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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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2015 PROJECTED SESSION CALENDAR

As revised by legislative leadership — February 19, 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-Mar 4: Transmittal Break
- March 23: Transmittal of Revenue-Estimating Joint Resolutions & Last day to request Study Resolutions**
- March 25: Last day to request bills proposing Referenda or for Committee to request Revenue Bills
- March 31: Transmittal of Appropriation Bills, Revenue Bills, and Bills Proposing Referenda & Last day to request Committee Bills to implement House Bill 2
- April 10: Transmittal of amendments to General Bills
- April 18: Transmittal of amendments to Appropriation Bills, Revenue Bills, Revenue-Estimating Resolution, and Bills Proposing Referenda
- April 24: Transmittal of Interim Study Resolutions
- April 30: 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, MARCH 9					
Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
9:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	SB 101	Allow the Dept of Corrections to set minimum percentage of inmate earnings saved	Robyn Driscoll (D) SD 25
9:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	SB 61	Clarify courts' punitive authority	Robyn Driscoll (D) SD 25
9:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	SB 90	Revise penalties eliminating jail time for certain misdemeanors	Nels Swandal (R) SD 30
10:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	HB 225	Revise and update funeral trust banking laws	Vince Ricci (R) HD 55
10:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	HB 285	Revise definitions related to guest ranches	Kelly Flynn (R) HD 70
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	SB 141	Repeal termination of reemployment provision for certain retired TRS members	Llew Jones (R) SD 9
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	SB 240	Revise interstate compact on educational opportunity for military children	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11
3:00 PM	(H) Federal Relations, Energy & Telecom.	472	SB 321	Generally revise energy laws	Mark Blasdel (R) SD 4
3:00 PM	(H) Federal Relations, Energy & Telecom.	472	SB 327	Revise qualifying facility laws	Mark Blasdel (R) SD 4
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	SB 276	Establish directory of medicaid personal care services in Montana	Roger Webb (R) SD 23
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	SB 277	Revise laws related to DPHHS personal assistance services information collection	Roger Webb (R) SD 23
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	SJ 9	Resolution on medicare/medicaid expansion	John Brenden (R) SD 17
3:00 PM	(H) Natural Resources	172	SB 136	Generally revise hazardous waste fees	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15
3:00 PM	(H) Natural Resources	172	SB 56	Revise river bed laws	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15
3:00 PM	(H) Natural Resources	172	SB 96	Revise the controlled allocation of liability laws	Jim Keane (D) SD 38
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	SB 180	Revise the disposition of rental car sales tax	Brian Hoven (R) SD 13
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	SB 332	Establish the Joseph J. Dunn memorial highway	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11
3:00 PM	(S) Local Government	405	HB 289	Revise zoning requirements for economic development districts	Edward Greef (R) HD 88
3:00 PM	(S) Local Government	405	HB 334	Generally revise laws applicable to county government	Rob Cook (R) HD 18
3:00 PM	(S) Local Government	405	HB 366	Revise county district court clerk and justice of peace compensation laws	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39
3:00 PM	(S) Local Government	405	HB 461	Revise salary for certain justice positions	Steve Lavin (R) HD 8
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	303	SB 326	Revise state land laws	Jedediah Hinkle (R) SD 32
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	303	SB 387	Revise water quality violation penalties	Cary Smith (R) SD 27
3:00 PM	(S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety	317	HB 319	Revise medical lien laws	Albert Olszewski (R) HD 11
3:00 PM	(S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety	317	SR 14	Confirm Governor's appointees for health related boards	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44
3:00 PM	(S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety	317	SR 16	Confirm Governor's appointee to the board of public assistance	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44
3:00 PM	(S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety	317	SR 23	Confirm Governor's appointee to board radiologic technologists	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	HB 372	Repeal national guard bonus program laws	Frank Garner (R) HD 7
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	HB 400	Allow electronic ballot for disabled voters	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	HJ 12	Joint resolution recognizing the significance of the Miracle of America Museum	Greg Hertz (R) HD 12
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	HJ 8	Joint resolution to study Montana Law Enforcement Academy funding	Frank Garner (R) HD 7

