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

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MACo & THE MONTANA LEGISLATURE

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

2015 PROJECTED SESSION CALENDAR

As 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, February 9					
Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	(H) Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Long-Range Planning	317A	HB 10	Long-Range Information Technology Appropriations	Kelly McCarthy (D) HD 49
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 358	Generally revise laws related to licensed addiction counselors	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 384	Increase Montana's minimum wage	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	SB 104	Clarify massage therapy licensing requirements	Elsie Arntzen (R) SD 26
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	SB 164	Revise definitions for risks of skiing	Brian Hoven (R) SD 13
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	SB 84	Revise claims history considerations in insurance policies	Mary McNally (D) SD 24
8:30 AM	(H) Joint Approps Subcommittee on Judicial Branch, Law Enforcement, and Justice	335	HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87
9:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 297	Prohibit texting and cell phone use while driving	Virginia Court (D) HD 50
9:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 333	Generally revise laws related to publicly operated cameras	Nicholas Schwaderer (R) HD 14
9:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 344	Generally prohibit governmental use of license plate scanners	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45
9:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 345	Revise privacy laws related to event data recorders and vehicles	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45
10:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	HB 103	Revise duties of state auditor office related to insurance and securities laws	Zach Brown (D) HD 63
10:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 161	Prohibit 457 deferred comp plan from accepting rollovers	Roger Webb (R) SD 23
10:30 AM	(H) Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Long-Range Planning	317A	HB 14	Creating broadband development fund through bonding	Kelly McCarthy (D) HD 49
3:00 PM	(H) Appropriations	102	HB 202	Allow for optional DUI prevention contribution on vehicle registration form	Bryce Bennett (D) HD 91
3:00 PM	(H) Appropriations	102	HB 314	Expand Montana Schools of Promise initiative	Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D) HD 42
3:00 PM	(H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications	472	HB 393	Certify incidental carbon storage	Tom Richmond (R) HD 56
3:00 PM	(H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications	472	HB 401	Revise renewable resource definition	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) HD 20
3:00 PM	(H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications	472	HJ 7	Study next-generation 9-1-1	Tom Steenberg (D) HD 99
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	HB 362	Revise occupational health and safety standards	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	HB 382	Revising terminology relating to mental illness	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	HB 383	Provide for mental and behavioral health screening for public school students	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84
3:00 PM	(H) Natural Resources	172	HB 386	Revise laws on sale to or exchange of park land with public entities	Zach Brown (D) HD 63
3:00 PM	(H) Natural Resources	172	SB 49	Expand use of petroleum mixing zones	Jim Keane (D) SD 38
3:00 PM	(H) Natural Resources	172	SB 88	Establish contracting laws for conservation districts	John Brenden (R) SD 17

Monday (Continued)

Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HB 387	Revise county transportation committee laws	Nate McConnell (D) HD 89
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HJ 10	Interim study on passenger rail	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HJ 9	Joint resolution to support passenger rail	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90
3:00 PM	(S) Education and Cultural Resources	422	HB 158	Revise and modernize immunization laws related to schools	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) HD 51
3:00 PM	(S) Education and Cultural Resources	422	HB 248	Revise contracting laws for community colleges	Kenneth Holmlund (R) HD 38
3:00 PM	(S) Education and Cultural Resources	422	SB 240	Revise interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	303	SB 215	Revise public land laws	Jennifer Fielder (R) SD 7
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	303	SB 256	Authorize the attorney general to intervene involving timber reduction projects	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	303	SB 268	Revise laws related to storm drainage sumps	Diane Sands (D) SD 49
3:00 PM	(S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety	317	SB 207	Revise laws related to defensive medicine	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3
3:00 PM	(S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety	317	SR 6	Confirm appointee to board of alternative health care	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	HB 107	Revise defined contribution plan funding laws	Rob Cook (R) HD 18
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	SB 235	Generally revise laws related to the courts	Kris Hansen (R) SD 14
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	SB 248	Require identification for legislative public comment	John Brenden (R) SD 17

Tuesday, February 10

Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
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 Health and Human Services	102	HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 317	Provide for offense of cyberbullying	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 328	Provide that consent is not a defense for physician assisted suicide	Brad Tschida (R) HD 97
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 365	Generally revise indecency laws	David (Doc) Moore (R) HD 92
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 369	Require losing party in litigation to pay litigation costs in certain lawsuits	Clayton Fiscus (R) HD 43
8:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 392	Establish reemployment provisions for MPORS members	Frank Garner (R) HD 7
8:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	SB 45	Require the publishing of a state phone directory every two years	John Brenden (R) SD 17
8:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	SB 64	Revise laws governing Montana heritage commission	Jim Keane (D) SD 38
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	HB 80	Revising certain licensing boards	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 162	Require recording of mortgages and assignments of mortgages	Bob Keenan (R) SD 5
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 259	Revising workers' compensation and occupational health and safety assessments	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3
8:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	HB 161	Revise laws related to arson investigations	Vince Ricci (R) HD 55

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Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	HB 37	Revising laws regarding domestic violence and child abuse evidence admissibility	Matthew Monforton (R) HD 69
8:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	HB 88	Generally revise laws related to sex offender registration	Sarah Laszloffy (R) HD 53
8:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 202	Establish guidelines and immunities for physicians who provide end of life care	Dick Barrett (D) SD 45
8:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 242	Revise laws related to providing alcohol to minors	Roger Webb (R) SD 23
8:00 AM	(S) Taxation	405	SB 194	Revise residential property tax credit for the elderly	Mary Caferro (D) SD 41
8:00 AM	(S) Taxation	405	SB 269	Revise individual income tax audit and collection laws	Duane Ankney (R) SD 20
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 306	Revise unemployment insurance benefits for victims of domestic violence	Jennifer Eck (D) HD 79
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 396	Revise laws related to small business impact analysis	Donald W Jones (R) HD 46
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	SB 105	Revise unemployment insurance laws	Elsie Arntzen (R) SD 26
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	SB 81	Revise membership of certain licensing boards	Tom Facey (D) SD 50
9:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	HB 323	Revise taxation of class five pollution control equipment	Tom Jacobson (D) HD 21
9:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	HB 361	Provide for income tax credit for residential property taxes paid	Greg Hertz (R) HD 12
9:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	HB 368	Sunset voter approved property tax levies after certain period of time	Greg Hertz (R) HD 12
10:00 AM	(H) Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural Resources and Transportation	317C	HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87
1:30 PM	(S) Finance and Claims	303	SB 200	Lower individual income tax rates	Duane Ankney (R) SD 20
1:30 PM	(S) Finance and Claims	303	SB 37	Revise laws for filing of exempt water right claims	Jennifer Fielder (R) SD 7
3:00 PM	(H) Agriculture	137	HB 338	Revise cruelty to animal laws	Jessica Karjala (D) HD 48
3:00 PM	(H) Agriculture	137	HB 378	Generally revise animal fighting laws	Tom Richmond (R) HD 56
3:00 PM	(H) Agriculture	137	HB 390	Revise agricultural commodity committee laws	Mike Lang (R) HD 33
3:00 PM	(H) Appropriations	102	HB 167	Generally revise off-highway vehicle laws	Jeffrey W Welborn (R) HD 72
3:00 PM	(H) Appropriations	102	HB 185	Revise driver license fee allocations to increase traffic educ. account funding	Jean Price (D) HD 24
3:00 PM	(H) Appropriations	102	HB 201	Lower state property tax mills	Keith Regier (R) HD 4
3:00 PM	(H) Appropriations	102	SB 32	Revise state bond sale laws	Jon C Sesso (D) SD 37
3:00 PM	(H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks	152	SB 154	Require hunter orange for under 18 hunters	Scott Sales (R) SD 35
3:00 PM	(H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks	152	SB 21	Provide for mandatory penalty for misuse of replacement fish and game license	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42
3:00 PM	(H) Local Government	172	HB 308	Revise coal board and impact grant laws	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54
3:00 PM	(H) Local Government	172	HB 357	Require state agencies to coordinate with county local governments	Kerry White (R) HD 64
3:00 PM	(H) Local Government	172	HB 367	Generally revise local government fees	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39
3:00 PM	(H) Local Government	172	HB 380	Revise laws related to subdivisions and recreational camping vehicles	Mike Miller (R) HD 80
3:00 PM	(S) Fish and Game	422	HB 212	Reaffirm that trapping is a form of hunting protected under MT Constitution	Kirk Wagoner (R) HD 75
3:00 PM	(S) Fish and Game	422	HB 221	Revise hunting/fishing license laws for critically wounded first responders	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) HD 51
3:00 PM	(S) Fish and Game	422	SB 245	Revise laws related to late season cow elk hunts	Douglas (Doug) Kary (R) SD 22
3:00 PM	(S) Highways and Transportation	405	HB 132	Authorize disbursement of unspent funds for DUI taskforce	Frank Garner (R) HD 7

