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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

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2015 PROJECTED SESSION CALENDAR

As revised by legislative leadership — January 14, 2015

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: 64th Legislative Session begins
- Jan. 20: Last day to request General Bills**
- Jan. 26: Last day to request Revenue Bills
- Feb. 17: Last day for Committee to request General Bills & Resolutions
- Feb. 27: Transmittal of General Bills to other Chamber & Last day to request Appropriation Bills
- Feb. 28-March 3: Transmittal Break
- March 21: Transmittal of Revenue-Estimating Joint Resolutions & Last day to request Study Resolutions
- March 24: Last day to request bills proposing Referenda or for Committee to request Revenue Bills
- March 30: Transmittal of Appropriation Bills & Last day to request Committee Bills to implement House Bill 2
- April 7: Transmittal of Revenue Bills and Bills Proposing Referenda
- April 9: Transmittal of amendments to General Bills
- April 17: Transmittal of amendments to Appropriation Bills
- April 20: Transmittal of amendments to Revenue Bills, Revenue-Estimating Resolution, and Bills Proposing Referenda
- April 23: Transmittal of Interim Study Resolutions
- April 29: Sine Die

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 19					
Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	(H) Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Education	472	HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87
8:00 AM	(H) Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services	102	HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87
8:00 AM	(H) Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Long-Range Planning	317B	HB 5	Provide for infrastructure development	Jeffrey W Welborn (R) HD 72
9:00 AM	(H) Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government	350	HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87
9:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 12	Provide for a decree of dissolution without a hearing when uncontested	Elle Boldman Hill (D) HD 90
9:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 129	Clarify who must move to amend parenting plan when one parent relocates	Elle Boldman Hill (D) HD 90
9:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 20	Allow spouse to restore original name as part of dissolution filing	Elle Boldman Hill (D) HD 90
9:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 26	Adjust debt limit allowed for summary dissolution	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) HD 51
9:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 39	Generally revise patent and copyright trolling laws	Cary Smith (R) SD 27
9:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 66	Generally revise laws regarding e-cigarettes	Diane Sands (D) SD 49
11:00 AM	(H) Rules	472	SJ 1	Joint Rules Resolution	Matthew M Rosendale (R) SD 18
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 185	Revise driver license fee allocations to increase traffic educ. account funding	Jean Price (D) HD 24
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 87	Eliminate the requirement for a third official school enrollment count	Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D) HD 73
3:00 PM	(H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications	472	HB 188	Revise net metering laws	Art Wittich (R) HD 68
3:00 PM	(H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications	472	HB 192	Increase the cap on net metering	Art Wittich (R) HD 68
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	HB 200	Require drug screening & testing for temp assistance for needy families program	Randall Pinocci (R) HD 19
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HB 199	Revise laws related to use of personal flotation devices	Janet Ellis (D) HD 81
3:00 PM	(S) Education and Cultural Resources	303	SB 107	Revise K-12 school district expansion laws	Taylor Brown (R) SD 28
3:00 PM	(S) Local Government	405	SB 113	Generally revise Montana board of investment laws	Jon C Sesso (D) SD 37
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	422	SB 37	Revise laws for filing of exempt water right claims	Jennifer Fielder (R) SD 7
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	422	SB 49	Expand use of petroleum mixing zones	Jim Keane (D) SD 38
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	422	SB 97	Revise process for misclassified water bodies	Chas Vincent (R) SD 1
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	422	SJ 5	Study future water rights administration	Chas Vincent (R) SD 1

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Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
3:00 PM	(S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety	317	SB 125	Prohibit use of tanning devices by a person under 18 years old	Roger Webb (R) SD 23
3:00 PM	(S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety	317	SB 8	Allow electronic prescribing of controlled substances prescriptions	Roger Webb (R) SD 23
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	SB 124	Require certain boards to record and publish meetings in video or audio format	Dee Brown (R) SD 2
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	SB 86	Revise electronic filing laws	JP Pomnichowski (D) SD 33
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	SB 89	Require supreme court justices/district court judges to file financial reports	John Brenden (R) SD 17