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	SB 109	Revise laws related to asset forfeiture	Nels Swandal (R) SD 30
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	SB 126	Generally revise landlord tenant laws to allow voluntary electronic notification	Roger Webb (R) SD 23
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	SB 131	Revise concealed weapon renewal laws	Douglas (Doug) Kary (R) SD 22
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	SB 143	Clarify constitutional provisions and law related to board of regents/u-system	Cary Smith (R) SD 27
8:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 574	Revise compensation definition and funding in police and fire retirement systems	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54
8:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	SB 144	Revise laws to consolidate procurement accounts	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11
8:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	SB 168	Providing academic protections for students called to active duty	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11
8:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	SB 94	Revise laws related to the central stores warehouse	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11
8:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	HB 569	Exempt portion of homestead market value from taxes	Clayton Fiscus (R) HD 43
8:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	SB 122	Encourage manufacture of ammunition in Montana to ensure availability	Matthew M Rosendale (R) SD 18
8:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	SB 200	Lower individual income tax rates	Duane Ankney (R) SD 20
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	HB 117	Address unlicensed practice for certain licensing boards	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	HB 358	Generally revise laws related to licensed addiction counselors	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	HB 449	Require fiscal notes to include business impact	Kirk Wagoner (R) HD 75
8:00 AM	(S) Finance and Claims	317	HB 145	Revise laws related to livestock loss	Mike Cuffe (R) HD 2
8:00 AM	(S) Finance and Claims	317	SB 259	Revising workers' compensation and occupational health and safety assessments	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3
8:00 AM	(S) Finance and Claims	317	SB 312	Generally revise USB laws	Mike Phillips (D) SD 31
8:00 AM	(S) Finance and Claims	317	SB 47	Increase assessments on owners of classified forest land	JP Pomnichowski (D) SD 33
8:00 AM	(S) Finance and Claims	317	SB 99	Revise insure Montana small business health insurance laws	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42
8:00 AM	(S) Taxation	405	SB 374	Revise oil and gas tax rates and provide funding to local governments	Christine Kaufmann (D) SD 40
8:00 AM	(S) Taxation	405	SB 386	Revising late file penalty, filing, and withholding for pass-through entities	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	SB 174	Revise laws related to funds managed by cemetery association trustees	Mary Sheehy Moe (D) SD 12
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	SB 181	Require Senate confirm Board of Outfitters	Elsie Arntzen (R) SD 26
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	HB 412	Generally revise minor in possession laws	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	HB 436	Revising the Montana uniform trust code	Kimberly Dudik (D) HD 94
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	HB 447	Revise right to participate laws related to attorney fees	Kirk Wagoner (R) HD 75
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	HB 448	Revise right to know laws related to attorney fees	Kirk Wagoner (R) HD 75
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SR 28	Confirm Governor's appointees to the board of crime control	Scott Sales (R) SD 35
3:00 PM	(H) Agriculture	137	SB 232	Revise stream access laws to reflect Galt decision	Frederick (Eric) Moore (R) SD 19
3:00 PM	(H) Agriculture	137	SB 284	Require approval of county commissioners for bison relocation	John Brenden (R) SD 17
3:00 PM	(H) Local Government	172	SB 226	Revise subdivision review criteria laws	Roger Webb (R) SD 23
3:00 PM	(H) Local Government	172	SB 237	Revise laws governing impact fees	Mark Blasdel (R) SD 4
3:00 PM	(S) Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation	335	HB 355	Revise horse surrender process	Alan Doane (R) HD 36
3:00 PM	(S) Energy and Telecommunications	317	HB 353	Revise laws related to public service commission vacancy	Edward Greef (R) HD 88
3:00 PM	(S) Energy and Telecommunications	317	HB 393	Certify incidental carbon storage	Tom Richmond (R) HD 56

TUESDAY (CONTINUED)

Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
3:00 PM	(S) Energy and Telecommunications	317	HJ 15	Joint resolution urging the federal government recognition of Little Shell Tribe	Mitch Tropila (D) HD 26
3:00 PM	(S) Fish and Game	422	HB 167	Generally revise off-highway vehicle laws	Jeffrey W Welborn (R) HD 72
3:00 PM	(S) Fish and Game	422	HB 279	Clarify laws related to when and how to legally tag game animals	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54
3:00 PM	(S) Highways and Transportation	405	HB 394	Revise bicycle safety laws	Gerald (Jerry) Bennett (R) HD 1

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	SB 209	Regulate vehicle event data	Matthew M Rosendale (R) SD 18
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	SB 219	Revise laws related to expunging certain records	Janna Taylor (R) SD 6
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	SB 223	Generally revise bail bond laws	Gordon Vance (R) SD 34
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	SB 224	Create a commission to study criminal justice system	Cynthia Wolken (D) SD 48
8:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	SB 124	Require certain boards to record and publish meetings in video or audio format	Dee Brown (R) SD 2
8:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	SB 80	Eliminate certain reporting requirements for legislative audit committee	Dee Brown (R) SD 2
8:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	SB 89	Require supreme court justices/district court judges to file financial reports	John Brenden (R) SD 17
8:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	HB 592	Provide for Montana earned income tax credit	Tom Jacobson (D) HD 21
8:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	SB 170	Redefine joint income tax filing status and terminology	Dick Barrett (D) SD 45
8:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	SB 54	Provide taxpayers with additional access to confidential sales price information	Dick Barrett (D) SD 45
8:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	SB 92	Revise administration of taxes	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	HB 208	Revise pawnbroker register requirements	David (Doc) Moore (R) HD 92
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	HB 259	Revise reqts. regarding vehicle titles & auto dealers, wholesalers, auctions	David (Doc) Moore (R) HD 92
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	HB 396	Revise laws related to small business impact analysis	Donald W Jones (R) HD 46
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 560	Revise fund structure and budgetary process for board of accountants	Greg Hertz (R) HD 12
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	SB 138	Give safe harbors for employers, schools, landlords for criminal rehabilitation	Brian Hoven (R) SD 13
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	SB 152	Extend sunset for outfitter assistants laws	Cary Smith (R) SD 27
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	SB 83	Adopt health insurance appeals/external review laws of NAIC	Christine Kaufmann (D) SD 40
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	SB 255	Revise laws for advancing agricultural education	Taylor Brown (R) SD 28
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	SB 272	Encourage Indian language immersion schools	Jonathan Windy Boy (D) SD 16
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	SB 282	Revising board of regents' authority to approve post secondary institutions	Tom Facey (D) SD 50
3:00 PM	(H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications	472	SB 368	Require certain pipeline information be publicly available	Matthew M Rosendale (R) SD 18
3:00 PM	(H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications	472	SJ 13	Joint resolution supporting coal	Duane Ankney (R) SD 20
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	HB 479	Revise laws regarding fetal surgery	Albert Olszewski (R) HD 11
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	HB 509	Native American and rural youth suicide prevention pilot project	Casey Schreiner (D) HD 25

