-14	Douglas Kary (R) SD 22	(C) Draft Ready for Delivery
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ELIMINATING SERVICE BY AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AS EMPLOYMENT COVERED BY THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE PURPOSES OF RETIREE REEMPLOYMENT LIMITATIONS AND EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 19-3-1106, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."			
LC1332	Clarify wind generation facility impact fee for local governmental units	2014-16	Duane Ankney (R) SD 20	(C) Draft Ready for Delivery
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING THAT AN OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A WIND GENERATION FACILITY IS SUBJECT TO CERTAIN IMPACT FEES EACH YEAR FOR THE FIRST 3 YEARS AFTER CONSTRUCTION OF THE FACILITY; AMENDING SECTION 15-24-3004, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."			
LC1350	Revise board of adjustment appeal process related to county zoning	2012-02	Daniel R Salomon (R) HD 93	(C) Draft in Final Drafter Review
	LANGUAGE NOT YET AVAILABLE			
LC1433	Establish of county laws for compression brake usage	2014-05	Kirk Wagoner (R) HD 75	(C) Draft Request Received
	LANGUAGE NOT YET AVAILABLE			
LC1554	Establish process to allow counties to enter into development agreements	2014-08	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11	(C) Draft Request Received
	LANGUAGE NOT YET AVAILABLE			
LC1662	Provide for inventory of all county and public roads	2014-07	Tom Jacobson (D) HD 21	(C) Draft Request Received
	LANGUAGE NOT YET AVAILABLE			
LC1705	Revise laws related to livestock loss	2014-15	Mike Cuffe (R) HD 2	(C) Draft Ready for Delivery
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING A LIVESTOCK LOSS REDUCTION RESTRICTED ACCOUNT; TRANSFERRING GENERAL FUND MONEY; PROVIDING A STATUTORY APPROPRIATION; PROVIDING FOR A REVERSION OF FUNDS; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-15-3110, 15-1-122, 17-7-502, 81-1-110, AND 81-1-112, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."			
LC1974	Extend historic county road or utility right-of-way application dates	2014-12	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3	(C) Draft Request Received
	LANGUAGE NOT YET AVAILABLE			

MACo PRIORITY WATCH LIST

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87	(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, 2017; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 5	Provide for infrastructure development	Jeffrey W Welborn (R) HD 72	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Appropriations
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING THE BUILD MONTANA ACT; AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF STATE DEBT THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND COAL SEVERANCE TAX BONDS; APPROPRIATING THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS FOR STATE AND LOCAL PROJECTS AND IMPROVEMENTS; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR AND AUTHORIZING CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2017; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION FOR GRANTS AND LOANS TO STATE AND LOCAL ENTITIES AND REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITIES FOR PROJECTS AND IMPROVEMENTS; APPROPRIATING COAL SEVERANCE TAXES FOR DEBT SERVICE; PRIORITIZING PROJECT GRANTS AND AMOUNTS; AUTHORIZING PROJECT GRANTS AND LOANS AND AMOUNTS; REAUTHORIZING PROJECT GRANTS AND LOANS AUTHORIZED BY THE 63RD LEGISLATURE; ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR GRANTS AND LOANS; EXPANDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; CREATING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROJECTS AND IMPROVEMENTS BOND PROCEEDS ACCOUNT; PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 90-6-701 AND 90-6-710, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERMINATION DATES."		
HB 10	Long-Range Information Technology Appropriations	Kelly McCarthy (D) HD 49	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Appropriations
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL PROJECTS; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2017; 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 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS, THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND THE JUDICIAL BRANCH; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 22	Appropriate money for crisis and transition technicians	Casey Schreiner (D) HD 25	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Appropriations
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR ADDITIONAL CRISIS AND TRANSITION EMPLOYEES IN THE DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 23	Appropriate money for a forensic community corrections facility	Casey Schreiner (D) HD 25	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Appropriations
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO CONTRACT FOR A FORENSIC COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FACILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 24	Appropriate money for state-run mental health group home	Casey Schreiner (D) HD 25	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Human Services
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE TRANSITIONAL MENTAL HEALTH GROUP HOMES FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 46-14-301, 46-14-312, 53-1-602, AND 53-1-603, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 33	Appropriate money for new or expanded mental health crisis intervention	Ron Ehli (R) HD 86	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Appropriations
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT EXPANDING MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS INTERVENTION AND JAIL DIVERSION SERVICES TO AREAS OF THE STATE THAT LACK SERVICES; REVISING REQUIREMENTS OF THE CRISIS INTERVENTION AND JAIL DIVERSION GRANT PROGRAM FOR COUNTIES; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTION 53-21-1203, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 34	Appropriate money for additional secure psychiatric detention beds	Ron Ehli (R) HD 86	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Appropriations
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CONTRACTED SECURE PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT BEDS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 35	Appropriate money for short-term voluntary mental health treatment	Ron Ehli (R) HD 86	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Appropriations
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR SHORT-TERM VOLUNTARY INPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 53-21-1202, 53-21-1203, AND 53-21-1204, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		

MACo PRIORITY WATCH LIST (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 47	Appropriate money for youth crisis diversion pilot projects	Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D) HD 42	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Appropriations
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS DIVERSION PILOT PROJECTS FOR YOUTH; REQUIRING A REPORT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."			