Tuesday, January 20

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8:00 AM	(H) Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government	350	HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87
8:00 AM	(H) Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Long-Range Planning	317B	HB 5	Provide for infrastructure development	Jeffrey W Welborn (R) HD 72
8:00 AM	(H) Joint Approps Subcom on Judicial Branch, Law Enforcement, and Justice	335	HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 128	Revise MAPA provisions related to board of pardons and parole	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 19	Clarify that the governor may change parole board presiding officer	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 43	Revise executive clemency laws	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) HD 51
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 119	Clarify eligible voters in certain local government elections	Douglas (Doug) Kary (R) SD 22
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 77	Revise laws related to board of medical examiners	Debby Barrett (R) SD 36
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 79	Clarify the definition of "fees commensurate with costs"	Tom Facey (D) SD 50
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 81	Revise membership of certain licensing boards	Tom Facey (D) SD 50
8:00 AM	(S) Taxation	405	SB 54	Authorize public disclosure of real estate sale prices for tax appraisals	Dick Barrett (D) SD 45
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 103	Revise duties of state auditor office related to insurance and securities laws	Zach Brown (D) HD 63
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 215	Revise board of realty laws	Randall Pinocci (R) HD 19
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 45	Prohibit genetic information discrimination in all insurance	Jessica Karjala (D) HD 48
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 53	Permit discounts to military or veterans by property/casualty insurers	Andrew Person (D) HD 96
8:30 AM	(H) Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural Resources and Transportation	317C	HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87
9:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 116	Exempt in-kind personal services by a political party	Bryce Bennett (D) HD 91
9:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 121	Extend bond validating act	Jessica Karjala (D) HD 48
9:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 124	Revise retirement plan laws to ensure federal tax qualification	Wendy McKamey (R) HD 23
9:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 155	Provide for the development of a digital archives plan	Moffie Funk (D) HD 82

Tuesday (Continued)

Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
9:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 55	Provide that state fees charged by the secretary of state are non-refundable	Willis Curdy (D) HD 98
9:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	HB 159	Provide for property tax relief for seniors	Frank Garner (R) HD 7
9:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	HB 166	Lower state individual income tax rates	Keith Regier (R) HD 4
9:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	HB 169	Revise individual income tax laws	Art Wittich (R) HD 68
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 115	Generally revise laws related to boarding animals subject to court proceedings	Tom Facey (D) SD 50
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 139	Revise jury selection laws	Diane Sands (D) SD 49
3:00 PM	(H) Agriculture	137	HB 145	Revise laws related to livestock loss	Mike Cuffe (R) HD 2
3:00 PM	(H) Agriculture	137	HB 194	Revise bison laws	Alan Redfield (R) HD 59
3:00 PM	(H) Appropriations	102	HB 148	Revise supplemental nutrition assistance laws to provide statutory appropriation	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90
3:00 PM	(H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks	152	HB 212	Reaffirm that trapping is a form of hunting protected under MT Constitution	Kirk Wagoner (R) HD 75
3:00 PM	(H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks	152	HB 221	Revise hunting/fishing license laws for critically wounded first responders	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) HD 51
3:00 PM	(H) Local Government	172	HB 172	Revise delinquent tax laws related to sale of tax lien	David (Doc) Moore (R) HD 92
3:00 PM	(H) Local Government	172	HB 187	Clarify laws pertaining to assignment of road/street addresses	Tom Steenberg (D) HD 99
3:00 PM	(H) Local Government	172	HB 193	Revise board of adjustment appeal process related to county zoning	Daniel R. Salomon (R) HD 93
3:00 PM	(S) Energy and Telecommunications	317	SB 134	Allow for aggregate net metering	Jennifer Fielder (R) SD 7
3:00 PM	(S) Energy and Telecommunications	317	SB 150	Revise USB laws	Jonathan Windy Boy (D) SD 16

Wednesday January 21

Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 137	Address homeless prevention for people under dept. of corrections supervision	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 161	Revise laws related to arson investigations	Vince Ricci (R) HD 55
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 204	Revising laws relating to liability waivers and releases	Greg Hertz (R) HD 12
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 123	Revising the regulatory authority over the Montana state fund	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 2	Raise state minimum wage	Jonathan Windy Boy (D) SD 16
8:00 AM	(S) Taxation	405	SB 116	Increase elderly homeowner/renter tax credit	Brian Hoven (R) SD 13
8:00 AM	(S) Taxation	405	SB 122	Encourage manufacture of ammunition in Montana to ensure availability	Matthew M Rosendale (R) SD 18
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 118	Allow for electronic delivery of insurance policies	Bryce Bennett (D) HD 91
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 205	Revise fees charged for alcohol license	David (Doc) Moore (R) HD 92
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 94	Expand surplus lines of insurance	Kelly Flynn (R) HD 70