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Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
3:00 PM	(S) Highways and Transportation	405	HB 241	Clarify definition of commercial motor vehicle for emergency vehicles	Tom Berry (R) HD 40
3:00 PM	(S) Highways and Transportation	405	HB 246	Revise laws related to deposit of oversize load fee revenue	Zac Perry (D) HD 3
3:00 PM	(S) Highways and Transportation	405	SB 228	Increase daytime speed limit for certain vehicles on certain highways	Jonathan Windy Boy (D) SD 16

Wednesday, February 11

Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 298	Generally revise concealed weapons laws	Bill Harris (R) HD 29
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 320	Revise laws regarding firearms on school grounds	Carl Glimm (R) HD 6
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 371	Generally revise concealed weapon laws	Kerry White (R) HD 64
8:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 400	Allow electronic ballot for disabled voters	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39
8:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	SB 63	Revise overview of cost-effectiveness by legislative audit committee	Taylor Brown (R) SD 28
8:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	SB 72	Allowing political party endorsements and expenditures in judicial races	Taylor Brown (R) SD 28
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 208	Prohibiting use of credit information in writing personal insurance	Jonathan Windy Boy (D) SD 16
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 244	Establish a Montana trade center in Calgary	Dee Brown (R) SD 2
9:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	HB 277	Provide for an apprenticeship tax credit	Christy Clark (R) HD 17
9:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	HB 325	Revise property tax laws for active duty military	Mike Miller (R) HD 80
9:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	HB 341	Provide tax benefits to employers and students for higher education expenses	Bill Harris (R) HD 29
9:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	HB 359	Revise laws related to inflation indexing of income taxes	Ed Lieser (D) HD 5
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	HB 195	Revise pretrial diversion laws	Nate McConnell (D) HD 89
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 222	Generally revise process service laws	Gordon Vance (R) SD 34
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 223	Generally revise bail bond laws	Gordon Vance (R) SD 34
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 224	Create a sentencing commission	Cynthia Wolken (D) SD 48
3:00 PM	(H) Appropriations	102	HB 327	Reinstate community services for individuals with special needs	Willis Curdy (D) HD 98
3:00 PM	(H) Appropriations	102	HB 354	Establish a loss mitigation special revenue account	Randy Brodehl (R) HD 9
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 373	Revise school bonding limit laws	Scott Staffanson (R) HD 35
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 423	Revise education funding laws related to oil and natural gas production taxes	Scott Staffanson (R) HD 35
3:00 PM	(H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications	472	SB 111	Clarify wind generation facility impact fee for local governmental units	Duane Ankney (R) SD 20
3:00 PM	(H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications	472	SB 114	Require that all hydro facilities be classified as renewable	Debby Barrett (R) SD 36
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	HB 399	Revise milk laws	Greg Hertz (R) HD 12
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	SB 142	Revise laws related to health care options for patients with terminal illnesses	Cary Smith (R) SD 27
3:00 PM	(H) Natural Resources	172	HB 434	Revise asbestos laws	Ed Lieser (D) HD 5
3:00 PM	(H) Natural Resources	172	HJ 13	Interim study of federal roads and parcels and access	Kerry White (R) HD 64
3:00 PM	(H) Natural Resources	172	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	(H) Transportation	455	HB 375	Revise motor vehicle minimum liability insurance laws	Steve Lavin (R) HD 8
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HB 391	Generally revise snowmobile laws	David (Doc) Moore (R) HD 92
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HB 394	Revise bicycle safety laws	Gerald (Jerry) Bennett (R) HD 1
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HB 407	Increase certain vehicle registration fees to benefit Virginia/Nevada cities	Virginia Court (D) HD 50
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HB 414	Generally revise vehicle license laws	Mike Lang (R) HD 33
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HB 415	Revise laws governing highway work zones	Frank Garner (R) HD 7
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	SB 184	Allow for display of electronic proof of motor vehicle insurance	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42
3:00 PM	(S) Education and Cultural Resources	422	SB 250	Expand school transportation funding for academic summer school	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42
3:00 PM	(S) Education and Cultural Resources	422	SB 252	Revise K-12 funding laws related to oil and natural gas production taxes	Llew Jones (R) SD 9
3:00 PM	(S) Education and Cultural Resources	422	SB 260	Revise education funding laws related to oil and gas production taxes	Frederick (Eric) Moore (R) SD 19
3:00 PM	(S) Local Government	405	HB 224	Generally revise building code program laws	Zac Perry (D) HD 3
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	303	SB 218	Increase bond for certain metal mines	Mary Sheehy Moe (D) SD 12
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	303	SB 261	Montana sage grouse stewardship act	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15
3:00 PM	(S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety	317	SB 276	Establish directory of medicaid personal care services in Montana	Roger Webb (R) SD 23
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	SB 220	Repeal the electronic government advisory board and transfer duties	Christine Kaufmann (D) SD 40
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	SB 246	Revise laws restricting use of sick leave & vacation time	JP Pomnichowski (D) SD 33
	(S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety		SB 277	Revise laws related to DPHHS personal assistance services information collection	Roger Webb (R) SD 23

Thursday, February 12

Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 281	Generally revise laws related to game wardens	Dale Mortensen (R) HD 44
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 388	Generally revise self-defense laws	Randall Pinocci (R) HD 19
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	SB 139	Revise jury selection laws	Diane Sands (D) SD 49
8:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 381	Require certain state agencies to report on federal receipts	Tom Burnett (R) HD 67
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	HB 53	Permit discounts to military or veterans by property/casualty insurers	Andrew Person (D) HD 96
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	HB 90	Revise workers' compensation laws	Andrea Olsen (D) HD 100
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 234	Revise tax and fees for professional liability insurance	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	HB 128	Revise MAPA provisions related to board of pardons and parole	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	HB 130	Prohibit use of tanning devices for person under 18 years old absent consent	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	HB 19	Clarify that the governor may change parole board presiding officer	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 219	Revise laws related to expunging certain records	Janna Taylor (R) SD 6
1:30 PM	(S) Finance and Claims	303	SB 68	Extend termination date for crime victims compensation account	Mary Caferro (D) SD 41
1:30 PM	(S) Finance and Claims	303	SB 92	Revise administration of taxes	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44

3:00 PM	(H) Appropriations	102	HB 3	Supplemental Appropriations	Pat Noonan (D) HD 74
Thursday (Continued)					
Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
3:00 PM	(H) Appropriations	102	HB 4	Appropriations by budget amendment	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87
3:00 PM	(H) Local Government	172	HB 334	Generally revise laws applicable to county government	Rob Cook (R) HD 18
3:00 PM	(H) Local Government	172	HB 366	Revise county district court clerk and justice of peace compensation laws	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39
3:00 PM	(H) Local Government	172	HB 385	Revise cash donation in lieu of land for park dedication requirement	Zach Brown (D) HD 63
3:00 PM	(S) Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation	335	SB 232	Revise stream access laws to reflect Galt decision	Frederick (Eric) Moore (R) SD 19
3:00 PM	(S) Highways and Transportation	405	SB 278	Revise pedestrian laws	Christine Kaufmann (D) SD 40