HB 58	Generally revise election laws	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) State Administration
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATING TO ELECTIONS; REORGANIZING CERTAIN SECTIONS; DEFINING "ELECTION JUDGE"; REVISING THE FORM TRANSFERRING OR UPDATING AN ELECTOR'S REGISTRATION; REQUIRING ELECTION JUDGES TO BE INSTRUCTED ON ELECTION PROCEDURES AS PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE; REVISING THE SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS FOR A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE'S DECLARATION FOR NOMINATION; REVISING NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR ABSENTEE BALLOT COUNTING; REVISING CERTAIN TERMINOLOGY; REVISING THE CERTIFICATE TO VERIFY REGISTERED ELECTORS SIGNING A BALLOT ISSUE PETITION; REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF STATE SELECT A METHOD OF DISSEMINATION FOR PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS; REVISING CERTAIN TIMELINES FOR THE CANVASS OF BALLOT ISSUES; REPEALING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING JOINDER OF PARTIES IN ACTIONS TO COMPEL A REGISTRAR TO ENTER AN ELECTOR IN A PRECINCT REGISTER; REPEALING AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD A MILL LEVY FOR ADMINISTERING AN ABSENTEE ELECTION BOARD PROGRAM; REPEALING THE REQUIREMENT FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO NOTIFY ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS IF THE RETURNS HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CANVASSERS; AMENDING SECTIONS 13-1-101, 13-1-121, 13-2-220; 13-2-512, 13-2-513, 13-3-213, 13-4-203, 13-10-404, 13-13-114, 13-13-213, 13-13-241, 13-13-245, 13-15-105, 13-15-107, 13-15-205, 13-19-303, 13-19-304, 13-21-104, 13-21-212, 13-27-103, 13-27-204, 13-27-205, 13-27-206, 13-27-207, 13-27-303, 13-27-304, 13-27-308, 13-27-311, 13-27-503, AND 13-35-207, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 13-1-122, 13-2-601, 13-2-602, 13-13-230, AND 13-15-503, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."			
HB 62	Revise penalty for unauthorized use of state trust lands	Virginia Court (D) HD 50	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Natural Resources
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING LIABILITY FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF STATE SCHOOL TRUST LANDS; INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF STATE SCHOOL TRUST LANDS; AMENDING SECTION 77-1-125, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."			
HB 70	Revise vote by mail laws	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) State Administration
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING VOTE BY MAIL LAWS; REQUIRING ELECTIONS OTHER THAN SCHOOL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD BY MAIL; REVISING PROCEDURES FOR CONDUCTING MAIL BALLOT ELECTIONS; PROVIDING TRAINING OF ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS AND JUDGES; REVISING PROCEDURES BY WHICH ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS CONFIRM ELECTORS' RESIDENCE AND MAILING ADDRESSES; REVISING PROCEDURES FOR REACTIVATING AN ELECTOR'S REGISTRATION; REQUIRING COUNTIES TO PAY FOR BALLOTS RETURNED WITH INSUFFICIENT POSTAGE; REVISING PROCEDURES FOR CREATING AND APPROVING A WRITTEN ELECTION PLAN; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE TO INACTIVE ELECTORS; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR VOTING BOOTHS; PROVIDING REQUIREMENTS FOR PLACES OF DEPOSIT AND OFFICIAL DROP BOXES FOR RETURNED BALLOTS; REQUIRING THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO ADOPT RULES TO ENSURE THE SECURITY OF OFFICIAL DROP BOXES; ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS PROVIDE FOR PROPORTIONAL VOTING IN CERTAIN ELECTIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 13-1-101, 13-1-203, 13-2-220, 13-2-222, 13-2-301, 13-4-203, 13-19-101, 13-19-104, 13-19-105, 13-19-106, 13-19-201, 13-19-202, 13-19-203, 13-19-204, 13-19-205, 13-19-206, 13-19-207, 13-19-301, 13-19-303, 13-19-304, 13-19-305, 13-19-306, 13-19-307, AND 13-19-308, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 13-19-302, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."			
