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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 26					
Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	(H) Joint Approps. Subcomm. on Long-Range Planning	317A	HB 5	Provide for infrastructure development	Jeffrey W Welborn (R) HD 72
9:00 AM	(H) Joint Approps. Subcomm. on Gen. Gov.	350	HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87
9:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 227	Adopting 2008 uniform interstate family support act	Kimberly Dudik (D) HD 94
9:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 232	Generally revise laws related to identity theft	Kimberly Dudik (D) HD 94
9:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 261	Revise laws regarding clerk of court fees for transmitting records	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76
10:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 132	Requiring insurers to provide disclosure for aftermarket motor vehicle parts	Gordon Vance (R) SD 34
10:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 135	Extend overtime exemption to certain air carrier employees	Tom Facey (D) SD 50
10:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 41	Revise secretary of state business services laws	Tom Facey (D) SD 50
10:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 53	Revise credit union laws regarding directors and operations	Dick Barrett (D) SD 45
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 196	Gen. revise laws related to tribal colleges & other comm. colleges	Susan Webber (D) HD 16
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 248	Revise contracting laws for community colleges	Kenneth Holmlund (R) HD 38
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 303	Revise laws related to recall petitions for school board members	Willis Curdy (D) HD 98
3:00 PM	(H) Federal Relations, Energy, & Telecomm.	472	HB 226	Revise oil & gas laws related to the oil & gas damage mitigation account	Tom Richmond (R) HD 56
3:00 PM	(H) Federal Relations, Energy, & Telecomm.	472	HB 230	Repeal Community Renewable Energy Project requirements	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	HB 256	Revise laws to provide checks and balances for expanding affordable care act	Matthew Monforton (R) HD 69
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	HB 257	Declaration of policy regarding foster parents and foster children	Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D) HD 73
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HB 241	Clarify definition of commercial motor vehicle for emergency vehicles	Tom Berry (R) HD 40
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HB 242	Revise notification requirements when a vehicle is involved in an accident	Kerry White (R) HD 64
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HB 246	Revise laws related to deposit of oversize load fee revenue	Zac Perry (D) HD 3
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	SB 130	Generally revise Montana home guard laws	Roger Webb (R) SD 23
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	SB 146	Revise commissioner of political practices laws	Sue Malek (D) SD 46
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	SB 151	Strike requirement to file campaign reports with election administrators	Douglas (Doug) Kary (R) SD 22
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	303	SB 112	Require TMDL development for certain water bodies	Duane Ankney (R) SD 20
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	303	SB 159	Revise water standards for E. Montana tributaries	Duane Ankney (R) SD 20
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	303	SB 160	Add definitions for natural condition of stream	Duane Ankney (R) SD 20