Friday, February 13					
Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 351	Revise process for salvaging game animals	Tom Jacobson (D) HD 21
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 370	Generally revise death penalty laws	David (Doc) Moore (R) HD 92
8:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	HB 133	Authorize the public defender to award fixed-fee contracts	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) HD 51
8:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	HB 43	Revise executive clemency laws	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) HD 51
8:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SR 10	Confirm appointee to board of pardons and parole	Scott Sales (R) SD 35
8:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SR 11	Confirm chief water judge and associate water judge	Scott Sales (R) SD 35
8:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SR 15	Confirm Governor's appointees to the judiciary	Scott Sales (R) SD 35
8:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SR 9	Confirm Governor's appointments related to crime control and public safety	Scott Sales (R) SD 35
8:00 AM	(S) Taxation	405	SR 4	Confirm Governor's appointees to the state tax appeal board	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3
3:00 PM	(H) Appropriations	102	HB 13	State Employee Pay Plan	Kathy Swanson (D) HD 77
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 374	Provide for school suicide prevention awareness training	Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D) HD 73
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	SB 141	Repeal termination of reemployment provision for certain retired TRS members	Llew Jones (R) SD 9

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	(S) Committee Report— Bill Concurred—(S) Energy & Telecommunications
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT EXTENDING THE SUNSET ON WIRELESS 9-1-1 FUNDING FOR LESS-POPULATED COUNTIES; AMENDING SECTION 10-4-313, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."			
HB 145	Revise laws related to livestock loss	2014-15	Mike Cuffe (R) HD 2	(H) Hearing -- (H) Approps. 02/06/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
	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	(S) Hearing -- (S) Local Gov. 02/06/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
	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	(S) Hearing -- (S) Local Gov. 02/06/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
	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."			
HB 334	Generally revise laws applicable to county government	2014-11	Rob Cook (R) HD 18	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Gov. 02/12/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
	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."			

MACo RESOLUTIONS & INTRODUCED LEGISLATION (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Res. No.	Sponsor	Status
SB 111	Clarify wind generation facility impact fee for local governmental units	2014-16	Duane Ankney (R) SD 20	(H) Hearing -- (H) Federal Relations, Energy, & Telecom. 02/11/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
	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	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Business and Labor
	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) Hearing -- (S) State Admin. 02/02/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
	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."			
SB 229	Extend historic county road or utility right-of-way application dates	2014-12	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3	(S) Committee Report— Bill Passed as Amended— (S) Energy & Telecommunications
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT EXTENDING THE DATE BY WHICH A PERSON OR COUNTY MAY APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION FOR A HISTORIC RIGHT-OF-WAY DEED; AMENDING SECTION 77-1-130, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."			
LCI433	Establish of county laws for compression brake usage	2014-05	Kirk Wagoner (R) HD 75	(C) Draft Request Received
	LANGUAGE NOT YET AVAILABLE			
LCI554	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			
LCI662	Provide for inventory of all county and public roads	2014-07	Tom Jacobson (D) HD 21	(C) Draft On Hold
	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—02/10/2015; 10:00 AM, Respective Rooms—(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 02/05/2015; 9:00 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."		
HB 6	Provide for renewable resource grants	Mike Cuffe (R) HD 2	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Appropriations
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION FOR GRANTS UNDER THE RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM; PRIORITIZING PROJECT GRANTS AND AMOUNTS; ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR GRANTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 7	Provide for reclamation and development grants	Mike Cuffe (R) HD 2	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Appropriations
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECLAMATION AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS PROGRAM; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION FOR GRANTS UNDER THE RECLAMATION AND DEVELOPMENT GRANTS PROGRAM; PRIORITIZING PROJECT GRANTS AND AMOUNTS; ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR GRANTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 8	Provide for renewable resource bonds and loans	Mike Cuffe (R) HD 2	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Appropriations
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROVING RENEWABLE RESOURCE PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZING LOANS; REAUTHORIZING RENEWABLE RESOURCE PROJECTS AUTHORIZED BY THE 63RD LEGISLATURE; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION FOR LOANS UNDER THE RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF COAL SEVERANCE TAX BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A STATE DEBT AND APPROPRIATING COAL SEVERANCE TAXES FOR DEBT SERVICE; PLACING CERTAIN CONDITIONS ON LOANS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
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 11	Revise treasure state endowment program laws	Mike Cuffe (R) HD 2	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Appropriations
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS THROUGH THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING GRANTS FROM THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; PLACING CONDITIONS UPON GRANTS AND FUNDS; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR EMERGENCY GRANTS; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING GRANTS; APPROPRIATING MONEY FROM THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITIES FOR REGIONAL WATER PROJECTS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		