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Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
9:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 30	Revise legislative compensation to include day care reimbursement	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90
9:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 54	Revise outdated code references to social security administration	Andrew Person (D) HD 96
9:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 68	Revising protections for military service in the National Guard	Kathy Kelker (D) HD 47
9:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 77	Revise campaign laws related to robo-calls	Janet Ellis (D) HD 81
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 158	Revise and modernize immunization laws related to schools	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) HD 51
3:00 PM	(H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications	472	HB 189	Eliminate certain automatic utility rate adjustments for outages	Tom Woods (D) HD 62
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HB 132	Authorize disbursement of unspent funds for DUI taskforce	Frank Garner (R) HD 7
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HB 222	Revise laws related to oversize loads	Roy Hollandsworth (R) HD 27
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HB 229	Generally revise laws related to temporary road blocks	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45
3:00 PM	(S) Education and Cultural Resources	422	SB 12	Provide ANB funding for 19 year olds	Mary Sheehy Moe (D) SD 12
3:00 PM	(S) Education and Cultural Resources	422	SB 14	Raise the legal dropout age to 18 years old or upon graduation	Robyn Driscoll (D) SD 25
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	303	SB 102	Revise air quality fee structure laws	Duane Ankney (R) SD 20
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	303	SB 96	Revise the controlled allocation of liability laws	Jim Keane (D) SD 38
3:00 PM	(S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety	317	SB 133	Revise prescription authority for naturopathic physicians	Christine Kaufmann (D) SD 40
3:00 PM	(S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety	317	SB 142	Revise laws related to health care options for patients with terminal illnesses	Cary Smith (R) SD 27
3:00 PM	(S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety	317	SB 148	Provide for the welfare fraud prevention act	Cary Smith (R) SD 27
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	SB 144	Revise laws to consolidate procurement accounts	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	SB 40	Revise veto poll laws	Tom Facey (D) SD 50
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	SB 73	Revise U.S. Senate vacancy laws	Tom Facey (D) SD 50
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	SB 94	Revise laws related to the central stores warehouse	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11
9:00 A.M.	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 55	Revise traumatic brain injury contribution on vehicle registration to opt-out	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15

Thursday January 22

Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 165	Revise grandparent/grandchild contact laws	Keith Regier (R) HD 4
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 171	Revise trespass laws related to railroads	David (Doc) Moore (R) HD 92
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 175	Provide for expungement of records when a person is not convicted of crime	Dale Mortensen (R) HD 44
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 207	Prohibiting disclosure of media info from electronic communications services	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 104	Clarify massage therapy licensing requirements	Elsie Arntzen (R) SD 26
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 105	Revise unemployment insurance laws	Elsie Arntzen (R) SD 26

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Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 52	Revise captive insurance laws	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 83	Adopt health insurance appeals/external review laws of NAIC	Christine Kaufmann (D) SD 40
8:00 AM	(S) Taxation	405	SB 147	Provide income tax credit for volunteer fire fighters and emergency personnel	David Howard (R) SD 29
9:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 126	Revise burial preservation board member compensation laws	Rae Peppers (D) HD 41
9:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 131	Revise election reporting period requirements	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90
9:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 198	Revise election laws related to names on the ballot	Keith Regier (R) HD 4
9:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 86	Revising the date absentee ballots are available in certain elections	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39
3:00 PM	(H) Local Government	172	HB 164	Generally revise laws to expedite recovery of trustee sale surplus funds	Nicholas Schwaderer (R) HD 14
3:00 PM	(H) Local Government	172	HB 224	Generally revise building code program laws	Zac Perry (D) HD 3
3:00 PM	(S) Highways and Transportation	405	SB 110	Create temporary vehicle registration for non-resident vehicles	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11

Friday, January 23

Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 173	Prohibit agency rule-making concerning marijuana	David (Doc) Moore (R) HD 92
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 178	Revise DUI laws	Matthew Monforton (R) HD 69
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 197	Provide for an enhanced sentence for assault on a pregnant woman	Keith Regier (R) HD 4
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 84	Revise claims history considerations in insurance policies	Mary McNally (D) SD 24
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 85	Revise unemployment insurance collections and integrity oversight laws	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 99	Revise insure Montana small business health insurance laws	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42
9:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 123	Generally revise public records laws	Donald W Jones (R) HD 46
3:00 PM	(H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications	472	HB 190	Eliminate certain automatic utility rate adjustments for taxes and fees	Tom Woods (D) HD 62
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HB 202	Allow for optional DUI prevention contribution on vehicle registration form	Bryce Bennett (D) HD 91
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	SB 64	Revise laws governing Montana heritage commission	Jim Keane (D) SD 38
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	SB 74	Revise PERS employer contribution laws for the Montana State University System	Mary Sheehy Moe (D) SD 12
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	SJ 6	Resolution to recognize military service of Montanans	Cliff Larsen (D) SD 47