Tuesday, January 27

Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 160	Prohibit exploding targets on state owned or administered lands	Willis Curdy (D) HD 98
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 203	Prohibit enforcement of new federal gun laws	Art Wittich (R) HD 68
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 208	Revise pawnbroker register requirements	David (Doc) Moore (R) HD 92
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 250	Clarifying use of suppressed firearms to hunt certain wildlife is allowed	Kirk Wagoner (R) HD 75
8:00 AM	(S) Taxation	405	SB 157	Generally revise tax reappraisal laws	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 258	Authorize benefits corporations	Kathleen Williams (D) HD 61
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 259	Revise reqts. regarding vehicle titles & auto dealers, wholesalers, auctions	David (Doc) Moore (R) HD 92
9:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 209	Revise laws related to designation of an agent to assist an elector	Casey Schreiner (D) HD 25
9:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 211	Require POW/MIA flag be displayed at certain times and places	Kirk Wagoner (R) HD 75
9:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	HB 151	Exempt hunters from paying the bed tax	Mike Miller (R) HD 80
9:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	HB 201	Lower state property tax mills	Keith Regier (R) HD 4
9:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	HB 217	Exempt certain amateur radio equipment from property tax	Tom Richmond (R) HD 56
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 131	Revise concealed weapon renewal laws	Douglas (Doug) Kary (R) SD 22
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 165	Increase penalty for failure to comply with Montana's seat belt laws	Dick Barrett (D) SD 45
3:00 PM	(H) Agriculture	137	HB 179	Revise farm animal and research facility protection laws	Theresa Manzella (R) HD 85
3:00 PM	(H) Appropriations	102	HB 233	Generally revising juvenile delinquency laws	Mitch Tropila (D) HD 26
3:00 PM	(H) Appropriations	102	HB 244	Fund litigation protecting Montana products in interstate commerce	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54
3:00 PM	(H) Appropriations	102	HB 301	Native American Gap Financing Revolving Loan Program	Rae Peppers (D) HD 41
3:00 PM	(H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks	152	HB 140	Revise laws related to hunting and fishing licenses	Jeffrey W Welborn (R) HD 72
3:00 PM	(H) Local Government	172	HB 293	Post bill of rights in public buildings	Bob Brown (R) HD 13
3:00 PM	(H) Local Government	172	HB 302	Revise burden of proof laws related to subdivisions	Forrest Mandeville (R) HD 57
3:00 PM	(S) Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation	335	HB 108	Revise noxious weed budget laws	Daniel R Salomon (R) HD 93
3:00 PM	(S) Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation	335	HB 109	Allow department of agriculture to provide plant sampling services	Daniel R Salomon (R) HD 93
3:00 PM	(S) Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation	335	SB 183	Revise milk licensing assessments	Taylor Brown (R) SD 28
3:00 PM	(S) Energy and Telecommunications	317	SB 182	Provide for neighborhood net metering	Mike Phillips (D) SD 31
3:00 PM	(S) Fish and Game	422	HB 82	Allow development of boat dock on Wild Horse Island	Greg Hertz (R) HD 12
3:00 PM	(S) Highways and Transportation	405	SB 184	Allow for display of electronic proof of motor vehicle insurance	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42

Wednesday, January 28

Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 186	Revise laws related to protecting victims of sexual offenses	Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D) HD 42
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 210	Revise specialty assault laws	Kirk Wagoner (R) HD 75
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 214	Generally revise boating laws related to DUI offenses	David (Doc) Moore (R) HD 92
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 152	Extend sunset for outfitter assistants laws	Cary Smith (R) SD 27
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 22	Revise social work, professional counselor, marriage and family therapist laws	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42
8:00 AM	(S) Taxation	405	SB 170	Redefine joint income tax filing status and terminology	Dick Barrett (D) SD 45
8:00 AM	(S) Taxation	405	SB 175	Revise tax credit for temporary emergency lodging	Cynthia Wolken (D) SD 48
8:00 AM	(S) Taxation	405	SB 180	Revise the disposition of rental car sales tax	Brian Hoven (R) SD 13
8:30 AM	(H) Taxation	152	HB 213	Revise business equipment tax laws	Mike Miller (R) HD 80
9:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 220	Revise recall provision laws for local and district elected officials	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54
9:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 48	Establish on-line voter registration	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39
9:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 70	Revise vote by mail laws	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 185	Establish a state web page of convicted embezzlement names	Douglas (Doug) Kary (R) SD 22
3:00 PM	(H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications	472	HB 252	Revise laws related to the uses of the research and commercialization account	Kelly McCarthy (D) HD 49
3:00 PM	(H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications	472	HB 253	Revise laws related to oil and gas development	Virginia Court (D) HD 50
3:00 PM	(H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications	472	SB 11	Revise universal system benefits laws to exempt small electric utilities	Jim Keane (D) SD 38
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	HB 245	Revise laws related to raw milk	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87
3:00 PM	(H) Natural Resources	172	HB 270	Generally revise water discharge laws regarding nutrients	Tom Richmond (R) HD 56
3:00 PM	(H) Natural Resources	172	SB 58	Revise public notice for certain water rights	Pat Connell (R) SD 43
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HB 275	Revise fuel tax revenue to fund maintenance and public transportation	Nancy Wilson (D) HD 95
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HB 280	Generally revise laws on bicycles	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	303	SB 172	Revise laws related to oil and gas development	Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D) SD 21
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	303	SB 173	Revise laws related to oil and gas development	Christine Kaufmann (D) SD 40
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	303	SB 177	Revise laws related to oil and gas development	Mary McNally (D) SD 24
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	HB 64	Adopting the most recent federal laws applicable to the National Guard	Susan Webber (D) HD 16
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	SB 168	Providing academic protections for students called to active duty	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11