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3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	HB 589	Revise laws related to adverse childhood experiences	Jessica Karjala (D) HD 48
3:00 PM	(H) Natural Resources	172	SB 256	Authorize the attorney general to intervene involving timber reduction projects	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15
3:00 PM	(H) Natural Resources	172	SB 37	Revise laws for filing of exempt water right claims	Jennifer Fielder (R) SD 7
3:00 PM	(H) Natural Resources	172	SJ 2	Study state assumption of federal dredge and fill permitting	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15
3:00 PM	(S) Local Government	405	HB 164	Generally revise laws to expedite recovery of trustee sale surplus funds	Nicholas Schwaderer (R) HD 14
3:00 PM	(S) Local Government	405	HB 441	Provide process for county abandonment/consolidation	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	303	HB 226	Revise oil and gas laws related to the oil and gas damage mitigation account	Tom Richmond (R) HD 56
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	303	HB 270	Generally revise water discharge laws regarding nutrients	Tom Richmond (R) HD 56
3:00 PM	(S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety	317	HB 200	Require drug screening & testing for temp assistance for needy families program	Randall Pinocci (R) HD 19
3:00 PM	(S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety	317	HB 348	Authorize interstate healthcare compact	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87
3:00 PM	(S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety	317	HB 382	Revising terminology relating to mental illness	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	HB 198	Revise election laws related to names on the ballot	Keith Regier (R) HD 4
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	HB 209	Revise laws related to designation of an agent to assist an elector	Casey Schreiner (D) HD 25
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	HB 288	Repeal law regarding transfer of information technology resources	Tom Richmond (R) HD 56
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	HB 392	Establish reemployment provisions for MPORS members	Frank Garner (R) HD 7
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	HB 69	Update training requirements for election administrators	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 586	Revise laws related to aerial drones	Willis Curdy (D) HD 98
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	SB 242	Revise laws related to providing alcohol to minors	Roger Webb (R) SD 23
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	SB 253	Provide for uniform act for powers of appointment for estate planning	Mary McNally (D) SD 24
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	SB 266	Provide for uniform act regarding fiduciary access to digital assets	Mary McNally (D) SD 24
8:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	SB 151	Strike requirement to file campaign reports with election administrators	Douglas (Doug) Kary (R) SD 22
8:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	SB 220	Repeal the electronic government advisory board and transfer duties	Christine Kaufmann (D) SD 40
8:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	SB 248	Require identification for legislative public comment	John Brenden (R) SD 17
8:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	SB 42	Revise allocation of contribution in the Pers defined contribution plan	Sue Malek (D) SD 46
8:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	SB 74	Revise PERS employer contribution laws for the Montana State University System	Mary Sheehy Moe (D) SD 12
8:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	SB 175	Revise tax credit for temporary emergency lodging	Cynthia Wolken (D) SD 48
8:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	SB 190	Revising the legislature's revenue estimating process	Mike Phillips (D) SD 31
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	HB 115	Generally revise board of nursing laws	Moffie Funk (D) HD 82

THURSDAY (CONTINUED)

Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	HB 118	Allow for electronic delivery of insurance policies	Bryce Bennett (D) HD 91
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	HB 343	Prohibit request of online passwords as a condition of hiring or employment	Bryce Bennett (D) HD 91
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	SB 192	Amend insurance freedom of choice for practitioners	Robyn Driscoll (D) SD 25
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	SB 280	Generally revise loan agreement statute of frauds laws	Frederick (Eric) Moore (R) SD 19
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	SB 281	Generally revise consumer protection damage laws	Frederick (Eric) Moore (R) SD 19
9:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	HB 114	Revise tax increment finance district remittance laws for schools	Mike Miller (R) HD 80
3:00 PM	(H) Agriculture	137	SB 183	Revise milk licensing assessments	Taylor Brown (R) SD 28
3:00 PM	(H) Agriculture	137	SB 210	Include mountain lion in livestock loss program	Gene Vuckovich (D) SD 39
3:00 PM	(H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks	152	SB 245	Revise laws related to late season cow elk hunts	Douglas (Doug) Kary (R) SD 22
3:00 PM	(H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks	152	SB 247	Prohibit sage grouse hunting in Montana	John Brenden (R) SD 17
3:00 PM	(H) Local Government	172	SB 294	Revise hospital district laws	Frederick (Eric) Moore (R) SD 19
3:00 PM	(S) Energy and Telecommunications	317	SR 13	Confirm Governor appointments related to energy	Roger Webb (R) SD 23
3:00 PM	(S) Fish and Game	422	HB 146	Revise distribution of block management funding	Kelly Flynn (R) HD 70

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 566	Constitutional amendment revising composition of redistricting commission	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54
8:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	SB 169	Require special election for vacancy in the U.S. Senate or House	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15
8:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	SB 235	Generally revise laws related to the courts	Kris Hansen (R) SD 14
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	HB 119	Update insurance laws to meet NAIC accreditation standards	Tom Berry (R) HD 40
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	HB 240	Revise laws related to fee charges for surplus lines property/casualty insurance	Tom Berry (R) HD 40
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	HB 44	Revise license terms for board of public accountants	Tom Berry (R) HD 40
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 595	Provide tax credit for higher education expenses	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) HD 20
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	SB 213	Provide for school safety	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	HB 576	Generally revise investigation, licensing, cert. of health care facilities	Art Wittich (R) HD 68
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	HB 582	Establishing the Catastrophic Health Care Costs Act	Art Wittich (R) HD 68
3:00 PM	(H) Natural Resources	172	SB 221	Transfer of Willow Creek dam to water users association	Debby Barrett (R) SD 36
3:00 PM	(H) Natural Resources	172	SB 229	Extend historic county road or utility right-of-way application dates	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3
3:00 PM	(H) Natural Resources	172	SB 261	Montana sage grouse stewardship act	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15
3:00 PM	(H) Natural Resources	172	SB 34	Facilitate cabin and home-site sales	Tom Facey (D) SD 50
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	SB 338	Exclude certain vehicles on MT 16 from certain maximum weight limits	Elsie Arntzen (R) SD 26
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	303	HB 168	Define combined appropriation for exempt wells in certain cases	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) HD 20
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	303	HB 36	Allow water permit volume change due to incomplete use	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76