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) Hearing -- (H) Federal Relations, Energy, & Telecom. 01/12/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
	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."			
HB 145	Revise laws related to livestock loss	2014-15	Mike Cuffe (R) HD 2	(H) Hearing -- (H) Agriculture 01/20/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 137
	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."			
HB 187	Clarify laws pertaining to assignment of road/street addresses	2014-02	Tom Steenberg (D) HD 99	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Gov. 01/20/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING LAWS PERTAINING TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF ROAD AND STREET ADDRESSES; SPECIFYING THAT COUNTIES MAY DESIGNATE STREET NAMES AND ADDRESSES IN UNINCORPORATED AREAS; AMENDING SECTION 7-14-2101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."			
HB 193	Revise board of adjustment appeal process related to county zoning	2012-02	Daniel R Salomon (R) HD 93	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Gov. 01/20/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE PROCESSES FOR APPEALING COUNTY ZONING DECISIONS; PROVIDING THAT A DECISION OF A BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MAY BE APPEALED TO A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND A DECISION BY A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MAY BE APPEALED TO COURT OF RECORD; AMENDING SECTIONS 76-2-226, 76-2-227, AND 76-2-228, MCA."			
SB 111	Clarify wind generation facility impact fee for local governmental units	2014-16	Duane Ankney (R) SD 20	(S) Committee Executive Action—Bill Passed—(S) Energy and Telecommunications
	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."			
SB 119	Clarify eligible voters in certain local government elections	2014-03	Douglas Kary (R) SD 22	(S) Hearing -- (S) Business, Labor, & Economic Affairs 01/20/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 422
	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."			
SB 121	Revise what employment by a PERS retiree is considered active member service	2014-14	Douglas Kary (R) SD 22	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) State Administration
	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."			

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Bill No.	Short Title	Res. No.	Sponsor	Status
LC0770	Generally revise laws applicable to county government	2014-11	Rob Cook (R) HD 18	(C) Draft in Final Drafter Review
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS APPLICABLE TO COUNTY GOVERNMENT; AMENDING THE THRESHOLD FOR CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITS; AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION"; REQUIRING CERTAIN BOARDS, DISTRICTS, AND COMMISSIONS TO RECORD THEIR MINUTES WITH THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER AT NO COST; REQUIRING A PUBLIC LOCATION FOR POSTING COUNTY INFORMATION; ADJUSTING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT TO FILL A VACANCY CREATED BY A NONPARTISAN COMMISSIONER; AMENDING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SETTING CONSOLIDATED OFFICE SALARIES; REQUIRING THAT A PLAN BE ADOPTED FOR A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND; REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT THAT A COUNTY TREASURER MAKE AN ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT TO THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT; AMENDING REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING WHEN A COUNTY MUST SUBMIT INDEBTEDNESS OR LIABILITY TO A VOTE OF THE ELECTORS OF THE COUNTY; REVISING THE ALLOWABLE METHODS OF ASSESSMENT FOR SPECIAL DISTRICTS; REVISING DEADLINES FOR A RESOLUTION LEVYING COSTS IN A LIGHTING DISTRICT; REVISING COUNTY LAND AND ROAD SURVEYOR REQUIREMENTS AND COUNTY ENGINEER REQUIREMENTS; REVISING THE BODY EMPLOYING A WEED COORDINATOR; REVISING THE GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION AND WRITTEN NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR TERMINATION OF A DEPUTY SHERIFF; REPEALING REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING COUNTY TREASURER RECEIPTS; REPEALING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS WITH RESPECT TO INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-7-503, 2-9-101, 7-4-2104, 7-4-2106, 7-4-2312, 7-4-2631, 7-4-2801, 7-6-616, 7-6-2801, 7-7-2101, 7-11-1024, 7-12-2202, 7-14-2606, 7-22-2101, 7-32-2107, 7-32-2108, AND 20-9-212, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 7-6-2116 AND 15-10-203, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."			
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			
LC1974	Extend historic county road or utility right-of-way application dates	2014-12	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3	(C) Draft Request Received
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MACo PRIORITY WATCH LIST

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87	(H) Hearings – (H) Joint Approps. Subcommittees
	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) Hearing -- (H) Joint Approps. Subcomm. on Long-Range Planning 01/20/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 317B
	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."		