Thursday, January 29

Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 219	Geographic restrictions for sex offenders	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 255	Referendum regarding disqualification of judges receiving certain contributions	Matthew Monforton (R) HD 69
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 272	Adoption of the uniform collaborative law act	Elie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	SB 15	Clarify laws relating to the call of a retired judge or justice	Nels Swandal (R) SD 30
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 103	Provide presumptive disease coverage for paid firefighters	Mary Caferro (D) SD 41
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 149	Authorize direct primary care provider plans	Matthew M Rosendale (R) SD 18
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 163	Generally revise economic development laws	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 223	Revise cost of death certificates and use for funding board of funeral service	Christy Clark (R) HD 17
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 225	Revise and update funeral trust banking laws	Vince Ricci (R) HD 55
9:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 231	Revise information technology laws	Pat Noonan (D) HD 74
9:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 236	Require plain language in public documents	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84
9:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	HB 156	Revise tax laws related to pollution control equipment	Mike Miller (R) HD 80
9:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	SB 18	Revising the time frame for the calculation of the entitlement share growth rate	Dick Barrett (D) SD 45
9:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	SB 33	Revise certain reports to RTIC from annual to biennial	Janna Taylor (R) SD 6
9:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	SB 51	Require sharing of debt offset and collection information	Dick Barrett (D) SD 45
3:00 PM	(H) Agriculture	137	HB 206	Revise grass commission laws	Mike Lang (R) HD 33
3:00 PM	(H) Agriculture	137	HB 260	Revise laws for payment of costs associated with irrigation district petitions	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76
3:00 PM	(H) Agriculture	137	HB 265	Allow use of alfalfa seed assessments for leaf-cutting bee program	Scott Staffanson (R) HD 35
3:00 PM	(H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks	152	HB 263	Remove Madison buffalo jump state park from primitive parks listing	Matthew Monforton (R) HD 69
3:00 PM	(H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks	152	HB 268	Create a block management stamp program	Kelly Flynn (R) HD 70
3:00 PM	(H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks	152	HB 269	Revise hunting access enhancement program laws and provide funding	Tom Jacobson (D) HD 21
3:00 PM	(H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks	152	SB 46	Authorize electronic signatures for hunting and fishing licenses	JP Pomnichowski (D) SD 33
3:00 PM	(S) Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation	335	HB 105	Authorize Ag Department to provide and set fees for analytical lab services	Tom Woods (D) HD 62
3:00 PM	(S) Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation	335	HB 91	Standardize per diem for all agricultural boards and committees	Christy Clark (R) HD 17

Friday, January 30

Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 274	Regulating arrests, searches, and seizures by federal law enforcement	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 282	Repeal statutory prohibitions regarding same sex marriage	Bryce Bennett (D) HD 91
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 129	Allow for establishment of recovery centers for certain health care services	Roger Webb (R) SD 23
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 158	Provide for pay check fairness laws	Diane Sands (D) SD 49
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 174	Revise laws related to funds managed by cemetery association trustees	Mary Sheehy Moe (D) SD 12
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 273	Revise liquor laws	Vince Ricci (R) HD 55
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 179	Prohibit discrimination of gender identity/expression and sexual orientation	Christine Kaufmann (D) SD 40
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	HB 271	Revise laws regarding physician dispensing of prescription medication	Albert Olszewski (R) HD 11
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	HB 73	Revise requirements related to release of patient immunization information	Casey Schreiner (D) HD 25
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	SB 5	Establish all-hazard incident management teams and provide funding authority	Jonathan Windy Boy (D) SD 16
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HB 267	Generally revise laws related to motor carriers	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90

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) Transmitted to Senate
	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	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Federal Relations, 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."			