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	Chapter Number Assigned
	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	(S) Hearing – (S) Finance and Claims 03/10/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 317
	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) Committee Report— Bill Concurred—(S) Local Gov.
	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) Committee Report— Bill Concurred as Amended— (S) Local Government
	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 <u>IF THE COMMISSIONERS ESTABLISH A PROCESS</u> AND A DECISION BY A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS <u>OR A BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT</u> MAY BE APPEALED TO <u>A COURT OF RECORD</u> ; <u>AND</u> 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	(S) Hearing -- (S) Local Gov. 03/09/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
	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 <u>RECORD</u> <u>SUBMIT</u> THEIR MINUTES <u>WITH TO</u> THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER <u>FOR ELECTRONIC STORAGE</u> 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."			
SB 111	Clarify wind generation facility impact fee for local governmental units	2014-16	Duane Ankney (R) SD 20	(H) Committee Report— Bill Concurred—(H) Federal Relations, Energy, & Telecom.
	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) Committee Report—Bill Concurred—(H) Business & 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."			

MACo RESOLUTIONS & INTRODUCED LEGISLATION (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Res. No.	Sponsor	Status
SB 229	Extend historic county road or utility right-of-way application dates	2014-12	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3	(H) Hearing – (H) Natural Resources 03/13/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
	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 <u>AND EXTENDING THE TERMINATION DATE</u> ; AMENDING SECTION 77-1-130, MCA; <u>AMENDING SECTIONS 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, AND 7, CHAPTER 325, LAWS OF 2011</u> ; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."			
LCI 554	Establish process to allow counties to enter into development agreements	2014-08	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11	(C) Draft On Hold
	THERE IS NO LANGUAGE AS OF YET.			
LCI 662	Provide for inventory of all county and public roads	2014-07	Tom Jacobson (D) HD 21	(C) Draft On Hold
	THERE IS NO LANGUAGE AS OF YET.			

MACo RESOLUTIONS/LEGISLATION THAT MISSED TRANSMITTAL DEADLINE

Bill No.	Short Title	Res. No.	Sponsor	Status
HB 534	Allow county commission to regulate compression brake usage	2014-05	Kirk Wagoner (R) HD 75	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO REGULATE THE USE OF COMPRESSION BRAKES; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF COUNTY REGULATIONS ON COMPRESSION BRAKES; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-14-2113, 61-9-321, AND 61-9-521, MCA."			
SB 121	Revise what employment by a PERS retiree is considered active member service	2014-14	Douglas Kary (R) SD 22	(S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ELIMINATING SERVICE BY AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AS EMPLOYMENT COVERED BY THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE PURPOSES OF RETIREE REEMPLOYMENT LIMITATIONS AND EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 19-3-1106, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."			

MACo PRIORITY WATCH LIST

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87	(H) Hearing -- (H) Approps. 03/06/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 102
	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) Rereferred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING THE BUILD MONTANA ACT; AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF STATE DEBT THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND COAL SEVERANCE TAX BONDS; APPROPRIATING THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS FOR STATE AND LOCAL PROJECTS AND IMPROVEMENTS; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR AND AUTHORIZING CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2017; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENTS OF COMMERCE AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION FOR GRANTS AND LOANS TO STATE AND LOCAL ENTITIES AND REGIONAL WATER AUTHORITIES FOR PROJECTS AND IMPROVEMENTS; APPROPRIATING COAL SEVERANCE TAXES FOR DEBT SERVICE; PRIORITIZING PROJECT GRANTS AND AMOUNTS; AUTHORIZING PROJECT GRANTS AND LOANS AND AMOUNTS; REAUTHORIZING PROJECT GRANTS AND LOANS AUTHORIZED BY THE 63RD LEGISLATURE; ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR GRANTS AND LOANS; EXPANDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; CREATING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROJECTS AND IMPROVEMENTS BOND PROCEEDS ACCOUNT; PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE APPROPRIATIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 90-6-701 AND 90-6-710, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERMINATION DATES."		
HB 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) Rereferred 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."		

MACo PRIORITY WATCH LIST (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
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."		
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	(S) Hearing -- (S) Finance & Claims 03/06/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 317
	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	(S) Hearing -- (S) Finance & Claims 03/06/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 317
	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	(S) Hearing -- (S) Finance & Claims 03/06/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 317
	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	(S) Hearing -- (S) Finance & Claims 03/06/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 317
	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	(S) Hearing -- (S) Finance & Claims 03/06/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 317
	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 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 74	Require notice to the attorney general regarding data breaches	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76	Chapter Number Assigned
	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.		