MACo PRIORITY WATCH LIST (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 22	Appropriate money for crisis and transition technicians	Casey Schreiner (D) HD 25	(H) Tabled in 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) Tabled in 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) Committee Report— Bill Passed—(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) Committee Report— Bill Passed—(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) Committee Report— Bill Passed—(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) Committee Report— Bill Passed—(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) Committee Report— Bill Passed—(H) Appropriations
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS DIVERSION PILOT PROJECTS FOR YOUTH; REQUIRING A REPORT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."			
HB 58	Generally revise election laws	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	(H) Committee Report—Bill Not Passed*—(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) 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) Bill Withdrawn per House Rule H30-50(3)(b)*
	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) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 02/04/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING DATA SYSTEM SECURITY BREACH NOTIFICATION LAWS; REQUIRING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO BE NOTIFIED OF A DATA SYSTEM SECURITY BREACH; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 2-6-501 , 2-6-504, 30-14-1704, AND 33-19-321, MCA."		
HB 84	Generally revise election laws	Bryce Bennett (D) HD 91	(S) 2nd Reading Concurred
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING ELECTION LAWS; CONSOLIDATING AND STANDARDIZING CERTAIN DATES AND DEADLINES FOR ELECTION ADMINISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS TO STANDARD PROVISIONS IF SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY LAW; REQUIRING THAT SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICT ELECTIONS, OTHER THAN FUNDING ELECTIONS, BE CONDUCTED ON THE SAME DAY AS SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS; PROVIDING THAT COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS CONDUCT ALL SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT ELECTIONS; APPLYING LATE VOTER REGISTRATION PROVISIONS TO SCHOOL ELECTIONS CONDUCTED BY SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERKS; REVISING AND CLARIFYING CERTAIN TERMS OF OFFICE PROVISIONS FOR CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICIALS; ELIMINATING ANY REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATE NOMINATION PETITIONS SIGNED BY A CERTAIN NUMBER OR ELECTORS AS A PREREQUISITE TO CANDIDACY; REVISING INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN A CALL FOR CERTAIN ELECTIONS; REVISING CERTAIN PROVISIONS REGARDING ELECTIONS CONDUCTED BY MAIL; REVISING CERTAIN PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC NOTICE OF ELECTIONS; REVISING DEFINITIONS; ELIMINATING REDUNDANT AND OUTDATED PROVISIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-16-622, 3-1-1013, 3-6-201, 3-10-101, 3-11-101, 7-1-201, 7-1-2121, 7-1-4130, 7-2-2215, 7-2-2604, 7-2-2705, 7-2-2709, 7-2-2804, 7-2-4104, 7-2-4106, 7-2-4314, 7-2-4601, 7-2-4602, 7-2-4606, 7-2-4733, 7-2-4902, 7-2-4904, 7-3-103, 7-3-121, 7-3-122, 7-3-125, 7-3-149, 7-3-154, 7-3-155, 7-3-160, 7-3-173, 7-3-174, 7-3-175, 7-3-176, 7-3-178, 7-3-186, 7-3-187, 7-3-192, 7-3-1204, 7-3-1205, 7-3-1206, 7-3-1208, 7-3-1209, 7-3-1216, 7-3-1218, 7-3-1219, 7-3-1229, 7-3-1231, 7-3-1254, 7-3-1271, 7-3-4208, 7-3-4210, 7-3-4212, 7-3-4214, 7-3-4222, 7-3-4223, 7-3-4305, 7-3-4307, 7-3-4309, 7-3-4310, 7-3-4311, 7-3-4316, 7-3-4319, 7-3-4322, 7-3-4462, 7-5-131, 7-5-132, 7-5-4321, 7-5-4322, 7-6-1501, 7-6-1502, 7-6-1504, 7-6-1505, 7-6-1506, 7-6-1508, 7-6-1509, 7-6-1532, 7-6-1533, 7-6-1535, 7-6-1536, 7-6-1541, 7-6-1542, 7-6-1543, 7-6-1544, 7-6-1546, 7-6-1547, 7-6-1548, 7-6-1551, 7-7-2223, 7-7-2227, 7-7-2229, 7-7-2237, 7-7-2404, 7-7-2405, 7-7-2406, 7-7-4226, 7-7-4227, 7-7-4235, 7-7-4426, 7-8-4201, 7-10-101, 7-10-102, 7-10-104, 7-10-110, 7-11-1011, 7-11-1012, 7-12-4243, 7-13-2201, 7-13-2204, 7-13-2208, 7-13-2210, 7-13-2211, 7-13-2214, 7-13-2217, 7-13-2222, 7-13-2225, 7-13-2231, 7-13-2234, 7-13-2241, 7-13-2258, 7-13-2261, 7-13-2262, 7-13-2271, 7-13-2272, 7-13-2273, 7-13-2276, 7-13-2321, 7-13-2323, 7-13-2324, 7-13-2328, 7-13-2333, 7-13-2341, 7-13-2342, 7-13-2352, 7-13-4204, 7-13-4511, 7-13-4512, 7-13-4535, 7-14-210, 7-14-211, 7-14-212, 7-14-214, 7-14-1106, 7-14-1134, 7-14-1633, 7-14-2507, 7-14-4512, 7-14-4642, 7-16-2102, 7-16-2109, 7-33-2106, 7-34-2110, 7-34-2112, 7-34-2117, 13-1-101, 13-1-104, 13-1-106, 13-1-107, 13-1-108, 13-1-301, 13-1-401, 13-2-301 , 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, 76-15-304 , 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, 7-2-4603, 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	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) State Administration
	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."		
	Generally revise laws relating to the public safety officer training council	Frank Garner (R) HD 7	(S) Hearing -- (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety 02/04/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 317
HB 100	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) Transmitted to Senate
	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."		
	Revise defined contribution plan funding laws	Rob Cook (R) HD 18	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Admin. 02/09/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
HB 107	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; <u>REALLOCATING A TEMPORARY EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION FROM PAYING GENERAL LIABILITIES TO PAYING PLAN CHOICE RATE LIABILITIES AND THEN DIRECTING THE CONTRIBUTION TO MEMBER ACCOUNTS</u> ; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-2-303, 19-2-407, 19-3-2117, AND 19-21-214, MCA; AND REPEALING SECTION 19-3-2121, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE."		
HB 108	Revise noxious weed budget laws	Daniel R Salomon (R) HD 93	(H) Signed by Speaker
	AN ACT LIMITING ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR THE NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM TO 12% OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT AWARDED THROUGH GRANTS AND CONTRACTS 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) Rereferred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
	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 <u>PRIVACY SAFETY</u> 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 2-3-212, 2-3-221, 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	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Admin. 02/04/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
	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) Approps. 02/06/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
	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	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Natural Resources
	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) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications
	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 201	Lower state property tax mills	Keith Regier (R) HD 4	(H) Hearing -- (H) Approps. 02/10/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REDUCING THE STATE EQUALIZATION AID LEVY; AMENDING SECTION 20-9-360, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE."		

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 213	Revise business equipment tax laws	Mike Miller (R) HD 80	(H) Committee Report—Bill Passed as Amended--(H) Tax
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE CLASS EIGHT BUSINESS EQUIPMENT TAX EXEMPTION; PROVIDING A REIMBURSEMENT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS UNDER THE ENTITLEMENT SHARE PAYMENT, TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS THROUGH THE BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM, TO THE COUNTY SCHOOL RETIREMENT FUND AND THE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT, AND TO THE MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEM FOR THE LOSS OF CLASS EIGHT AND CLASS TWELVE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE; AMENDING SECTION SECTIONS 15-1-123 AND 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) Tabled in 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."		
HB 220	Revise recall provision laws for local and district elected officials	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/28/2015; 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) Bus.& 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) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
	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) Committee Report—Bill Passed—(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	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety
	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) Committee Report—Bill Passed as Amended—(H) Judiciary
	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 IF REQUIRED BY THE SHERIFF; PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR PROSECUTION OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES FOR VIOLATIONS IN CERTAIN CASES; 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."		

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 275	Revise fuel tax revenue to fund maintenance and public transportation	Nancy Wilson (D) HD 95	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Transportation
	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."		
HB 289	Revise zoning requirements for economic development districts	Edward Greef (R) HD 88	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Gov. 02/05/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
	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."		
HB 304	Increase penalty for blocking a public road	Mitch Tropila (D) HD 26	(H) Hearing--(H) Transportation 02/04/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS GOVERNING ENCROACHMENTS AND OBSTRUCTIONS ON COUNTY ROADS; PROVIDING THAT A LOCKED GATE IS CONSIDERED TO BE AN OBSTRUCTION; INCREASING THE PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO REMOVE AN ENCROACHMENT; REQUIRING THAT THE PENALTY BE PAID INTO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE COUNTY; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-14-2133, 7-14-2136, AND 7-14-2137, MCA."		
HB 310	Establish an oil and gas trust fund	Tom Jacobson (D) HD 21	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 02/05/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF MONTANA AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE IX OF THE MONTANA CONSTITUTION TO ESTABLISH A PERMANENT OIL AND GAS TRUST FUND FUNDED FROM TAXES ON OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION; PROVIDING THAT THE PRINCIPAL OF THE TRUST REMAIN INVIOLEATE UNLESS APPROPRIATED BY VOTE OF THREE-FOURTHS OF EACH HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE; AND PROVIDING THAT THE INTEREST AND INCOME CAN BE APPROPRIATED."		
HB 332	Revise laws related to mental illness precommitment costs	Nicholas Schwaderer (R) HD 14	(H) Hearing -- (H) Human Services 02/06/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF THE COSTS OF EXAMINING AND COMMITTING MENTALLY ILL PERSONS; INCLUDING AS A BILLABLE ENTITY THE COUNTY FILING THE COMMITMENT PETITION; SUPERSEDING THE UNFUNDED MANDATE LAWS; AND AMENDING SECTION 53-21-132, MCA."		
HB 357	Require state agencies to coordinate with county local governments	Kerry White (R) HD 64	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Gov. 02/10/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING A STATE AGENCY TO ESTABLISH A COORDINATING RELATIONSHIP WITH A COUNTY GOVERNING BODY IF THE STATE AGENCY IS COORDINATING, COLLABORATING, OR COOPERATING WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ON A PROPOSED LAND USE PLAN, POLICY, OR ACTION WITHIN A COUNTY."		
HB 380	Revise laws related to subdivisions and recreational camping vehicles	Mike Miller (R) HD 80	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Gov. 02/10/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LOCAL SUBDIVISION REVIEW REQUIREMENTS WITH REGARD TO CREATION OF SPACES FOR RECREATIONAL CAMPING VEHICLES; PROVIDING THAT CREATION OF MORE THAN 20 SPACES FOR RECREATIONAL VEHICLES IS CONSIDERED A SUBDIVISION FOR THE PURPOSES OF LOCAL SUBDIVISION REVIEW, LOCAL REGULATIONS, AND PARK DEDICATION REQUIREMENTS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 76-3-103, 76-3-504, AND 76-3-621, MCA."		
HB 402	Generally revise laws related to oil and gas development	Austin Knudsen (R) HD 34	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO ISSUE GRANTS TO ASSIST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITH INFRASTRUCTURE AND OTHER NEEDS AS A RESULT OF OIL AND GAS IMPACTS; PROVIDING FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES AND CRITERIA FOR AWARDED GRANTS; ESTABLISHING AN OIL AND GAS IMPACT ACCOUNT; ALLOCATING FEDERAL MINERAL LEASING REVENUE; INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF FEDERAL MINERAL LEASING REVENUE IN THE MINERAL IMPACT ACCOUNT AND DEDICATED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; ALLOCATING OIL AND NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION TAXES; TRANSFERRING MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE OIL AND GAS IMPACT ACCOUNT; GRANTING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION AND A STATUTORY APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-36-331, 17-3-240, AND 17-7-502, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."		