MACo RESOLUTIONS & INTRODUCED LEGISLATION (CONTINUED)

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 Ready for Delivery
	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 On Hold
	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 in Legal Review
	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) 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 01/26/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 317A
	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."		

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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) Rereferred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
	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."		

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 62	Revise penalty for unauthorized use of state trust lands	Virginia Court (D) HD 50	(H) Tabled in 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) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/28/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 455
	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	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) 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	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) State Administration
	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, 7-7-2237, 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."		

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	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Public Health, Welfare & Safety
	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	(S) Hearing -- (S) Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation 01/27/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
	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."		

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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) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
	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) Tabled in 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."		
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) Transmitted to Senate
	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 190	Eliminate certain automatic utility rate adjustments for taxes and fees	Tom Woods (D) HD 62	(H) Hearing -- (H) Federal Relations, Energy, & Telecomm. 01/23/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ELIMINATING AUTOMATIC UTILITY RATE ADJUSTMENT AND TRACKING FOR TAXES AND FEES; ALLOWING A UTILITY TO DISCLOSE TAXES AND FEES; AMENDING SECTIONS 69-3-302 AND 69-3-303, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 69-3-308, MCA; AND PROVIDING A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE."		
HB 213	Revise business equipment tax laws	Mike Miller (R) HD 80	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 01/28/2015; 8:30 AM, Rm 152
	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."		

MACo PRIORITY WATCH LIST (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 216	Expand use of treasure state endowment funds	Zac Perry (D) HD 3	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/27/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 455
	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."		
HB 220	Revise recall provision laws for local and district elected officials	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/27/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 455
	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) Hearing -- (H) Business and Labor 01/29/2015; 8:30 AM, Rm 172
	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) Hearing -- (H) Federal Relations, Energy, & Telecomm. 01/26/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
	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."		
HB 235	Revise disposition of metalliferous mines license tax	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Taxation
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING DISPOSITION OF THE METALLIFEROUS MINES LICENSE TAX; AND AMENDING SECTION 15-37-117, MCA."		
HB 249	Create Healthy Montana Act to expand health care coverage to certain Montanans	Pat Noonan (D) HD 74	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Human Services
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING THE HEALTHY MONTANA ACT TO EXPAND HEALTH CARE COVERAGE TO ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS AND IMPROVE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES; ESTABLISHING A HEALTH CARE COVERAGE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE CERTAIN LOW-INCOME MONTANANS WITH ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES USING MEDICAID FUNDS AND AN ARRANGEMENT WITH A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR; IMPLEMENTING CERTAIN MEDICAID REFORMS; PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR HEALTH CARE DELIVERY ACROSS MONTANA; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; PROVIDING A STATUTORY APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTION 17-7-502, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES."		
HB 256	Revise laws to provide checks and balances for expanding affordable care act	Matthew Monforton (R) HD 69	(H) Hearing -- (H) Human Services 01/26/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL TO EXPAND MEDICAID OR ESTABLISH A HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE AS ALLOWED UNDER THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT; AMENDING SECTIONS 33-1-311, 33-1-409, AND 53-6-101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 274	Regulating arrests, searches, and seizures by federal law enforcement	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 01/30/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS REGARDING COOPERATION AND COMMUNICATION BETWEEN FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND COUNTY SHERIFFS; REGULATING ARRESTS, SEARCHES, AND SEIZURES BY FEDERAL EMPLOYEES; REQUIRING FEDERAL EMPLOYEES TO OBTAIN A COUNTY SHERIFF'S PERMISSION TO ARREST, SEARCH, AND SEIZE; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR PROSECUTION OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES FOR VIOLATIONS; REJECTING FEDERAL LAWS PURPORTING TO GIVE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES THE AUTHORITY OF A COUNTY SHERIFF; PROVIDING THAT THE COUNTY SHERIFF IS THE CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE COUNTY; AMENDING SECTION 7-32-2121, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 275	Revise fuel tax revenue to fund maintenance and public transportation	Nancy Wilson (D) HD 95	(H) Hearing -- (H) Transportation 01/28/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE GASOLINE LICENSE TAX TO IMPROVE THE OPERATION OF PUBLIC HIGHWAYS, STREETS, AND ROADS BY FUNDING IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNTY ROADS, CITY STREETS, AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION; ALLOCATING GASOLINE LICENSE TAX REVENUE FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF COUNTY ROADS AND CITY STREETS AND FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 15-70-204 AND 60-3-202, MCA."		