MACo PRIORITY WATCH LIST (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 84	Generally revise election laws	Bryce Bennett (D) HD 91	Chapter Number Assigned
	<p>AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING ELECTION LAWS; CONSOLIDATING AND STANDARDIZING CERTAIN DATES AND DEADLINES 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 OF 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 2-622, 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, 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, 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, 7-3-122, 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, 7-3-4319, 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, 7-6-153, 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, 7-7-2230, 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, 7-4243, 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, 7-14-250, 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, 13-1-109, 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, 13-12-205, 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, 16-4-201, 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, 20-10-203, 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, 20-20-101, 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, 7-2-4903, 7-3-121, 7-3-124, 7-3-4209, 7-3-4306, 7-3-4308, 7-3-4341, 7-5-136, 7-6-1531, 7-6-1537, 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, 7-34-203, 20-3-304, 20-3-344, 20-15-205, 20-15-206, 20-20-101, 20-20-202, 76-15-302, AND 85-9-422, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE.</p>		
HB 85	Revise the administration and tax qualification laws of the TRS	Tom Woods (D) HD 62	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Admin. 02/13/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
	<p>A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING ADMINISTRATIVE AND FEDERAL TAX QUALIFICATION PROVISIONS OF THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; REVISING PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE CORRECTION OF ERRORS, RECOVERY OF AMOUNTS DUE RESULTING FROM ERRORS, CREDITABLE SERVICE, OPTIONAL RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES, COMPENSATION LIMITATIONS, MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTIONS, DIFFERENTIAL WAGE PAYMENTS, DISABILITY BENEFITS, DEATH BENEFITS, AND GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUM WITHHOLDING; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-20-401, 19-20-402, 19-20-403, 19-20-404, 19-20-405, 19-20-408, 19-20-409, 19-20-410, 19-20-426, 19-20-427, 19-20-702, 19-20-715, 19-20-716, 19-20-718, 19-20-802, 19-20-904, 19-20-1001, AND 19-20-1101, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 19-20-705, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE."</p>		
HB 100	Generally revise laws relating to the public safety officer training council	Frank Garner (R) HD 7	(S) Committee Report—Bill Concurred as Amended— (S) Pub. Health, Welfare & Safety
	<p>A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE DUTIES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL RELATED TO CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS; REMOVING REFERENCES TO THE GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEST; ALLOWING CERTAIN MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS TO EXAMINE AND EVALUATE THE MENTAL HEALTH OF A PEACE OFFICER CANDIDATE; ALLOWING SUBSTITUTION OF A STANDARDIZED MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION INSTRUMENT FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH EXAMINATION; REVISING CERTAIN COURSE REQUIREMENTS; REMOVING APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS BEFORE THE COUNCIL ISSUES A CERTIFICATE TO A PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER WHO MEETS CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL AND PROBATIONARY REQUIREMENTS; ESTABLISHING THE COUNCIL AS A CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE MONTANA CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION ACT; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-32-303 AND 44-4-403, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."</p>		
HB 101	Generally revise administrative laws of the MPERA retirement systems	Tom Steenberg (D) HD 99	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) State Administration
	<p>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."</p>		

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 107	Revise defined contribution plan funding laws	Rob Cook (R) HD 18	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Admin. 02/09/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
	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; REALLOCATING A TEMPORARY EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION FROM PAYING GENERAL LIABILITIES TO PAYING PLAN CHOICE RATE LIABILITIES AND THEN DIRECTING THE CONTRIBUTION TO MEMBER ACCOUNTS; 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	Chapter Number Assigned
	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.		
HB 123	Generally revise public records laws	Donald W Jones (R) HD 46	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) State Administration
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING AND REORGANIZING MONTANA PUBLIC RECORDS LAWS; UPDATING DEFINITIONS AND PROVIDING NEW DEFINITIONS; CLARIFYING ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION; PROVIDING PRIVACY SAFETY 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 155	Provide for the development of a digital archives plan	Moffie Funk (D) HD 82	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Appropriations
	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) Hearing -- (S) Natural Rscs. 03/13/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 303
	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 201	Lower state property tax mills	Keith Regier (R) HD 4	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Appropriations
	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 223	Revise cost of death certificates and use for funding board of funeral service	Christy Clark (R) HD 17	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
	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	(S) Hearing – (S) Natural Resources 03/11/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 303
	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) Hearing -- (H) Approps. 02/17/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
	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) Hearing – (H) Human Svcs. 03/06/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
	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) Hearing -- (S) Pub. Health, Welfare & Safety 02/16/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 317
	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 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	(S) Hearing -- (S) Local Gov. 03/09/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
	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) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Transportation
	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."		

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 310	Establish an oil and gas trust fund	Tom Jacobson (D) HD 21	(H) Committee Report— Bill Passed—(H) Taxation
	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 402	Generally revise laws related to oil and gas development	Austin Knudsen (R) HD 34	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Finance and Claims
	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 AWARDING GRANTS; ESTABLISHING AN OIL AND GAS IMPACT ACCOUNT; ALLOCATING FEDERAL MINERAL LEASING REVENUE TO THE OIL AND GAS IMPACT ACCOUNT; 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."		
HB 413	Create OSHA laws applicable to private employers	Chuck Hunter (D) HD 83	(H) Committee Report—Bill Passed—(H) Business & Labor
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE MONTANA PRIVATE SECTOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ACT; ASSIGNING ADMINISTRATIVE, RULEMAKING, AND ENFORCEMENT DUTIES TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY; PROVIDING A FUNDING MECHANISM; PROVIDING FOR A SAFETY ADVISORY COUNCIL; PROVIDING FOR VOLUNTARY SAFETY CONSULTATIONS; PROVIDING SAFETY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES; PROVIDING FOR INSPECTIONS, CITATIONS, MONETARY PENALTIES, AND DUE PROCESS PROTECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR STOP-WORK ORDERS AND CIVIL INJUNCTIVE RELIEF; PROVIDING FOR WHISTLE-BLOWER PROTECTION FOR EMPLOYEES; AMENDING SECTIONS 39-2-912, 39-71-201, AND 49-2-301, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 471	Revise local government property tax cap laws	Cook (R) HD 18	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 03/05/2015; 10:00 AM, Rm 152
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE INFLATIONARY ADJUSTMENT ALLOWED FOR ENTITIES THAT IMPOSE MILL LEVIES; ALLOWING AN INFLATIONARY ADJUSTMENT OF THE AVERAGE RATE OF INFLATION FOR THE PRIOR 3 YEARS; AND AMENDING SECTION 15-10-420, MCA."		
HB 523	Revise rural improvement district laws	Seth Berglee (R) HD 58	(H) Transmitted to Senate
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF IMPROVEMENTS IN A RURAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT UPON RECEIPT OF A PETITION; REQUIRING THE PETITION TO INCLUDE CERTAIN INFORMATION; REQUIRING NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED TRANSFER; REQUIRING THAT ALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE IMPROVEMENTS AND ALL DEBT AND ASSETS OF THE DISTRICT BE TRANSFERRED IF THE TRANSFER IS APPROVED; AND AMENDING SECTION 7-8-221 I, MCA."		
HB 536	Revise Captive Insurance Laws to Allow Political Subdivisions	Tom Berry (R) HD 40	(H) Committee Executive ction— Bill Passed—(H) Business & Labor
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING CAPTIVE INSURANCE LAWS TO APPLY TO ENTITIES FORMED OR OPERATED FOR THE BENEFIT OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE; AMENDING SECTIONS 33-1-102 AND 33-28-101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 572	Revise treasure state endowment program laws	Mike Cuffe (R) HD 2	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Appropriations
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT REGIONAL WATER PROGRAM; CONTINUING TRANSFERS TO THE TREASURE STATE ENDOWMENT REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM FUND; AMENDING SECTION 17-5-703, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 6, CHAPTER 495, LAWS OF 1999, SECTION 1, CHAPTER 70, LAWS OF 2001, SECTIONS 15 AND 16, CHAPTER 389, LAWS OF 2011, AND SECTIONS 8, 9, AND 10, CHAPTER 390, LAWS OF 2013; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HJ 11	Joint resolution regarding the keystone pipeline	Mike Lang (R) HD 33	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Energy & Telecommunications
	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	Chapter Number Assigned
	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; AMENDING SECTIONS 10-3-103, 10-3-310, AND 10-3-1204, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.		