HB 74	Require notice to the attorney general regarding data breaches	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Judiciary
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING DATA SYSTEM SECURITY BREACH NOTIFICATION LAWS; REQUIRING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO BE NOTIFIED OF A DATA SYSTEM SECURITY BREACH; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 2-6-504, 30-14-1704, AND 33-19-321, MCA."			

MACo PRIORITY WATCH LIST (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
	Generally revise election laws	Bryce Bennett (D) HD 91	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) State Administration
HB 84	<p>A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING ELECTION LAWS; CONSOLIDATING AND STANDARDIZING CERTAIN DATES AND DEADLINES FOR ELECTION ADMINISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS TO STANDARD PROVISIONS IF SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY LAW; REQUIRING THAT SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICT ELECTIONS, OTHER THAN FUNDING ELECTIONS, BE CONDUCTED ON THE SAME DAY AS SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS; PROVIDING THAT COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS CONDUCT ALL SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT ELECTIONS; APPLYING LATE VOTER REGISTRATION PROVISIONS TO SCHOOL ELECTIONS CONDUCTED BY SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERKS; REVISING AND CLARIFYING CERTAIN TERMS OF OFFICE PROVISIONS FOR CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICIALS; ELIMINATING ANY REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATE NOMINATION PETITIONS SIGNED BY A CERTAIN NUMBER OR ELECTORS AS A PREREQUISITE TO CANDIDACY; REVISING INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN A CALL FOR CERTAIN ELECTIONS; REVISING CERTAIN PROVISIONS REGARDING ELECTIONS CONDUCTED BY MAIL; REVISING CERTAIN PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC NOTICE OF ELECTIONS; REVISING DEFINITIONS; ELIMINATING REDUNDANT AND OUTDATED PROVISIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-16-622, 3-1-1013, 3-6-201, 3-10-101, 3-11-101, 7-1-201, 7-1-2121, 7-1-4130, 7-2-2215, 7-2-2604, 7-2-2705, 7-2-2709, 7-2-2804, 7-2-4104, 7-2-4106, 7-2-4314, 7-2-4601, 7-2-4602, 7-2-4606, 7-2-4733, 7-2-4902, 7-2-4904, 7-3-103, 7-3-121, 7-3-122, 7-3-125, 7-3-149, 7-3-154, 7-3-155, 7-3-160, 7-3-173, 7-3-174, 7-3-175, 7-3-176, 7-3-178, 7-3-186, 7-3-187, 7-3-192, 7-3-1204, 7-3-1205, 7-3-1206, 7-3-1208, 7-3-1209, 7-3-1216, 7-3-1218, 7-3-1219, 7-3-1229, 7-3-1231, 7-3-1254, 7-3-1271, 7-3-4208, 7-3-4210, 7-3-4212, 7-3-4214, 7-3-4222, 7-3-4223, 7-3-4305, 7-3-4307, 7-3-4309, 7-3-4310, 7-3-4311, 7-3-4316, 7-3-4319, 7-3-4322, 7-3-4462, 7-5-131, 7-5-132, 7-5-4321, 7-5-4322, 7-6-1501, 7-6-1502, 7-6-1504, 7-6-1505, 7-6-1506, 7-6-1508, 7-6-1509, 7-6-1532, 7-6-1533, 7-6-1535, 7-6-1536, 7-6-1541, 7-6-1542, 7-6-1543, 7-6-1544, 7-6-1546, 7-6-1547, 7-6-1548, 7-6-1551, 7-7-2223, 7-7-2227, 7-7-2229, 7-7-2237, 7-7-2404, 7-7-2405, 7-7-2406, 7-7-4226, 7-7-4227, 7-7-4235, 7-7-4426, 7-8-4201, 7-10-101, 7-10-102, 7-10-104, 7-10-110, 7-11-1011, 7-11-1012, 7-12-4243, 7-13-2201, 7-13-2204, 7-13-2208, 7-13-2210, 7-13-2211, 7-13-2214, 7-13-2217, 7-13-2222, 7-13-2225, 7-13-2231, 7-13-2234, 7-13-2241, 7-13-2258, 7-13-2261, 7-13-2262, 7-13-2271, 7-13-2272, 7-13-2273, 7-13-2276, 7-13-2321, 7-13-2323, 7-13-2324, 7-13-2328, 7-13-2333, 7-13-2341, 7-13-2342, 7-13-2352, 7-13-4204, 7-13-4511, 7-13-4512, 7-13-4535, 7-14-210, 7-14-211, 7-14-212, 7-14-214, 7-14-1106, 7-14-1134, 7-14-1633, 7-14-2507, 7-14-4512, 7-14-4642, 7-16-2102, 7-16-2109, 7-33-2106, 7-34-2110, 7-34-2112, 7-34-2117, 13-1-101, 13-1-104, 13-1-106, 13-1-107, 13-1-108, 13-1-301, 13-1-401, 13-2-304, 13-3-202, 13-10-201, 13-10-208, 13-10-209, 13-10-211, 13-10-325, 13-10-326, 13-10-327, 13-10-405, 13-12-201, 13-13-205, 13-14-112, 13-14-113, 13-14-115, 13-15-206, 13-19-205, 13-19-207, 13-35-107, 13-37-126, 13-37-206, 15-10-425, 15-65-101, 16-1-205, 16-4-420, 20-1-101, 20-3-202, 20-3-301, 20-3-305, 20-3-306, 20-3-307, 20-3-313, 20-3-321, 20-3-337, 20-3-338, 20-3-341, 20-9-426, 20-9-428, 20-9-471, 20-15-203, 20-15-204, 20-15-207, 20-15-208, 20-15-209, 20-15-219, 20-15-221, 20-15-222, 20-15-224, 20-15-225, 20-15-231, 20-15-241, 20-20-105, 20-20-106, 20-20-201, 20-20-204, 20-20-311, 20-20-312, 20-20-401, 20-20-417, 22-1-304, 