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 289	Revise zoning requirements for economic development districts	Edward Greef (R) HD 88	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Local Government
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING ZONING REQUIREMENTS FOR TARGETED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS; ALLOWING PROVISIONS ADOPTED THROUGH ZONING BY PETITION TO FULFILL THE ZONING REQUIREMENTS FOR CREATION OF A TARGETED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; AND AMENDING SECTION 7-15-4279, MCA."		
HJ 6	Resolution to reduce Montana's dependence on federal funds	Tom Burnett (R) HD 67	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
	A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA ASSESSING THE RISKS FROM ANY POTENTIAL REDUCTIONS OF FEDERAL FUNDS TO THE STATE OF MONTANA AND ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS AND URGING POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS ACROSS THE STATE TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT MEASURES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.		
SB 5	Establish all-hazard incident management teams and provide funding authority	Jonathan Windy Boy (D) SD 16	(H) Hearing -- (H) Human Services 01/30/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
	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) Committee Report--Bill Passed as Amended -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic 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) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
	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) Hearing -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 01/29/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 422
	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."		
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."		

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 140	Revise budget and expenditure comparison laws	Llew Jones (R) SD 9	(S) Hearing – (S) Finance and Claims 01/22/2015; 1:30 PM, Rm 303
	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) Hearing – (S) Finance and Claims 01/22/2015; 1:30 PM, Rm 303
	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."		

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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) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) State Administration
HB 25	Revise laws relating to housing for offenders	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) HD 51	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
HB 31	Revise school finance laws	Kathy Kelker (D) HD 47	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Education and Cultural Resources
HB 41	Revise tax appeal laws	Chuck Hunter (D) HD 83	(H) Transmitted to Senate
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) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/28/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 56	Revising subdivision classifications for Ag land valuation	Kerry White (R) HD 64	(H) Committee Report— Bill Passed as Amended— (H) Taxation
HB 59	Increase university system supplemental contribution to TRS	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) State Administration
HB 62	Revise penalty for unauthorized use of state trust lands	Virginia Court (D) HD 50	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Natural Resources
HB 65	State treasurer to receive local government fees for audits and reviews	Moffie Funk (D) HD 82	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Local Government
HB 69	Update training requirements for election administrators	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/23/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 75	Authorize creation of sex assault prosecution unit in AG's office	Stephanie Hess (R) HD 28	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Judiciary
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

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
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) Committee Executive Action-Bill Passed as Amended – (H) Judiciary
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	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Natural Resources
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	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs
HB 97	Authorize alternative contracting process	Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D) HD 73	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 99	Revise fuel tax laws	Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D) HD 73	(H) 3rd Reading Passed
HB 103	Revise duties of state auditor office related to insurance and securities laws	Zach Brown (D) HD 63	(H) 3rd Reading Passed
HB 104	Increase price of license plates issued by MDOT for certain vehicles/trailers,	Jennifer Eck (D) HD 79	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 106	Revise laws related to police horses	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) HD 51	(H) Tabled in 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) 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	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Finance and Claims
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) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
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) Committee Report--Bill Passed as Amended -- (H) Judiciary
HB 134	Prohibit a youth from being transferred to adult supervision without a felony	Jennifer Eck (D) HD 79	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Judiciary
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
HB 153	Repeal tax abatements for gray water systems	Roy Hollandsworth (R) HD 27	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Taxation
HB 156	Revise tax laws related to pollution control equipment	Mike Miller (R) HD 80	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 01/29/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 152
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