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HJ 6	Resolution to reduce Montana's dependence on federal funds	Tom Burnett (R) HD 67	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 02/04/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
	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.		
HJ 11	Joint resolution regarding the keystone pipeline	Mike Lang (R) HD 33	(H) Hearing -- (H) Federal Relations, Energy, & Telecom. 02/04/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
	A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING PROMPT CONGRESSIONAL AND PRESIDENTIAL APPROVAL FOR THE KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE.		
SB 5	Establish all-hazard incident management teams and provide funding authority	Jonathan Windy Boy (D) SD 16	(H) 2nd Reading Concurred
	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; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
SB 18	Revising the time frame for the calculation of the entitlement share growth rate	Dick Barrett (D) SD 45	(S) Transmitted to Governor
	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	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS AND THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR CHANGES IN THE ALLOCATION OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN AND THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM RETIREMENT PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-2-303, 19-2-407, 19-3-2117, 19-3-2121, AND 19-21-214 , MCA; REPEALING SECTION 19-3-2121, MCA ; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE."		
SB 52	Revise captive insurance laws	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Business and Labor
	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	(H) Committee Report—Bill Concurred—(H) Agriculture
	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 02/11/2015; 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	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
	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 <u>1 BUSINESS DAY</u> ; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		

MACo PRIORITY WATCH LIST (CONCLUDED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 140	Revise budget and expenditure comparison laws	Llew Jones (R) SD 9	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
	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) Fin. & Claims 02/05/2015; 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."		
SB 203	Revise exempt well laws	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15	(S) Hearing – (S) Nat. Rsrcs. 02/16/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 303
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE EXCEPTIONS TO PERMIT REQUIREMENTS FOR GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENTS; ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR EXEMPTED USES BY NUMBER OF USERS; DEFINING THE TERM "PROJECT"; AMENDING SECTION 85-2-306, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
SB 226	Revise subdivision review criteria law	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(S) Hearing -- (S) Local Gov. 02/04/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROHIBITING A LOCAL GOVERNING BODY FROM CONSIDERING THE IMPACTS OF POTENTIAL FUTURE SUBDIVISIONS WHEN REVIEWING SUBDIVISION APPLICATIONS; AMENDING SECTION 76-3-608, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		
SB 246	Revise laws restricting use of sick leave & vacation time	JP Ponnichowski (D) SD 33	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Admin. 02/11/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REMOVING THE QUALIFYING PERIOD FOR USE OF ANNUAL VACATION LEAVE AND SICK LEAVE; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-18-611 AND 2-18-618, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
SB 247	Prohibit sage grouse hunting in Montana	John Brenden (R) SD 17	(S) Hearing -- (S) Fish & Game 02/05/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 422
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROHIBITING SAGE GROUSE HUNTING; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-1-301 AND 87-1-304, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."		
SB 249	Generally revise energy performance contracting laws	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42	(S) Hearing -- (S) Energy and Telecommunications 02/05/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 317
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS; ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO USE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF AN ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACT PROGRAM; ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR QUALIFIED ENERGY SERVICE PROVIDERS; PROVIDING FOR INVESTMENT-GRADE ENERGY AUDITS; ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES TO USE IN THE ADMINISTRATION AND FUNDING OF ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS; GRANTING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; EXEMPTING ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS FROM CERTAIN CONSOLIDATED CITY-COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND SPECIAL DISTRICT CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 20-9-471, 90-4-1101, 90-4-1102, 90-4-1103, AND 90-4-1109, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 90-4-1104, 90-4-1105, 90-4-1106, 90-4-1107, AND 90-4-1108, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		
SB 259	Revising workers' compensation and occupational health and safety assessments	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3	(S) Hearing -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 02/10/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 422
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE FUNDING FOR CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY RELATED TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH LAWS; INCREASING A PERCENTAGE THAT MAY BE ASSESSED AGAINST WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURERS FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT; CREATING A NEW ASSESSMENT FOR ADMINISTERING OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH LAWS; PROVIDING FOR A PROCEDURAL TRANSITION; AMENDING SECTIONS 39-71-201, 39-71-435, 39-71-1050, 50-71-113, 50-71-119, 50-72-106, AND 50-73-107, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES."		
SB 261	Montana sage grouse stewardship act	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15	(S) Hearing – (S) Nat. Rsrcs. 02/11/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 303
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING THE MONTANA GREATER SAGE-GROUSE STEWARDSHIP ACT; ESTABLISHING THE MONTANA SAGE GROUSE OVERSIGHT TEAM; PROVIDING DUTIES AND RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FINDINGS AND DEFINITIONS; ESTABLISHING THE SAGE GROUSE STEWARDSHIP ACCOUNT; PROVIDING GRANT CRITERIA; ALLOWING FOR COMPENSATORY MITIGATION; CONDITIONING THE FUNDING OF LEASES OR CONSERVATION EASEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR MANAGEMENT OF CONVEYED LANDS; REQUIRING REPORTING; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		

MACO WATCH LIST

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 4	Appropriations by budget amendment	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87	(H) Hearing -- (H) Approps. 02/12/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 9	Cultural and Aesthetic Grants	Mike Cuffe (R) HD 2	(H) Hearing -- (H) Joint Approps. Subcom. on Long-Range Planning 02/06/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 317AB
HB 13	State Employee Pay Plan	Kathy Swanson (D) HD 77	(H) Hearing -- (H) Approps. 02/13/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 14	Creating broadband development fund through bonding	Kelly McCarthy (D) HD 49	(H) Hearing -- (H) Joint Approps. Subcom. on Long-Range Planning 02/09/2015; 10:30 AM, Rm 317A
HB 17	Require workers' compensation insurers to provide loss information	Tom Berry (R) HD 40	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Business and Labor 02/06/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
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	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 02/06/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
HB 31	Revise school finance laws	Kathy Kelker (D) HD 47	(S) Returned to House
HB 41	Revise tax appeal laws	Chuck Hunter (D) HD 83	(S) Returned to House
HB 45	Prohibit genetic information discrimination in all insurance	Jessica Karjala (D) HD 48	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Business and Labor
HB 48	Establish on-line voter registration	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) State Administration
HB 56	Revising subdivision classifications for Ag land valuation	Kerry White (R) HD 64	(S) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
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	(H) Sent to Enrolling
HB 69	Update training requirements for election administrators	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) State Administration
HB 75	Authorize creation of sex assault prosecution unit in AG's office	Stephanie Hess (R) HD 28	(S) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
HB 76	Expand election day to voting days	Janet Ellis (D) HD 81	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) State Administration
HB 78	Clarify vehicle owner's privacy rights for event data recorders	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Bus., Labor, & Econ. Affairs
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	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 02/10/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 303
HB 89	Generally revise human trafficking laws	Kimberly Dudik (D) HD 94	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
HB 90	Revise workers' compensation laws	Andrea Olsen (D) HD 100	(S) Hearing -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 02/12/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 422
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) Hearing -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 02/03/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 422
HB 97	Authorize alternative contracting process	Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D) HD 73	(S) Hearing -- (S) Highways & Transportation 02/03/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
HB 99	Revise fuel tax laws	Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D) HD 73	(S) Hearing -- (S) Highways & Transportation 02/03/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
HB 103	Revise duties of state auditor office related to insurance and securities laws	Zach Brown (D) HD 63	(S) Hearing -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 02/09/2015; 10:00 AM, Rm 422