22-1-703, 22-1-706, 22-1-708, 22-1-709, 22-1-710, 76-5-1106, 76-15-303, 76-15-305, 76-15-311, 76-15-312, 76-15-506, 76-15-605, 85-7-1702, 85-7-1712, 85-7-1837, 85-7-1974, 85-7-2013, 85-8-302, 85-8-306, 85-8-624, 85-9-103, 85-9-203, 85-9-206, 85-9-302, 85-9-408, 85-9-501, 85-9-602, AND 85-9-623, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 7-2-2219, 7-2-2605, 7-2-2603, 7-2-2710, 7-2-4105, 7-2-4603, 7-2-4903, 7-3-121, 7-3-124, 7-3-4209, 7-3-4210, 7-3-4306, 7-3-4308, 7-3-4341, 7-5-136, 7-6-1531, 7-6-1537, 7-6-1538, 7-6-1545, 7-6-1549, 7-7-2228, 7-7-4427, 7-13-2235, 7-13-2236, 7-13-2243, 7-13-2246, 7-13-2247, 7-13-2254, 7-13-2255, 7-13-2256, 7-34-2116, 20-3-304, 20-3-344, 20-15-205, 20-15-206, 20-20-101, 20-20-202, 76-15-302, 76-15-304, AND 85-9-422, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."</p>		
HB 85	Revise the administration and tax qualification laws of the TRS	Tom Woods (D) HD 62	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) State Administration
	<p>A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING ADMINISTRATIVE AND FEDERAL TAX QUALIFICATION PROVISIONS OF THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; REVISING PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE CORRECTION OF ERRORS, RECOVERY OF AMOUNTS DUE RESULTING FROM ERRORS, CREDITABLE SERVICE, OPTIONAL RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES, COMPENSATION LIMITATIONS, MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTIONS, DIFFERENTIAL WAGE PAYMENTS, DISABILITY BENEFITS, DEATH BENEFITS, AND GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUM WITHHOLDING; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-20-401, 19-20-402, 19-20-403, 19-20-404, 19-20-405, 19-20-408, 19-20-409, 19-20-410, 19-20-426, 19-20-427, 19-20-702, 19-20-715, 19-20-716, 19-20-718, 19-20-802, 19-20-904, 19-20-1001, AND 19-20-1101, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 19-20-705, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE."</p>		
HB 100	Generally revise laws relating to the public safety officer training council	Frank Garner (R) HD 7	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Judiciary
	<p>A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE DUTIES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL RELATED TO CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS; REMOVING REFERENCES TO THE GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEST; ALLOWING CERTAIN MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS TO EXAMINE AND EVALUATE THE MENTAL HEALTH OF A PEACE OFFICER CANDIDATE; ALLOWING SUBSTITUTION OF A STANDARDIZED MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION INSTRUMENT FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH EXAMINATION; REVISING CERTAIN COURSE REQUIREMENTS; REMOVING APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS BEFORE THE COUNCIL ISSUES A CERTIFICATE TO A PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER WHO MEETS CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL AND PROBATIONARY REQUIREMENTS; ESTABLISHING THE COUNCIL AS A CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE MONTANA CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION ACT; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-32-303 AND 44-4-403, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."</p>		

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 101	Generally revise administrative laws of the MPERA retirement systems	Tom Steenberg (D) HD 99	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) State Administration
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; REVISING PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES', JUDGES', HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS', SHERIFFS', GAME WARDENS' AND PEACE OFFICERS', MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS', AND FIREFIGHTERS' UNIFIED RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; REVISING PROVISIONS OF THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' COMPENSATION ACT; REVISING THE SHARING OF CONFIDENTIAL INCOME INFORMATION; PROVIDING FOR RECOVERY OF IMPROPER PAYMENTS; REVISING CERTAIN BENEFITS FOR CONTINGENT ANNUITANTS AND BENEFICIARIES; CLARIFYING OPTIONAL MEMBERSHIP PROVISIONS; CLARIFYING THE CALCULATION OF CERTAIN BENEFITS; REVISING CERTAIN BENEFIT PAYMENTS AND MEMBERSHIP ELECTION PROVISIONS; ELIMINATING EXPIRED PROVISIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 5-2-304, 15-30-2618, 19-2-405, 19-2-801, 19-2-903, 19-2-904, 19-2-908, 19-3-411, 19-3-412, 19-3-904, 19-3-1105, 19-3-1106, 19-3-1210, 19-3-1501, 19-3-2141, 19-5-701, 19-5-802, 19-7-301, 19-7-410, 19-7-503, 19-7-1001, 19-8-302, 19-8-801, 19-8-1001, 19-8-1002, 19-9-301, 19-9-1206, 19-17-112, AND 19-20-302, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 19-9-1020, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 107	Revise defined contribution plan funding laws	Rob Cook (R) HD 18	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) State Administration