MACo PRIORITY WATCH LIST (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
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."		
HB 47	Appropriate money for youth crisis diversion pilot projects	Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D) HD 42	(H) Hearing -- (H) Approps. 01/13/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
	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."		

MACo PRIORITY WATCH LIST (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 62	Revise penalty for unauthorized use of state trust lands	Virginia Court (D) HD 50	(H) Hearing -- (H) Nat. Resources 01/12/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
	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) Committee Report— Bill Passed as Amended— (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."		
HB 84	Generally revise election laws	Bryce Bennett (D) HD 91	(H) Hearing – (H) State Admin. 01/16/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 455
	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, 7-1-212, 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, 7-13-2208, 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."		

MACo PRIORITY WATCH LIST (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 85	Revise the administration and tax qualification laws of the TRS	Tom Woods (D) HD 62	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/15/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 455
	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."		
HB 100	Generally revise laws relating to the public safety officer training council	Frank Garner (R) HD 7	(H) Committee Report— Bill Passed—(H) Judiciary
	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."		
HB 101	Generally revise administrative laws of the MPERA retirement systems	Tom Steenberg (D) HD 99	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/14/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 455
	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) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/13/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 455
	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) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
	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."		

MACo PRIORITY WATCH LIST (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 123	Generally revise public records laws	Donald W Jones (R) HD 46	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/23/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 455
	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) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/20/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 455
	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."		
HB 142	Generally revise laws related to peace officer status for investigators	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 01/14/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
	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."		
HB 155	Provide for the development of a digital archives plan	Moffie Funk (D) HD 82	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/20/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 455
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE STATE ARCHIVIST TO DEVELOP A DIGITAL ARCHIVES; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR THE PURPOSE OF HIRING A CONSULTANT TO DEVELOP A DIGITAL ARCHIVES PLAN; AMENDING SECTION 22-3-203, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 168	Define combined appropriation for exempt wells in certain cases	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) HD 20	(H) Hearing -- (H) Natural Resources 01/14/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING THE APPLICABILITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION'S DEFINITION OF "COMBINED APPROPRIATION" FOR WATER RIGHT PERMIT EXCEPTIONS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND PROVIDING RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 213	Revise business equipment tax laws	Mike Miller (R) HD 80	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Taxation
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE CLASS EIGHT BUSINESS EQUIPMENT TAX EXEMPTION; AMENDING SECTION 15-6-138, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 216	Expand use of treasure state endowment funds	Zac Perry (D) HD 3	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE USE OF THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT FUND; EXPANDING THE USE OF THE FUND TO INCLUDE RAILROAD QUIET ZONES; AMENDING SECTION 90-6-701, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		

MACo PRIORITY WATCH LIST (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 220	Revise recall provision laws for local and district elected officials	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING RECALL LAWS; ALLOWING ELECTED OFFICIALS OF STATE-DISTRICTS OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS TO BE RECALLED FOR ANY REASON; AMENDING SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS FOR RECALL ELECTIONS; REVISING DEFINITIONS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 2-16-602, 2-16-603, AND 2-16-614, MCA."		
HB 223	Revise cost of death certificates and use for funding board of funeral service	Christy Clark (R) HD 17	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Business and Labor
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING DEATH CERTIFICATE FEES AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR USE AS A FUNDING SOURCE FOR THE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-4-2631 AND 50-15-111, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 226	Revise oil and gas laws related to the oil and gas damage mitigation account	Tom Richmond (R) HD 56	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Federal Relations, Energy, & Telecomm.
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO FUNDING OF OIL AND GAS RECLAMATION PROJECTS; DECREASING FUNDS FOR RECLAMATION AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS; INCREASING FUNDS FOR OIL AND GAS DAMAGE MITIGATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-38-202, 82-11-161, AND 90-2-1113, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
SB 5	Establish all-hazard incident management teams and provide funding authority	Jonathan Windy Boy (D) SD 16	(S) Transmitted to House
	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) Transmitted to House
	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) Hearing -- (S) State Admin. 01/14/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
	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) Hearing -- (S) Bus., Labor, & Econ. Affairs 01/22/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 422
	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) Hearing -- (S) Ag, Livestock & Irrigation 01/15/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
	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 103	Provide presumptive disease coverage for paid firefighters	Mary Caferro (D) SD 41	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Bus., Labor, & Econ. 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."		