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 104	Increase price of license plates issued by MDOT for certain vehicles/trailers,	Jennifer Eck (D) HD 79	(S) Hearing – (S) Highways & Transportation 02/05/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
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	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Bus., Labor, & Econ. Affairs
HB 125	Revise term related to government accounting standards	Kathy Swanson (D) HD 77	(H) Sent to Enrolling
HB 127	Access to birth control act	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90	(H) Bill Withdrawn per House Rule H30-50(3)(b)* -- (H) Human Services
HB 130	Prohibit use of tanning devices for person under 18 years old absent consent	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 02/12/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
HB 131	Revise election reporting period requirements	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) State Administration
HB 132	Authorize disbursement of unspent funds for DUI taskforce	Frank Garner (R) HD 7	(S) Hearing – (S) Highways & Transportation 02/10/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
HB 133	Authorize the public defender to award fixed-fee contracts	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) HD 51	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 02/13/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 303
HB 134	Prohibit a youth from being transferred to adult supervision without a felony	Jennifer Eck (D) HD 79	(S) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
HB 137	Address homeless prevention for people under dept. of corrections supervision	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Judiciary
HB 138	Consider housing needs in discharge plans to the Montana State Hospital	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Appropriations
HB 150	Generally revise fish, wildlife, and parks, laws related to penalties	Kelly Flynn (R) HD 70	(S) Hearing -- (S) Fish and Game 02/05/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 422
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) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Taxation
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) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Local Government
HB 173	Prohibit agency rule-making concerning marijuana	David (Doc) Moore (R) HD 92	(H) 3rd Reading Failed*
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) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Business and Labor
HB 180	Revise regional water laws	Bridget Smith (D) HD 31	(H) Rereferred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 182	Require that zoning be adopted before use of land can be regulated	Forrest Mandeville (R) HD 57	(H) 3rd Reading Failed*
HB 183	Revise annexation laws related to parks	Forrest Mandeville (R) HD 57	(S) Hearing -- (S) Local Gov. 02/04/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
HB 185	Revise driver license fee allocations to increase traffic educ. account funding	Jean Price (D) HD 24	(H) Hearing -- (H) Approps. 02/10/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 191	Revise laws governing investigations of abuse at Montana state hospital	Jennifer Eck (D) HD 79	(H) Rereferred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 194	Revise bison laws	Alan Redfield (R) HD 59	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 195	Revise pretrial diversion laws	Nate McConnell (D) HD 89	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 02/11/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 303

MACo WATCH LIST (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 204	Revising laws relating to liability waivers and releases	Greg Hertz (R) HD 12	(S) Rereferred to Committee -- (S) Judiciary
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	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Judiciary
HB 209	Revise laws related to designation of an agent to assist an elector	Casey Schreiner (D) HD 25	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) State Administration
HB 210	Revise specialty assault laws	Kirk Wagoner (R) HD 75	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Judiciary
HB 211	Require POW/MIA flag be displayed at certain times and places	Kirk Wagoner (R) HD 75	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) State Administration
HB 214	Generally revise boating laws related to DUI offenses	David (Doc) Moore (R) HD 92	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Judiciary
HB 217	Exempt certain amateur radio equipment from property tax	Tom Richmond (R) HD 56	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Taxation
HB 222	Revise laws related to oversize loads	Roy Hollandsworth (R) HD 27	(S) Hearing -- (S) Local Gov. 02/06/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
HB 224	Generally revise building code program laws	Zac Perry (D) HD 3	(S) Hearing -- (S) Local Gov. 02/11/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
HB 228	Increase coal board funding until June 30, 2019	Tom Berry (R) HD 40	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 02/04/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 229	Generally revise laws related to temporary road blocks	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
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) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/29/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 240	Revise laws related to fee charges for surplus lines property/casualty insurance	Tom Berry (R) HD 40	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Bus., Labor, & Econ. Affairs
HB 241	Clarify definition of commercial motor vehicle for emergency vehicles	Tom Berry (R) HD 40	(S) Hearing -- (S) Highways & Transportation 02/10/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
HB 242	Revise notification requirements when a vehicle is involved in an accident	Kerry White (R) HD 64	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Transportation
HB 246	Revise laws related to deposit of oversize load fee revenue	Zac Perry (D) HD 3	(S) Hearing -- (S) Highways & Transportation 02/10/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
HB 247	Revise when ballots may be prepared for counting	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 01/30/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 260	Revise laws for payment of costs associated with irrigation district petitions	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 261	Revise laws regarding clerk of court fees for transmitting records	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Judiciary
HB 262	Revise resort tax laws	Kerry White (R) HD 64	(H) Committee Report—Bill Passed as Amended—(H) Tax
HB 264	Require notification of change to retirement plan beneficiary	Virginia Court (D) HD 50	(H) Tabled in 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 271	Revise laws regarding physician dispensing of prescription medication	Albert Olszewski (R) HD 11	(H) Hearing -- (H) Human Services 01/30/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
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) 3rd Reading Passed
HB 281	Generally revise laws related to game wardens	Dale Mortensen (R) HD 44	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 02/12/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 137