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
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) Bill Withdrawn per House Rule H30-50(3)(b)* -- (H) Judiciary
HB 177	Generally revise private air ambulance laws	David (Doc) Moore (R) HD 92	(H) Hearing -- (H) Business and Labor 01/22/2015; 8:30 AM, Rm 172
HB 180	Revise regional water laws	Bridget Smith (D) HD 31	(H) Hearing -- (H) Joint Approps. Subcommittee on Long-Range Planning 01/21/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 317B
HB 182	Require that zoning be adopted before use of land can be regulated	Forrest Mandeville (R) HD 57	(H) Committee Report--Bill Passed -- (H) Local Government
HB 183	Revise annexation laws related to parks	Forrest Mandeville (R) HD 57	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
HB 185	Revise driver license fee allocations to increase traffic educ. account funding	Jean Price (D) HD 24	(H) Committee Report-- Bill Passed as Amended-- (H) Education
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 01/22/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 137
HB 195	Revise pretrial diversion laws	Nate McConnell (D) HD 89	(H) Committee Report-- Bill Passed -- (H) Judiciary
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) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Business and Labor
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) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/27/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 210	Revise specialty assault laws	Kirk Wagoner (R) HD 75	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 01/28/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 211	Require POW/MIA flag be displayed at certain times and places	Kirk Wagoner (R) HD 75	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/27/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 214	Generally revise boating laws related to DUI offenses	David (Doc) Moore (R) HD 92	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 01/28/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 217	Exempt certain amateur radio equipment from property tax	Tom Richmond (R) HD 56	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 01/27/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 152
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) Hearing -- (H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications 01/26/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
HB 231	Revise information technology laws	Pat Noonan (D) HD 74	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/29/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 455

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 235	Revise disposition of metalliferous mines license tax	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Taxation
HB 240	Revise laws related to fee charges for surplus lines property/casualty insurance	Tom Berry (R) HD 40	(H) Hearing -- (H) Business and Labor 01/23/2015; 8:30 AM, Rm 172
HB 241	Clarify definition of commercial motor vehicle for emergency vehicles	Tom Berry (R) HD 40	(H) Hearing -- (H) Transportation 01/26/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
HB 242	Revise notification requirements when a vehicle is involved in an accident	Kerry White (R) HD 64	(H) Hearing -- (H) Transportation 01/26/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
HB 246	Revise laws related to deposit of oversize load fee revenue	Zac Perry (D) HD 3	(H) Hearing -- (H) Transportation 01/26/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
HB 247	Revise when ballots may be prepared for counting	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
HB 260	Revise laws for payment of costs associated with irrigation district petitions	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76	(H) Hearing -- (H) Agriculture 01/29/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 137
HB 261	Revise laws regarding clerk of court fees for transmitting records	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 01/26/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 262	Revise resort tax laws	Kerry White (R) HD 64	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Taxation
HB 264	Require notification of change to retirement plan beneficiary	Virginia Court (D) HD 50	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
HB 267	Generally revise laws related to motor carriers	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90	(H) Hearing -- (H) Transportation 01/30/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
HB 278	Generally revise fish and game laws with respect to unmanned aerial vehicles	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54	(H) Hearing -- (H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks 02/03/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
HB 280	Generally revise laws on bicycles	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54	(H) Hearing -- (H) Transportation 01/28/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
HB 281	Generally revise laws related to game wardens	Dale Mortensen (R) HD 44	(H) Hearing -- (H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks 02/03/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
HB 283	Revise absentee and mail ballot laws	Keith Regier (R) HD 4	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
HB 286	Require roads to remain open during a dispute over legal access	Tom Jacobson (D) HD 21	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
HB 287	Revise residential property tax credit for the elderly	Tom Jacobson (D) HD 21	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Taxation
HB 293	Post bill of rights in public buildings	Bob Brown (R) HD 13	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Gov. 01/27/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
HB 295	Revise law for signage warning drivers of a school bus stop ahead	Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D) HD 42	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Transportation
HB 296	Revise laws regarding mutual aid frequency coordination	Pat Noonan (D) HD 74	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications
HB 297	Prohibit texting and cell phone use while driving	Virginia Court (D) HD 50	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
HB 299	Revise workers' compensation claim penalty laws	Mark Noland (R) HD 10	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Business and Labor
HB 302	Revise burden of proof laws related to subdivisions	Forrest Mandeville (R) HD 57	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Gov. 01/27/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
HB 303	Revise laws related to recall petitions for school board members	Willis Curdy (D) HD 98	(H) Hearing -- (H) Education 01/26/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 137
HJ 5	Study reasonable water use	Clayton Fiscus (R) HD 43	(H) Hearing -- (H) Natural Resources 01/23/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
HR 1	House Rules Resolution	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54	(H) Filed with Secretary of State