MACo PRIORITY WATCH LIST (CONCLUDED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 124	Require certain boards to record and publish meetings in video or audio format	Dee Brown (R) SD 2	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Admin. 01/19/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION LAWS; REQUIRING THE BOARD OF INVESTMENTS, THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD, THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT BOARD, THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION, AND THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO RECORD THEIR PUBLIC MEETINGS IN AUDIO OR VIDEO FORMATS; REQUIRING PUBLICATION OF THE AUDIO OR VIDEO RECORDINGS ON THE INTERNET OR VIA BROADCAST TELEVISION WITHIN 24 HOURS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
SB 140	Revise budget and expenditure comparison laws	Llew Jones (R) SD 9	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Finance and Claims
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE METHODOLOGY FOR BUDGET COMPARISONS; PROVIDING A METHODOLOGY FOR EXPENDITURE COMPARISONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 17-7-150 AND 17-7-151, MCA; AND PROVIDING A TERMINATION DATE."		
SB 145	Revise allocation of oil and gas revenue for oil and natural gas impact projects	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Finance and Claims
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF REVENUE FROM OIL AND NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION TAXES AND USING THE PROCEEDS FOR OIL AND NATURAL GAS IMPACT PROJECTS; DEFINING "OIL AND GAS IMPACT PROJECTS"; ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES FOR OIL AND GAS IMPACT PROJECT PROPOSALS FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; PROVIDING FOR REVIEW OF OIL AND GAS IMPACT PROJECT PROPOSALS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; CREATING AN OIL AND NATURAL GAS IMPACT RELIEF ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTION 15-36-331, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		

MACo WATCH LIST

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) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/09/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 25	Revise laws relating to housing for offenders	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) HD 51	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 01/15/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 31	Revise school finance laws	Kathy Kelker (D) HD 47	(H) Committee Report--Bill Passed -- (H) Education
HB 41	Revise tax appeal laws	Chuck Hunter (D) HD 83	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 01/14/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 45	Prohibit genetic information discrimination in all insurance	Jessica Karjala (D) HD 48	(H) Hearing -- (H) Business and Labor 01/20/2015; 8:30 AM, Rm 172
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) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 01/08/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 59	Increase university system supplemental contribution to TRS	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/13/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 62	Revise penalty for unauthorized use of state trust lands	Virginia Court (D) HD 50	(H) Hearing -- (H) Natural Resources 01/12/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
HB 65	State treasurer to receive local government fees for audits and reviews	Moffie Funk (D) HD 82	(H) Committee Report--Bill Passed -- (H) Local Government

MACo WATCH LIST (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
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) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
HB 76	Expand election day to voting days	Janet Ellis (D) HD 81	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/09/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 78	Clarify vehicle owner's privacy rights for event data recorders	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76	(H) Hearing -- (H) Business and Labor 01/08/2015; 8:30 AM, Rm 172
HB 86	Revising the date absentee ballots are available in certain elections	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/22/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 88	Generally revise laws related to sex offender registration	Sarah Laszloffy (R) HD 53	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 01/09/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 89	Generally revise human trafficking laws	Kimberly Dudik (D) HD 94	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 02/02/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 90	Revise workers' compensation laws	Andrea Olsen (D) HD 100	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 93	Increase ground water investigation program funding	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) HD 20	(H) Hearing -- (H) Approps. 01/13/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 95	Generally revise public adjuster laws	Kelly McCarthy (D) HD 49	(H) Committee Report— Bill Passed as Amended— (H) Business and Labor
HB 97	Authorize alternative contracting process	Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D) HD 73	(H) Hearing -- (H) Transportation 01/16/2015; 2:00 PM, Rm 455
HB 99	Revise fuel tax laws	Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D) HD 73	(H) Hearing -- (H) Transportation 01/14/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
HB 103	Revise duties of state auditor office related to insurance and securities laws	Zach Brown (D) HD 63	(H) Hearing -- (H) Business and Labor 01/20/2015; 8:30 AM, Rm 172
HB 104	Increase price of license plates issued by MDOT for certain vehicles/trailers,	Jennifer Eck (D) HD 79	(H) Hearing -- (H) Transportation 01/14/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
HB 106	Revise laws related to police horses	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) HD 51	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 01/12/2015; 9:30 AM, Rm 137
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) Hearing -- (H) Business and Labor 01/21/2015; 8:30 AM, Rm 172
HB 125	Revise term related to government accounting standards	Kathy Swanson (D) HD 77	(H) Committee Report— Bill Passed—(H) State Admin.
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) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 01/13/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 131	Revise election reporting period requirements	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/22/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 132	Authorize disbursement of unspent funds for DUI taskforce	Frank Garner (R) HD 7	(H) Hearing -- (H) Transportation 01/21/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
HB 133	Authorize the public defender to award fixed-fee contracts	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) HD 51	(H) Taken from Table in Committee -- (H) Judiciary
HB 134	Prohibit a youth from being transferred to adult supervision without a felony	Jennifer Eck (D) HD 79	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
HB 137	Address homeless prevention for people under dept. of corrections supervision	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 01/21/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 138	Consider housing needs in discharge plans from mental health facilities	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90	(H) Hearing -- (H) Human Services 01/12/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
HB 150	Generally revise fish, wildlife, and parks, laws related to penalties	Kelly Flynn (R) HD 70	(H) Hearing -- (H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks 01/13/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 152