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 18	Revising the time frame for the calculation of the entitlement share growth rate	Dick Barrett (D) SD 45	Chapter Number Assigned
	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) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 03/12/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
	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 <u>19-2-303</u> , <u>19-2-407</u> , <u>19-3-2117</u> , 19-3-2121 , AND 19-21-214, MCA; <u>REPEALING SECTION 19-3-2121, MCA</u> ; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE."		
SB 52	Revise captive insurance laws	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
	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	Chapter Number Assigned
	AN ACT REVISING THE REPORTING AND PAYMENT DATES FOR PER CAPITA LIVESTOCK FEES; AMENDING SECTIONS 24-903, 15-24-905, 15-24-906, 15-24-921, AND 81-7-603, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE AND APPLICABILITY DATE.		
SB 124	Require certain boards to record and publish meetings in video or audio format	Dee Brown (R) SD 2	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 03/11/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
	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 <u>24 HOURS 1 BUSINESS DAY</u> ; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
SB 140	Revise budget and expenditure comparison laws	Llew Jones (R) SD 9	(H) Committee Executive Action—Bill Concurred— (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	(H) Referred to Committee – (H) Appropriations
	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 226	Revise subdivision review criteria law	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Gov. 03/10/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
	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 247	Prohibit sage grouse hunting in Montana	John Brenden (R) SD 17	(H) Hearing – (H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks 03/12/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
	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."		

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 249	Generally revise energy performance contracting laws	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42	(H) Hearing -- (H) Federal Relations, Energy, & Telecom. 03/06/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
	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) Finance and Claims 03/10/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 317
	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	(H) Hearing -- (H) Natural Resources 03/13/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
	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."		
SB 284	Require approval of county commissioners for bison relocation	John Brenden (R) SD 17	(H) Hearing -- (H) Agriculture 03/10/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 137
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING AUTHORIZATION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS BEFORE WILD BUFFALO OR WILD BISON ARE RELEASED INTO A COUNTY; REQUIRING RELEASE OF WILD BUFFALO OR WILD BISON TO MEET CERTAIN CONDITIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 76-1-605, 81-2-120, AND 87-1-216, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		

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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) Approps. 02/19/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 13	State Employee Pay Plan	Kathy Swanson (D) HD 77	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 14	Creating broadband development fund through bonding	Kelly McCarthy (D) HD 49	(H) Rereferred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 17	Require workers' compensation insurers to provide loss information	Tom Berry (R) HD 40	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Business and Labor
HB 25	Revise laws relating to housing for offenders	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) HD 51	(S) Committee Vote Failed; Remains in Committee -- (S) Judiciary
HB 31	Revise school finance laws	Kathy Kelker (D) HD 47	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 41	Revise tax appeal laws	Chuck Hunter (D) HD 83	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 56	Revising subdivision classifications for Ag land valuation	Kerry White (R) HD 64	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 62	Revise penalty for unauthorized use of state trust lands	Virginia Court (D) HD 50	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Natural Resources

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 65	State treasurer to receive local government fees for audits and reviews	Moffie Funk (D) HD 82	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 69	Update training requirements for election administrators	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Admin. 03/11/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
HB 75	Authorize creation of sex assault prosecution unit in AG's office	Stephanie Hess (R) HD 28	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 78	Clarify vehicle owner's privacy rights for event data recorders	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76	(S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
HB 88	Generally revise laws related to sex offender registration	Sarah Laszloffy (R) HD 53	(S) Committee Report--Bill Concurred -- (S) Judiciary
HB 89	Generally revise human trafficking laws	Kimberly Dudik (D) HD 94	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
HB 90	Revise workers' compensation laws	Andrea Olsen (D) HD 100	(S) Committee Report— Bill Concurred as Amended— (S) Bus., Labor, & Econ. Affairs
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) Committee Report— Bill Concurred as Amended— (S) Bus., Labor, & Econ. Affairs
HB 97	Authorize alternative contracting process	Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D) HD 73	(S) Hearing – (S) Highways and Transportation 02/03/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
HB 99	Revise fuel tax laws	Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D) HD 73	(S) Committee Vote Failed; Remains in Committee – (S) Highways and Transportation
HB 103	Revise duties of state auditor office related to insurance and securities laws	Zach Brown (D) HD 63	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 104	Increase price of license plates issued by MDOT for certain vehicles/trailers,	Jennifer Eck (D) HD 79	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Highways and Transportation
HB 114	Revise tax increment finance district remittance laws for schools	Mike Miller (R) HD 80	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 03/12/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 118	Allow for electronic delivery of insurance policies	Bryce Bennett (D) HD 91	(S) Hearing – (S) Bus., Labor, & Econ. Affairs 03/12/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 422
HB 125	Revise term related to government accounting standards	Kathy Swanson (D) HD 77	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 130	Prohibit use of tanning devices for person under 18 years old absent consent	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90	(S) Tabled in Committee -- (S) Judiciary
HB 132	Authorize disbursement of unspent funds for DUI taskforce	Frank Garner (R) HD 7	(S) Committee Report— Bill Concurred— (S) Highways and Transportation
HB 133	Authorize the public defender to award fixed-fee contracts	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) HD 51	(S) Committee Report--Bill Concurred -- (S) Judiciary
HB 134	Prohibit a youth from being transferred to adult supervision without a felony	Jennifer Eck (D) HD 79	Chapter Number Assigned
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) Rereferred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
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	(S) Hearing -- (S) Local Gov. 03/11/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
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 180	Revise regional water laws	Bridget Smith (D) HD 31	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 183	Revise annexation laws related to parks	Forrest Mandeville (R) HD 57	(S) Committee Report— Bill Concurred as Amended— (S) Local Government