MACo WATCH LIST (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 283	Revise absentee and mail ballot laws	Keith Regier (R) HD 4	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) State Administration
HB 286	Require roads to remain open during a dispute over legal access	Tom Jacobson (D) HD 21	(H) Hearing -- (H) Transportation 02/02/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
HB 287	Revise residential property tax credit for the elderly	Tom Jacobson (D) HD 21	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
HB 290	Require FWP to provide upon request the analyses supporting a government act	Kerry White (R) HD 64	(H) Rereferred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 293	Post bill of rights in public buildings	Bob Brown (R) HD 13	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Local Government
HB 295	Revise law for signage warning drivers of a school bus stop ahead	Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D) HD 42	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 296	Revise laws regarding mutual aid frequency coordination	Pat Noonan (D) HD 74	(H) Hearing -- (H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications 02/04/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
HB 297	Prohibit texting and cell phone use while driving	Virginia Court (D) HD 50	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 02/09/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 299	Revise workers' compensation claim penalty laws	Mark Noland (R) HD 10	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Bus., Labor, & Econ. Affairs
HB 302	Prohibit the adoption of certain rebuttable presumptions related to subdivisions	Forrest Mandeville (R) HD 57	(H) 3rd Reading Passed
HB 303	Revise laws related to recall petitions for school board members	Willis Curdy (D) HD 98	(H) 2nd Reading Not Passed*
HB 308	Revise coal board and impact grant laws	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Gov. 02/10/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
HB 312	Require MDT to consider growth policies and neighborhood plans	Nancy Wilson (D) HD 95	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Gov. 02/03/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
HB 315	Revise the Montana Federal Mandates Act	Bill Harris (R) HD 29	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 02/05/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 318	Require insurance coverage for children with down syndrome	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90	(H) Hearing -- (H) Human Services 02/04/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
HB 322	Create special needs education savings accounts	Donald W Jones (R) HD 46	(H) Hearing -- (H) Education 01/30/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 137
HB 323	Revise taxation of class five pollution control equipment	Tom Jacobson (D) HD 21	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 02/10/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 324	Revise laws related to health insurers certificates of creditable coverage	Jeffrey W Welborn (R) HD 72	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
HB 325	Revise property tax laws for active duty military	Mike Miller (R) HD 80	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 02/11/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 327	Reinstate community services for individuals with special needs	Willis Curdy (D) HD 98	(H) Hearing -- (H) Approps. 02/11/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 329	Generally revise laws related to state lands	Jeffrey W Welborn (R) HD 72	(H) Hearing -- (H) Natural Resources 02/04/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
HB 330	Establish standards for law enforcement use and acquisition of certain equipment	Nicholas Schwaderer (R) HD 14	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 02/04/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 333	Generally revise laws related to publicly operated cameras	Nicholas Schwaderer (R) HD 14	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 02/09/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 335	Clarifying "electioneering communication" within election laws	Rob Cook (R) HD 18	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
HB 337	Increase resource limits for medicaid program for workers with disabilities	Jessica Karjala (D) HD 48	(H) Hearing -- (H) Human Services 02/06/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
HB 340	Require federal government to comply with air quality laws in Montana	Tom Burnett (R) HD 67	(H) Hearing -- (H) Natural Resources 02/04/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
HB 342	Allow for electronic address confirmation for biennial absentee ballot list	Bryce Bennett (D) HD 91	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 343	Prohibit request of online passwords as a condition of hiring or employment	Bryce Bennett (D) HD 91	(H) Hearing – (H) Business and Labor 02/05/2015; 8:30 AM, Rm 172
HB 344	Generally prohibit governmental use of license plate scanners	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 02/09/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 346	Revise laws related to highway by-pass requirements	Clayton Fiscus (R) HD 43	(H) Hearing – (H) Transportation 02/04/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
HB 347	Establish qualifications for & continuing education of Bd of Investments members	Virginia Court (D) HD 50	(H) Hearing – (H) Business and Labor 02/05/2015; 8:30 AM, Rm 172
HB 348	Authorize interstate healthcare compact	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87	(H) Committee Report--Bill Passed -- (H) Human Services
HB 349	Address discriminatory health insurance policy practices	Kathleen Williams (D) HD 61	(H) Hearing – (H) Human Services 02/04/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
HB 351	Revise process for salvaging game animals	Tom Jacobson (D) HD 21	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 02/13/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 355	Revise horse surrender process	Alan Doane (R) HD 36	(H) Hearing -- (H) Agriculture 02/05/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 137
HB 361	Provide for income tax credit for residential property taxes paid	Greg Hertz (R) HD 12	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 02/10/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 362	Revise occupational health and safety standards	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84	(H) Hearing – (H) Human Services 02/09/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
HB 364	Revise laws related to certain municipalities setting highway speed limits	Nancy Wilson (D) HD 95	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Gov. 02/05/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
HB 367	Generally revise local government fees	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Gov. 02/10/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
HB 368	Sunset voter approved property tax levies after certain period of time	Greg Hertz (R) HD 12	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 02/10/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 371	Generally revise concealed weapon laws	Kerry White (R) HD 64	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 02/11/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 374	Provide for school suicide prevention awareness training	Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D) HD 73	(H) Hearing -- (H) Education 02/13/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 137
HB 375	Revise motor vehicle minimum liability insurance laws	Steve Lavin (R) HD 8	(H) Hearing – (H) Transportation 02/11/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
HB 382	Revising terminology relating to mental illness	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84	(H) Hearing – (H) Human Services 02/09/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
HB 383	Provide for mental and behavioral health screening for public school students	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84	(H) Hearing – (H) Human Services 02/09/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
HB 384	Increase Montana's minimum wage	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84	(H) Hearing – (H) Business and Labor 02/09/2015; 8:30 AM, Rm 172
HB 385	Revise cash donation in lieu of land for park dedication requirement	Zach Brown (D) HD 63	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Gov. 02/12/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
HB 386	Revise laws on sale to or exchange of park land with public entities	Zach Brown (D) HD 63	(H) Hearing – (H) Natural Resources 02/09/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
HB 387	Revise county transportation committee laws	Nate McConnell (D) HD 89	(H) Hearing – (H) Transportation 02/09/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
HB 388	Generally revise self-defense laws	Randall Pinocci (R) HD 19	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 02/12/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 389	Require department of revenue review of tax exempt properties	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Taxation
HB 392	Establish reemployment provisions for MPORS members	Frank Garner (R) HD 7	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 02/10/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 455

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 395	Revise laws and rules related to public swimming pools and spas	David (Doc) Moore (R) HD 92	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Local Government
HB 400	Allow electronic ballot for disabled voters	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 02/11/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 402	Generally revise laws related to oil and gas development	Austin Knudsen (R) HD 34	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 406	Require compliance with campaign finance as a prerequisite of state contracts	Rob Cook (R) HD 18	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
HB 407	Increase certain vehicle registration fees to benefit Virginia/Nevada cities	Virginia Court (D) HD 50	(H) Hearing -- (H) Transportation 02/11/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
HB 408	Revise contract rights for new members of public employee retirement plans	Greg Hertz (R) HD 12	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
HJ 5	Study reasonable water use	Clayton Fiscus (R) HD 43	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Natural Resources
HJ 8	Joint resolution to study Montana Law Enforcement Academy funding	Frank Garner (R) HD 7	(H) Committee Report--Bill Passed--(H) State Administration
HJ 9	Joint resolution to support passenger rail	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90	(H) Hearing -- (H) Transportation02/09/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
HJ 10	Interim study on passenger rail	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90	(H) Hearing -- (H) Transportation 02/09/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
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) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Business, Labor, & Econ. Affairs
SB 3	Revise workers' comp impairment level for vocational rehabilitation benefits	Tom Facey (D) SD 50	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Business, 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) Sent to Enrolling
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) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
SB 20	Reallocate metal mines license tax	Chas Vincent (R) SD 1	(S) Hearing -- (S) Natural Resources 02/04/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 303
SB 26	Clarifying laws regarding electronic submitting of search warrants	Nels Swandal (R) SD 30	(H) Returned to Senate
SB 37	Revise laws for filing of exempt water right claims	Jennifer Fielder (R) SD 7	(S) Hearing -- (S) Finance and Claims 02/10/2015; 1:30 P.M., Rm 303
SB 44	Authorize county regulation of fireworks	John Brenden (R) SD 17	(S) 2nd Reading Pass Motion Failed*
SB 47	Increase assessments on owners of classified forest land	JP Pomnichowski (D) SD 33	(S) Committee Vote Failed; Remains in Committee-- (S) Natural Resources
SB 54	Provide taxpayers with additional access to confidential sales price information	Dick Barrett (D) SD 45	(S) Transmitted to House
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 56	Revise river bed laws	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Natural Resources
SB 65	Code Commissioner Bill	Robyn Driscoll (D) SD 25	(H) Committee Report--Bill Concurred -- (H) State Administration
SB 69	Authorize sign placement as a campaign practice consideration	Pat Connell (R) SD 43	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) State Administration
SB 72	Allowing political party endorsements and expenditures in judicial races	Taylor Brown (R) SD 28	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 02/11/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 455