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 153	Repeal tax abatements for gray water systems	Roy Hollandsworth (R) HD 27	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 01/14/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 156	Revise tax laws related to pollution control equipment	Mike Miller (R) HD 80	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Taxation
HB 159	Provide for property tax relief for seniors	Frank Garner (R) HD 7	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 01/20/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 164	Generally revise laws to expedite recovery of trustee sale surplus funds	Nicholas Schwaderer (R) HD 14	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Gov. 01/22/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
HB 170	Revise definition of compensation in police retirement system	David (Doc) Moore (R) HD 92	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/15/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 172	Revise delinquent tax laws related to sale of tax lien	David (Doc) Moore (R) HD 92	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Gov. 01/20/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
HB 173	Prohibit agency rule-making concerning marijuana	David (Doc) Moore (R) HD 92	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 01/23/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 174	Require election of city court judges	Dale Mortensen (R) HD 44	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 01/29/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 177	Generally revise private air ambulance laws	David (Doc) Moore (R) HD 92	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Business and Labor
HB 180	Revise regional water laws	Bridget Smith (D) HD 31	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 182	Require that zoning be adopted before use of land can be regulated	Forrest Mandeville (R) HD 57	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Gov. 01/13/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
HB 183	Revise annexation laws related to parks	Forrest Mandeville (R) HD 57	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Gov. 01/13/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
HB 185	Revise driver license fee allocations to increase traffic educ. account funding	Jean Price (D) HD 24	(H) Hearing -- (H) Education 01/19/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 137
HB 191	Revise laws governing investigations of abuse at Montana state hospital	Jennifer Eck (D) HD 79	(H) Hearing -- (H) Human Services 01/14/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
HB 194	Revise bison laws	Alan Redfield (R) HD 59	(H) Hearing -- (H) Agriculture 01/20/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 137
HB 195	Revise pretrial diversion laws	Nate McConnell (D) HD 89	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 01/16/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 204	Revising laws relating to liability waivers and releases	Greg Hertz (R) HD 12	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 01/21/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 205	Revise fees charged for alcohol license	David (Doc) Moore (R) HD 92	(H) Hearing -- (H) Bus. & Labor 01/21/2015; 8:30 AM, Rm 172
HB 207	Prohibiting disclosure of media info from electronic communications services	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 01/22/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 209	Revise laws related to designation of an agent to assist an elector	Casey Schreiner (D) HD 25	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
HB 210	Revise specialty assault laws	Kirk Wagoner (R) HD 75	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
HB 211	Require POW/MIA flag be displayed at certain times and places	Kirk Wagoner (R) HD 75	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
HB 214	Generally revise boating laws related to DUI offenses	David (Doc) Moore (R) HD 92	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
HB 217	Exempt certain amateur radio equipment from property tax	Tom Richmond (R) HD 56	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Taxation
HB 222	Revise laws related to oversize loads	Roy Hollandsworth (R) HD 27	(H) Hearing -- (H) Transportation 01/21/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
HB 224	Generally revise building code program laws	Zac Perry (D) HD 3	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Gov. 01/22/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
HB 228	Increase coal board funding until June 30, 2019	Tom Berry (R) HD 40	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Taxation
HB 229	Generally revise laws related to temporary road blocks	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45	(H) Hearing -- (H) Transportation 01/21/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
HB 230	Repeal Community Renewable Energy Project requirements	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications
HB 231	Revise information technology laws	Pat Noonan (D) HD 74	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration