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 185	Revise driver license fee allocations to increase traffic educ. account funding	Jean Price (D) HD 24	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Appropriations
HB 191	Revise laws governing investigations of abuse at Montana state hospital	Jennifer Eck (D) HD 79	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Finance and Claims
HB 194	Revise bison laws	Alan Redfield (R) HD 59	(S) Hearing -- (S) Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation 03/05/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
HB 195	Revise pretrial diversion laws	Nate McConnell (D) HD 89	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 204	Revising laws relating to liability waivers and releases	Greg Hertz (R) HD 12	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 03/05/2015; 10:00 AM, Rm 303
HB 207	Prohibiting disclosure of media info from electronic communications services	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 02/18/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 303
HB 209	Revise laws related to designation of an agent to assist an elector	Casey Schreiner (D) HD 25	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Admin. 03/11/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
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) Tabled in Committee -- (S) Taxation
HB 222	Revise laws related to oversize loads	Roy Hollandsworth (R) HD 27	(S) Committee Report— Bill Concurred—(S) Local Gov.
HB 224	Generally revise building code program laws	Zac Perry (D) HD 3	(S) Tabled in Committee -- (S) Local Government
HB 228	Increase coal board funding until June 30, 2019	Tom Berry (R) HD 40	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
HB 229	Generally revise laws related to temporary road blocks	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45	(S) Tabled in Committee -- (S) Highways and Transportation
HB 240	Revise laws related to fee charges for surplus lines property/casualty insurance	Tom Berry (R) HD 40	(S) Hearing -- (S) Bus., Labor, & Econ. Affairs 03/13/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 422
HB 241	Clarify definition of commercial motor vehicle for emergency vehicles	Tom Berry (R) HD 40	(S) Committee Report— Bill Concurred as Amended— (S) Highways and Transportation
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) Committee Report--Bill Concurred -- (S) Highways and Transportation
HB 260	Revise laws for payment of costs associated with irrigation district petitions	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76	(S) Committee Report--Bill Concurred -- (S) Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
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	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Taxation
HB 267	Generally revise laws related to motor carriers	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Transportation
HB 280	Generally revise laws on bicycles	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54	(S) Hearing -- (S) Highways and Transportation 02/19/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
HB 287	Revise residential property tax credit for the elderly	Tom Jacobson (D) HD 21	(H) Hearing -- (H) Approps. 02/17/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 290	Require FWP to provide upon request the analyses supporting a government act	Kerry White (R) HD 64	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) State Administration
HB 295	Revise law for signage warning drivers of a school bus stop ahead	Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D) HD 42	(S) Hearing -- (S) Highways and Transportation 02/12/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
HB 296	Revise laws regarding mutual aid frequency coordination	Pat Noonan (D) HD 74	(S) Committee Executive Action- Bill Concurred -- (S) Energy and Telecommunications
HB 297	Prohibit texting while driving	Virginia Court (D) HD 50	(H) Committee Report— Bill Passed as Amended— (H) Judiciary

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 299	Revise workers' compensation claim penalty laws	Mark Noland (R) HD 10	(S) Tabled in Committee -- (S) Bus., Labor, & Econ. Affairs
HB 302	Prohibit the adoption of certain rebuttable presumptions related to subdivisions	Forrest Mandeville (R) HD 57	(S) Tabled in Committee -- (S) Local Government
HB 315	Revise the Montana Federal Mandates Act	Bill Harris (R) HD 29	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 02/23/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 303
HB 318	Require insurance coverage for children with down syndrome	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety
HB 322	Create education savings accounts for children with disabilities	Donald W Jones (R) HD 46	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Education and Cultural Resources
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	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Bus., Labor, & Econ. Affairs
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) Transmitted to Senate
HB 337	Increase resource limits for medicaid program for workers with disabilities	Jessica Karjala (D) HD 48	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety
HB 340	Require federal government to comply with air quality laws in Montana	Tom Burnett (R) HD 67	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Natural Resources
HB 342	Allow for electronic address confirmation for biennial absentee ballot list	Bryce Bennett (D) HD 91	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) State Administration
HB 343	Prohibit request of online passwords as a condition of hiring or employment	Bryce Bennett (D) HD 91	(S) Hearing -- (S) Bus., Labor, & Econ. Affairs 03/12/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 422
HB 344	Generally prohibit governmental use of license plate scanners	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45	(H) Committee Report-- Bill Passed as Amended-- (H) Judiciary
HB 348	Authorize interstate healthcare compact	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87	(S) Hearing -- (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety 03/11/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 317
HB 355	Revise horse surrender process	Alan Doane (R) HD 36	(S) Hearing -- (S) Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation 03/10/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
HB 361	Provide for income tax credit for residential property taxes paid	Greg Hertz (R) HD 12	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Taxation
HB 366	Revise county district court clerk and justice of peace compensation laws	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	(S) Hearing -- (S) Local Gov. 03/09/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
HB 367	Generally revise local government fees	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
HB 368	Sunset voter approved property tax levies after certain period of time	Greg Hertz (R) HD 12	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Taxation
HB 374	Provide for school suicide prevention awareness training	Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D) HD 73	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Education and Cultural Resources
HB 375	Revise motor vehicle minimum liability insurance laws	Steve Lavin (R) HD 8	(S) Hearing -- (S) Highways and Transportation 03/05/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
HB 382	Revising terminology relating to mental illness	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84	(S) Hearing -- (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety 03/11/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 317
HB 383	Provide for mental and behavioral health screening for public school students	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Human Services