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; REALLOCATING CERTAIN EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE SYSTEM'S DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN TO MEMBER ACCOUNTS IN THE SYSTEM'S DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN; STRIKING THE ALLOCATION OF TEMPORARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN DISABILITY FUND; ELIMINATING A PROVISION REQUIRING THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD TO ACTUARIALLY ADJUST CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS BETWEEN THE SYSTEM'S DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN AND THE SYSTEM'S DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-2-303, 19-2-407, 19-3-2117, AND 19-21-214, MCA; AND REPEALING SECTION 19-3-2121, MCA."		
HB 108	Revise noxious weed budget laws	Daniel R Salomon (R) HD 93	(H) Hearing – (H) Agriculture 01/08/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 137
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT LIMITING ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR THE NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM TO 12% OF THE TOTAL REVENUE RECORDED IN THE NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND IN THE PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR; AMENDING SECTION 80-7-814, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 123	Generally revise public records laws	Donald W Jones (R) HD 46	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) State Administration
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING AND REORGANIZING MONTANA PUBLIC RECORDS LAWS; UPDATING DEFINITIONS AND PROVIDING NEW DEFINITIONS; CLARIFYING ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION; PROVIDING PRIVACY AND SECURITY EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING A PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION REQUESTS; ALLOWING FEES FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION REQUESTS; ALLOWING SPECIAL FEES FOR CERTAIN INFORMATION; EMPHASIZING THE DISPOSITION OF PUBLIC RECORDS ACCORDING TO RETENTION SCHEDULES; UPDATING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ESSENTIAL RECORDS; CLARIFYING THE PROHIBITION ON DISSEMINATING DISTRIBUTION LISTS; REVISING THE RECORDS MANAGEMENT DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE; REQUIRING COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE; EXPANDING THE MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES OF THE STATE RECORDS COMMITTEE; PROVIDING POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR MANAGING HISTORIC RECORDS AND CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER RECORDS; CLARIFYING AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR RECORDS MANAGEMENT; REVISING MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS COMMITTEE; REDUCING THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS BEFORE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS; UPDATING PROTECTIONS OF PERSONAL INFORMATION; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-3-301, 2-15-2017, 5-11-203, 7-4-2614, 7-5-2132, 7-5-4124, 7-11-1007, 13-1-303, 13-21-228, 15-1-103, 15-1-521, 15-62-209, 17-8-403, 18-4-126, 19-2-403, 19-17-111, 22-1-211, 30-9A-522, 30-14-1603, 30-17-101, 32-11-107, 33-1-1403, 33-28-108, 46-23-110, 53-21-1108, 61-6-157, 61-11-510, AND 81-2-115, MCA; AND REPEALING SECTIONS 2-6-101, 2-6-102, 2-6-103, 2-6-104, 2-6-105, 2-6-106, 2-6-107, 2-6-108, 2-6-109, 2-6-110, 2-6-111, 2-6-112, 2-6-201, 2-6-202, 2-6-203, 2-6-204, 2-6-205, 2-6-206, 2-6-207, 2-6-208, 2-6-211, 2-6-212, 2-6-213, 2-6-214, 2-6-301, 2-6-302, 2-6-303, 2-6-304, 2-6-307, 2-6-401, 2-6-402, 2-6-403, 2-6-404, 2-6-405, 2-6-501, 2-6-502, 2-6-503, AND 2-6-504, MCA."		