MACo WATCH LIST (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HR 1	House Rules Resolution	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54	(H) Filed with Secretary of State
SB 2	Raise state minimum wage	Jonathan Windy Boy (D) SD 16	(S) Hearing – (S) Bus., Labor, & Econ. Affairs 01/21/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 422
SB 3	Revise workers' comp impairment level for vocational rehabilitation benefits	Tom Facey (D) SD 50	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Bus., Labor, & Econ. Affairs
SB 9	Allow sharing of certain health care information with law enforcement	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety
SB 15	Clarify laws relating to the call of a retired judge or justice	Nels Swandal (R) SD 30	(S) Transmitted to House
SB 17	Revise laws related to the agricultural land valuation advisory committee	Dick Barrett (D) SD 45	(S) 2nd Reading Indefinitely Postponed*
SB 19	Revise livestock special deputy fund laws	Rick Ripley (R) SD 10	(S) Committee Report— Bill Passed— (S) Agriculture, Livestock and 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) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 01/14/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 37	Revise laws for filing of exempt water right claims	Jennifer Fielder (R) SD 7	(S) Hearing – (S) Natural Resources 01/19/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 422
SB 44	Authorize county regulation of fireworks	John Brenden (R) SD 17	(S) Hearing -- (S) Local Gov. 01/12/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
SB 47	Increase assessments on owners of classified forest land	JP Pomnichowski (D) SD 33	(S) Hearing – (S) Natural Resources 01/14/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 303
SB 54	Authorize public disclosure of real estate sale prices for tax appraisals	Dick Barrett (D) SD 45	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation 01/20/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 405
SB 55	Revise traumatic brain injury contribution on vehicle registration to opt-out	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 01/21/2015; 9:00 A.M., Rm 303
SB 65	Code Commissioner Bill	Robyn Driscoll (D) SD 25	(S) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
SB 69	Authorize sign placement as a campaign practice consideration	Pat Connell (R) SD 43	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Admin. 01/14/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
SB 72	Allowing political party endorsements and expenditures in judicial races	Taylor Brown (R) SD 28	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Admin. 01/14/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
SB 73	Revise U.S. Senate vacancy laws	Tom Facey (D) SD 50	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Admin. 01/21/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
SB 74	Revise PERS employer contribution laws for the Montana State University System	Mary Sheehy Moe (D) SD 12	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Admin. 01/23/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
SB 82	Expand water policy interim committee duties	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15	(S) Hearing – (S) Natural Resources 01/12/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 303
SB 83	Adopt health insurance appeals/external review laws of NAIC	Christine Kaufmann (D) SD 40	(S) Hearing – (S) Bus., Labor, & Econ. Affairs 01/22/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 422
SB 84	Revise claims history considerations in insurance policies	Mary McNally (D) SD 24	(S) Hearing – (S) Bus., Labor, & Econ. Affairs 01/23/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 422
SB 88	Establish contracting laws for conservation districts	John Brenden (R) SD 17	(S) Hearing – (S) Natural Resources 01/12/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 303
SB 90	Revise penalties eliminating jail time for certain misdemeanors	Nels Swandal (R) SD 30	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 01/16/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 91	Revising laws related to reciprocal tax collection	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation 01/14/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 405
SB 92	Revise administration of taxes	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation 01/13/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 405
SB 109	Revise laws related to asset forfeiture	Nels Swandal (R) SD 30	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 01/15/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 110	Create temporary vehicle registration for non-resident vehicles	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11	(S) Hearing – (S) Highways and Transportation 01/22/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405

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SB 113	Generally revise Montana board of investment laws	Jon C Sesso (D) SD 37	(S) Hearing -- (S) Local Gov. 01/19/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
SB 115	Generally revise laws related to boarding animals subject to court proceedings	Tom Facey (D) SD 50	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 01/20/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 118	Clarify water right not abandoned if conveyance disrupted	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Natural Resources
SB 123	Revising the regulatory authority over the Montana state fund	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3	(S) Hearing – (S) Bus., Labor, & Econ. Affairs 01/21/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 422
SB 139	Revise jury selection laws	Diane Sands (D) SD 49	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 01/20/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 142	Revise laws related to health care options for patients with terminal illnesses	Cary Smith (R) SD 27	(S) Hearing -- (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety 01/21/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 317
SB 147	Provide income tax credit for volunteer fire fighters and emergency personnel	David Howard (R) SD 29	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation 01/22/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 405
SB 148	Provide for the welfare fraud prevention act	Cary Smith (R) SD 27	(S) Hearing -- (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety 01/21/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 317
SB 150	Revise USB laws	Jonathan Windy Boy (D) SD 16	(S) Hearing – (S) Energy & Telecommunications 01/20/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 317
SJ 1	Joint Rules Resolution	Matthew M Rosendale (R) SD 18	(H) Hearing -- (H) Rules 01/19/2015; 11:00 AM, Rm 472
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) Hearing – (S) Natural Resources 01/19/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 422

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