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 2	Raise state minimum wage	Jonathan Windy Boy (D) SD 16	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs
SB 3	Revise workers' comp impairment level for vocational rehabilitation benefits	Tom Facey (D) SD 50	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic 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	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 01/29/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
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	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Agriculture
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) Transmitted to House
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) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
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) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Judiciary
SB 65	Code Commissioner Bill	Robyn Driscoll (D) SD 25	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
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) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
SB 83	Adopt health insurance appeals/external review laws of NAIC	Christine Kaufmann (D) SD 40	(S) Hearing -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic 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) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 01/23/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 422
SB 88	Establish contracting laws for conservation districts	John Brenden (R) SD 17	(S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
SB 90	Revise penalties eliminating jail time for certain misdemeanors	Nels Swandal (R) SD 30	(S) Committee Report— Bill Passed as Amended— (S) Judiciary
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) Transmitted to House
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
SB 113	Generally revise Montana board of investment laws	Jon C Sesso (D) SD 37	(S) Transmitted to House
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

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
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) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 01/21/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 422
SB 139	Revise jury selection laws	Diane Sands (D) SD 49	(S) Committee Report— Bill Passed -- (S) Judiciary
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 02/03/2015; 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 and Telecommunications 01/20/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 317
SB 156	Revise tax protest laws	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Taxation
SB 157	Generally revise tax reappraisal laws	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation 01/27/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 405
SB 158	Provide for pay check fairness laws	Diane Sands (D) SD 49	(S) Hearing -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 01/30/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 422
SB 161	Prohibit 457 deferred comp plan from accepting rollovers	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs
SB 174	Revise laws related to funds managed by cemetery association trustees	Mary Sheehy Moe (D) SD 12	(S) Hearing -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 01/30/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 422
SB 178	Revise laws regarding vo-tech mill allocation	Mary Sheehy Moe (D) SD 12	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Education and Cultural Resources
SB 184	Allow for display of electronic proof of motor vehicle insurance	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42	(S) Hearing – (S) Highways and Transportation 01/27/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
SB 187	Generally revise criminal laws	Jennifer Fielder (R) SD 7	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Judiciary
SB 188	Revise liability for forest or range fires	Chas Vincent (R) SD 1	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Natural Resources
SB 190	Revising the legislature's revenue estimating process	Mike Phillips (D) SD 31	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Taxation
SB 194	Revise residential property tax credit for the elderly	Mary Caferro (D) SD 41	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Taxation
SB 197	Revise paid leave/days laws	Mary Caferro (D) SD 41	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs
SB 198	Revise longevity laws for state employees	Mary Caferro (D) SD 41	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Admin. 02/04/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
SB 201	Require evidence of septic pumping within 3 years before sale of real property	Duane Ankney (R) SD 20	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) Natural Resources
SJ 1	Joint Rules Resolution	Matthew M Rosendale (R) SD 18	(S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
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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