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
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	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
SB 82	Expand water policy interim committee duties	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15	(H) Hearing -- (H) Natural Resources 02/06/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
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	(H) Hearing -- (H) Business and Labor 02/09/2015; 8:30 AM, Rm 172
SB 88	Establish contracting laws for conservation districts	John Brenden (R) SD 17	(H) Hearing -- (H) Natural Resources 02/09/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
SB 90	Revise penalties eliminating jail time for certain misdemeanors	Nels Swandal (R) SD 30	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) 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) Finance and Claims 02/12/2015; 1:30 PM, Rm 303
SB 109	Revise laws related to asset forfeiture	Nels Swandal (R) SD 30	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
SB 110	Create temporary vehicle registration for non-resident vehicles	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11	(S) Transmitted to House
SB 113	Generally revise Montana board of investment laws	Jon C Sesso (D) SD 37	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Gov. 02/03/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
SB 115	Generally revise laws related to boarding animals subject to court proceedings	Tom Facey (D) SD 50	(S) Committee Report--Bill Passed as Amended--(S) Judiciary
SB 118	Clarify water right not abandoned if conveyance disrupted	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15	(S) Hearing -- (S) Natural Resources 01/30/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 303
SB 123	Revising the regulatory authority over the Montana state fund	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3	(S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
SB 139	Revise jury selection laws	Diane Sands (D) SD 49	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 02/12/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
SB 142	Revise laws related to health care options for patients with terminal illnesses	Cary Smith (R) SD 27	(H) Hearing -- (H) Human Services 02/11/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
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	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications
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 02/04/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 405
SB 161	Prohibit 457 deferred comp plan from accepting rollovers	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(S) Hearing -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 02/09/2015; 10:00 AM, Rm 422
SB 172	Revise laws related to oil and gas development	Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D) SD 21	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Natural Resources
SB 173	Revise laws related to oil and gas development	Christine Kaufmann (D) SD 40	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Natural Resources

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 174	Revise laws related to funds managed by cemetery association trustees	Mary Sheehy Moe (D) SD 12	(S) Committee Report--Bill Passed as Amended--(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs
SB 177	Revise laws related to oil and gas development	Mary McNally (D) SD 24	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Natural Resources
SB 178	Revise laws regarding vo-tech mill allocation	Mary Sheehy Moe (D) SD 12	(S) Hearing -- (S) Education and Cultural Resources 01/30/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 422
SB 184	Allow for display of electronic proof of motor vehicle insurance	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42	(H) Hearing -- (H) Transportation 02/11/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
SB 185	Establish a state web page of convicted embezzlement names	Douglas (Doug) Kary (R) SD 22	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 01/28/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 187	Generally revise criminal laws	Jennifer Fielder (R) SD 7	(S) Committee Vote Failed; Remains in Committee -- (S) Judiciary
SB 188	Revise liability for forest or range fires	Chas Vincent (R) SD 1	(S) Transmitted to House
SB 190	Revising the legislature's revenue estimating process	Mike Phillips (D) SD 31	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation 01/30/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 405
SB 194	Revise residential property tax credit for the elderly	Mary Caferro (D) SD 41	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation 02/10/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 405
SB 197	Revise paid leave/days laws	Mary Caferro (D) SD 41	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Bus., Labor, & Econ. 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) 2nd Reading Indefinitely Postponed*
SB 204	Lift cap on coal board allocations to Tribes impacted by coal production	Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D) SD 21	(S) Hearing -- (S) Local Gov. 01/30/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
SB 205	Provide for the Hire Montana First Act	Robyn Driscoll (D) SD 25	(S) Hearing -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 02/06/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 422
SB 207	Revise laws related to defensive medicine	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3	(S) Hearing -- (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety 02/09/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 317
SB 209	Regulate vehicle event data	Matthew M Rosendale (R) SD 18	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 02/03/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 210	Include mountain lion in livestock loss program	Gene Vuckovich (D) SD 39	(S) Hearing -- (S) Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation 02/05/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
SB 211	Establish procedures for maximum allowable cost lists for prescription drugs	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11	(S) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
SB 213	Provide for school safety	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44	(S) Hearing -- (S) Education and Cultural Resources 02/06/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 422
SB 214	Provide process for local nuisance declaration and recommendation	Elsie Arntzen (R) SD 26	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Local Government
SB 215	Revise public land laws	Jennifer Fielder (R) SD 7	(S) Hearing -- (S) Natural Resources 02/09/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 303
SB 218	Increase bond for certain metal mines	Mary Sheehy Moe (D) SD 12	(S) Hearing -- (S) Natural Resources 02/11/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 303
SB 220	Repeal the electronic government advisory board and transfer duties	Christine Kaufmann (D) SD 40	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Admin. 02/11/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
SB 222	Generally revise process service laws	Gordon Vance (R) SD 34	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 02/11/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 224	Create a sentencing commission	Cynthia Wolken (D) SD 48	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 02/11/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 225	Prohibit mixed partisan and nonpartisan mailers	Dee Brown (R) SD 2	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) State Administration

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 228	Increase daytime speed limit for certain vehicles on certain highways	Jonathan Windy Boy (D) SD 16	(S) Hearing – (S) Highways & Transportation 02/10/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
SB 230	Public scoping process for FWP land acquisitions	Chas Vincent (R) SD 1	(S) Committee Report--Bill Passed -- (S) Fish and Game
SB 231	Revise admissibility in evidence of seat belt use laws	Nels Swandal (R) SD 30	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 02/05/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 232	Revise stream access laws to reflect Galt decision	Frederick (Eric) Moore (R) SD 19	(S) Hearing -- (S) Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation 02/12/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
SB 233	Provide for medicaid waiver protection for certain military families	Mary Caferro (D) SD 41	(S) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
SB 234	Revise tax and fees for professional liability insurance	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44	(S) Hearing -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 02/12/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 422
SB 237	Revise laws governing impact fees	Mark Blasdel (R) SD 4	(S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
SB 238	Create a deferred retirement option plan (DROP) in Hwy Patrol Retirement Plan	Mark Blasdel (R) SD 4	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) State Administration
SB 239	Protect property rights of dog owners by prohibiting breed-specific ordinances	Douglas (Doug) Kary (R) SD 22	(S) Hearing -- (S) Local Gov. 02/16/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
SB 241	Provide statewide uniformity regarding wages/benefits for political subdivisions	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(S) Hearing -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 02/05/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 422
SB 248	Require identification for legislative public comment	John Brenden (R) SD 17	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Admin. 02/09/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
SB 251	Revise prevailing wage laws to match local government contracting	Dee Brown (R) SD 2	(S) Hearing -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 02/18/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 422
SB 254	Generally revise laws related to Montana State Fund	Jim Keane (D) SD 38	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Bus., Labor, & Econ. Affairs
SB 258	Revise workers' compensation laws relating to religious employer definition	Brian Hoven (R) SD 13	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Bus., Labor, & Econ. Affairs
SB 260	Revise education funding laws related to oil and gas production taxes	Frederick (Eric) Moore (R) SD 19	(S) Hearing -- (S) Education and Cultural Resources 02/11/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 422
SB 265	Generally revise unemployment laws related to multi-employer situations	Bob Keenan (R) SD 5	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Bus., Labor, & Econ. Affairs
SB 268	Revise laws related to storm drainage sumps	Diane Sands (D) SD 49	(S) Hearing – (S) Natural Resources 02/09/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 303
SB 271	Designating state auditor investigators as peace officers	Diane Sands (D) SD 49	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Bus., Labor, & Econ. Affairs
SB 273	Revise soil and conservation district laws	Jennifer Fielder (R) SD 7	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Natural Resources
SB 274	Prevent the federal government from selling public lands in Montana	Jennifer Fielder (R) SD 7	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Judiciary
SJ 1	Joint Rules Resolution	Matthew M Rosendale (R) SD 18	(S) Filed with Secretary of State
SJ 2	Study state assumption of federal dredge and fill permitting	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15	(S) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
SJ 5	Study future water rights administration	Chas Vincent (R) SD 1	(H) Hearing – (H) Natural Resources 02/11/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
SJ 9	Resolution on medicare/medicaid expansion	John Brenden (R) SD 17	(S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
SR 1	Senate Rules Resolution	Matthew M Rosendale (R) SD 18	(S) Filed with Secretary of State

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