HB 124	Revise retirement plan laws to ensure federal tax qualification	Wendy McKamey (R) HD 23	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) State Administration
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING RETIREMENT PLAN LAWS TO ENSURE FEDERAL TAX QUALIFICATION; REVISING COMMINGLED AND GROUP TRUST PROVISIONS TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL LAW; REVISING THE MORTALITY TABLES USED TO DETERMINE COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW; REVISING REFERENCES TO ELIGIBILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL LAW; REVISING THE CATCH-UP AGE FOR PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATING IN A DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN TO COMPLY WITH NORMAL RETIREMENT AGE PROVISIONS; REVISING THE DEFINITION OF DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN PARTICIPANT TO INCLUDE ANYONE ENROLLED IN A DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN, WHETHER STILL EMPLOYED OR NOT; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-2-504, 19-2-1001, 19-2-1014, 19-3-2102, 19-50-101, AND 19-50-104, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE."		

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 142	Generally revise laws related to peace officer status for investigators	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Judiciary
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS TO APPOINT CRIMINAL INVESTIGATORS WITH LIMITED PEACE OFFICER STATUS TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS IN SECURE FACILITIES; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-32-303 AND 19-8-301, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
SB 5	Establish all-hazard incident management teams and provide funding authority	Jonathan Windy Boy (D) SD 16	(S) Hearing – (S) Public Health, Welfare & Safety 01/07/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 317
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AND FUNDING FOR DEPLOYMENT OF ALL-HAZARD INCIDENT MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE TEAMS; ALLOWING FOR COSTS INCURRED BY A TEAM TO BE PAID USING INCIDENT RESPONSE EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY; REQUIRING RULES PROMULGATED BY THE STATE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMISSION TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PROCEDURES FOR TEAMS AND TEAM MEMBERS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 10-3-103, 10-3-310, AND 10-3-1204, MCA."		
SB 18	Revising the time frame for the calculation of the entitlement share growth rate	Dick Barrett (D) SD 45	(S) Hearing – (S) Taxation 01/08/2015; 8:00 AM
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE TIMEFRAME IN WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IS REQUIRED TO CALCULATE THE GROWTH RATE OF THE ENTITLEMENT SHARE POOL; AND AMENDING SECTION 15-1-121, MCA."		
SB 42	Revise allocation of contribution in the Pers defined contribution plan	Sue Malek (D) SD 46	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) State Administration
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR CHANGES IN THE ALLOCATION OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN AND THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM RETIREMENT PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-3-2117, 19-3-2121, AND 19-21-214, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE."		
SB 52	Revise captive insurance laws	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Bus., Labor, & Econ. Affairs
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING CAPTIVE INSURANCE LAWS; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO FILE ANNUAL STATEMENTS; CLARIFYING LANGUAGE REGARDING CERTIFICATES OF AUTHORITY FOR CAPTIVE INSURERS; ALLOWING FOR A PRO RATA DISTRIBUTION OF TAXES IN THE YEAR OF CLOSURE; CLARIFYING TAXATION OF SERIES MEMBERS OF SPECIAL PURPOSE CAPTIVES; AMENDING SECTIONS 33-28-101, 33-28-102, 33-28-104, 33-28-105, 33-28-108, 33-28-109, 33-28-201, 33-28-206, 33-28-207, 33-28-301, AND 33-28-302, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
SB 62	Revise the reporting dates for per capita livestock fees	Taylor Brown (R) SD 28	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Ag, Livestock & Irrigation
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE REPORTING AND PAYMENT DATES FOR PER CAPITA LIVESTOCK FEES; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-24-903, 15-24-905, 15-24-906, 15-24-921, 81-6-104, 81-6-204, 81-6-209, 81-7-303, AND 81-7-603, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		
SB 90	Revise penalties eliminating jail time for certain misdemeanors	Nels Swandal (R) SD 30	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Judiciary
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING PENALTIES AND ELIMINATING JAIL TIME FOR CERTAIN MISDEMEANOR OFFENSES; AMENDING SECTIONS 45-6-301, 45-6-302, 45-6-305, 45-6-316, 45-8-101, 45-8-111, 61-5-102, 61-5-212, 61-6-302, AND 61-6-304, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		
SB 103	Provide presumptive disease coverage for paid firefighters	Mary Caferro (D) SD 41	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PRESUMPTION UNDER THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION LAWS IN FAVOR OF PROFESSIONAL FIREFIGHTERS FOR CERTAIN DISEASES; ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS, APPLICABLE FACTORS, AND TERMS FOR INSURER REBUTTAL; PROVIDING FOR A SEPARATE RATING CLASSIFICATION CODE; AMENDING SECTIONS 39-71-116 AND 39-71-2316, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES."		

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 4	Appropriations by budget amendment	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Appropriations
HB 9	Cultural and Aesthetic Grants	Mike Cuffe (R) HD 2	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Appropriations
HB 13	State Employee Pay Plan	Kathy Swanson (D) HD 77	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Appropriations
HB 14	Creating broadband development fund through bonding	Kelly McCarthy (D) HD 49	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Appropriations
HB 17	Require workers' compensation insurers to provide loss information	Tom Berry (R) HD 40	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Business and Labor
HB 18	Authorize student election judges	Bryce Bennett (D) HD 91	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) State Administration
HB 25	Revise laws relating to housing for offenders	Margaret MacDonald (D) HD 51	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Judiciary
HB 31	Revise school finance laws	Kathy Kelker (D) HD 47	(H) Hearing -- (H) Education 01/09/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 137
HB 41	Revise tax appeal laws	Chuck Hunter (D) HD 83	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Taxation
HB 45	Prohibit genetic information discrimination in all insurance	Jessica Karjala (D) HD 48	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Business and Labor
HB 48	Establish on-line voter registration	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) State Administration
HB 56	Revising subdivision classifications for Ag land valuation	Kerry White (R) HD 64	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Taxation
HB 59	Increase university system supplemental contribution to TRS	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) State Administration
HB 65	State treasurer to receive local government fees for audits and reviews	Moffie Funk (D) HD 82	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Local Government
HB 69	Update training requirements for election administrators	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) State Administration
HB 75	Authorize creation of sex assault prosecution unit in AG's office	Stephanie Hess (R) HD 28	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Judiciary
HB 76	Expand election day to voting days	Janet Ellis (D) HD 81	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) State Administration
HB 78	Clarify vehicle owner's privacy rights for event data recorders	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76	(H) Hearing – (H) Bus. & Labor 01/08/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 172
HB 85	Revise the administration and tax qualification laws of the TRS	Tom Woods (D) HD 62	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) State Administration
HB 86	Revising the date absentee ballots are available in certain elections	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) State Administration
HB 88	Generally revise laws related to sex offender registration	Sarah Laszloffy (R) HD 53	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Judiciary
HB 89	Generally revise human trafficking laws	Kimberly Dudik (D) HD 94	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Judiciary
HB 90	Revise workers' compensation laws	Andrea Olsen (D) HD 100	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Business and Labor
HB 93	Increase ground water investigation program funding	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) HD 20	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Appropriations

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 95	Generally revise public adjuster laws	Kelly McCarthy (D) HD 49	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Business and Labor
HB 97	Authorize alternative contracting process	Edith McClafferty (D) HD 73	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Transportation
HB 99	Revise fuel tax laws	Edith McClafferty (D) HD 73	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Transportation
HB 103	Revise duties of state auditor office related to insurance and securities laws	Zach Brown (D) HD 63	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Business and Labor
HB 104	Increase price of license plates issued by MDOT for certain vehicles/trailers	Jennifer Eck (D) HD 79	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Transportation
HB 106	Revise laws related to police horses	Margaret MacDonald (D) HD 51	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Judiciary
HB 114	Revise tax increment finance district remittance laws for schools	Mike Miller (R) HD 80	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Taxation
HB 118	Allow for electronic delivery of insurance policies	Bryce Bennett (D) HD 91	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Business and Labor
HB 125	Revise term related to government accounting standards	Kathy Swanson (D) HD 77	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) State Administration
HB 127	Access to birth control act	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Human Services
HB 130	Prohibit use of tanning devices for person under 18 years old absent consent	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Judiciary
HB 131	Revise election reporting period requirements	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) State Administration
HB 132	Authorize disbursement of unspent funds for DUI taskforce	Frank Garner (R) HD 7	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Transportation
HB 133	Authorize the public defender to award fixed-fee contracts	Margaret MacDonald (D) HD 51	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Judiciary
HB 134	Prohibit a youth from being transferred to adult supervision without a felony	Jennifer Eck (D) HD 79	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Judiciary
HB 137	Address homeless prevention for people under dept. of corrections supervision	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Judiciary
HB 138	Consider housing needs in discharge plans from mental health facilities	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Human Services
HR 1	House Rules Resolution	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Rules
SB 2	Raise state minimum wage	Jonathan Windy Boy (D) SD 16	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs
SB 3	Revise workers' comp impairment level for vocational rehabilitation benefits	Tom Facey (D) SD 50	(S) Hearing – (S) Bus., Labor, & Econ. Affairs 01/12/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 422
SB 9	Allow sharing of certain health care information with law enforcement	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Pub. Health, Welfare & Safety
SB 15	Clarify laws relating to the call of a retired judge or justice	Nels Swandal (R) SD 30	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Judiciary
SB 17	Revise laws related to the agricultural land valuation advisory committee	Dick Barrett (D) SD 45	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation 01/08/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 405
SB 19	Revise livestock special deputy fund laws	Rick Ripley (R) SD 10	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Ag, Livestock & Irrigation
SB 20	Reallocate metal mines license tax	Chas Vincent (R) SD 1	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Natural Resources
SB 26	Clarifying laws regarding electronic submitting of search warrants	Nels Swandal (R) SD 30	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Judiciary
SB 37	Revise laws for filing of exempt water right claims	Jennifer Fielder (R) SD 7	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Natural Resources
SB 44	Authorize county regulation of fireworks	John Brenden (R) SD 17	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Local Government
SB 47	Increase assessments on owners of classified forest land	JP Pomnichowski (D) SD 33	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Natural Resources
SB 54	Authorize public disclosure of real estate sale prices for tax appraisals	Dick Barrett (D) SD 45	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Taxation

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SB 55	Revise traumatic brain injury contribution on vehicle registration to opt-out	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Judiciary
SB 62	Revise the reporting dates for per capita livestock fees	Taylor Brown (R) SD 28	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
SB 65	Code Commissioner Bill	Robyn Driscoll (D) SD 25	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) State Administration
SB 69	Authorize sign placement as a campaign practice consideration	Pat Connell (R) SD 43	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) State Administration
SB 72	Allowing political party endorsements and expenditures in judicial races	Taylor Brown (R) SD 28	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) State Administration
SB 73	Revise U.S. Senate vacancy laws	Tom Facey (D) SD 50	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) State Administration
SB 74	Revise PERS employer contribution laws for the Montana State University System	Mary Sheehy Moe (D) SD 12	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) State Administration
SB 82	Expand water policy interim committee duties	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Natural Resources
SB 83	Adopt health insurance appeals/external review laws of NAIC	Christine Kaufmann (D) SD 40	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Bus., Labor, & Econ. Affairs
SB 84	Revise claims history considerations in insurance policies	Mary McNally (D) SD 24	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Bus., Labor, & Econ. Affairs
SB 88	Establish contracting laws for conservation districts	John Brenden (R) SD 17	(S) Hearing – (S) Nat. Resources 01/09/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 303
SB 90	Revise penalties eliminating jail time for certain misdemeanors	Nels Swandal (R) SD 30	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Judiciary
SB 91	Revising laws related to reciprocal tax collection	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Taxation
SB 92	Revise administration of taxes	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Taxation
SJ 1	Joint Rules Resolution	Matthew M Rosendale (R) SD 18	(S) Hearing -- (S) Rules 01/06/2015; 01:30 PM, Rm 405
SJ 2	Study state assumption of federal dredge and fill permitting	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Natural Resources
SJ 5	Study future water rights administration	Chas Vincent (R) SD 1	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Natural Resources
SR 1	Senate Rules Resolution	Matthew M Rosendale (R) SD 18	(S) Hearing – (S) Rules 01/06/2015; 1:30 PM, Rm 405

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