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HB 387	Revise county transportation committee laws	Nate McConnell (D) HD 89	(S) Hearing – (S) Highways and Transportation 02/19/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
HB 389	Require department of revenue review of tax exempt properties	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 02/12/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 392	Establish reemployment provisions for MPORS members	Frank Garner (R) HD 7	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Admin. 03/11/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
HB 400	Allow electronic ballot for disabled voters	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Admin. 03/09/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
HB 402	Generally revise laws related to oil and gas development	Austin Knudsen (R) HD 34	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Finance and Claims
HB 407	Increase certain vehicle registration fees to benefit Virginia/Nevada cities	Virginia Court (D) HD 50	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Transportation
HB 414	Generally revise vehicle license laws	Mike Lang (R) HD 33	(S) Hearing – (S) Highways and Transportation 03/05/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
HB 417	Revise tax lien, sale, and title provisions re primary residence tax delinquency	Tom Jacobson (D) HD 21	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 02/17/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 420	Revise oil and gas tax rates and increase distributions to local governments	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 03/06/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 422	Improve outcomes for youth in the children's mental health system	Ron Ehli (R) HD 86	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
HB 427	Appropriate funds to defend state based water rights	Bob Brown (R) HD 13	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 03/06/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 428	Revise laws related to regulating ride-sharing services in Montana	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) HD 51	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Transportation
HB 430	Provide for an interim judicial redistricting commission	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) HD 20	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Gov. 03/05/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
HB 440	Revise oil pipeline and labor laws	George G Kipp (D) HD 15	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 02/18/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 441	Provide process for county abandonment/consolidation	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54	(S) Hearing -- (S) Local Gov. 03/11/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
HB 444	Generally revising laws related to electronic communications	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 445	Requiring search warrant for gov access to electronic devices	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 446	Revise campaign finance laws to authorize attorney fees for prevailing party	Kirk Wagoner (R) HD 75	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 447	Revise right to participate laws related to attorney fees	Kirk Wagoner (R) HD 75	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 03/10/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
HB 448	Revise right to know laws related to attorney fees	Kirk Wagoner (R) HD 75	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 03/10/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
HB 454	Revising how political party may select committee representatives for precincts	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) HD 20	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 455	Generally revise medicaid laws	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87	(H) Committee Report— Bill Passed as Amended— (H) Human Services
HB 461	Revise salary for certain justice positions	Steve Lavin (R) HD 8	(S) Hearing -- (S) Local Gov. 03/09/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
HB 463	Revise laws related to asset forfeiture	Kelly McCarthy (D) HD 49	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 466	Authorize state to be reimbursed for extradition costs as part of restitution	Mike Miller (R) HD 80	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 03/06/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
HB 468	Revising laws on period of commitment or treatment of developmentally disabled	Gordon Pierson (D) HD 78	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 478	Implement changes in Montana's food retail sales laws	Kathleen Williams (D) HD 61	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
HB 483	Raising pension benefit in VFCA	Ed Lieser (D) HD 5	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 491	Generally revise the 24/7 sobriety program laws	Steve Lavin (R) HD 8	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 496	Establish public lands task force	Kerry White (R) HD 64	(H) Hearing – (H) Natural Resources 03/06/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
HB 504	Revise laws related to consolidation of rural fire districts and areas	Denise Hayman (D) HD 66	(H) Transmitted to Senate

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HB 510	Assist local governments with federal land projects	Alan Redfield (R) HD 59	(H) Hearing – (H) Natural Resources 03/18/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
HB 512	Establish an eastern Montana crime laboratory	Dale Mortensen (R) HD 44	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
HB 516	Revise petition for DNA testing laws	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) HD 51	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 517	Revising laws regarding the commitment of incapacitated persons	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 519	Generally revise exempt well laws	Carl Glimm (R) HD 6	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 525	Revise aquatic invasive species fund laws	Mark Noland (R) HD 10	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 536	Revise Captive Insurance Laws to Allow Political Subdivisions	Tom Berry (R) HD 40	(H) Committee Report--Bill Passed -- (H) Business and Labor
HB 537	Revise laws to allow LLCs to transact captive insurance	Tom Berry (R) HD 40	(S) Hearing – (S) Bus., Labor, & Econ. Affairs 03/17/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 422
HB 546	Revise nonprofit casino night laws for county fairs	Nicholas Schwaderer (R) HD 14	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Bus., Labor, & Econ. Affairs
HB 548	Revise laws regarding exemptions for certain divisions of land	Forrest Mandeville (R) HD 57	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 553	Generally revise aquatic invasive species laws	Mark Noland (R) HD 10	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 555	Generally revise laws related to volunteer firefighters	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) HD 20	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 557	Revise laws regarding legal fences	Bill Harris (R) HD 29	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 569	Exempt portion of homestead market value from taxes	Clayton Fiscus (R) HD 43	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 03/10/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
HB 575	Providing transparency for state-administered grants	Tom Burnett (R) HD 67	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 576	Generally revise investigation, licensing, cert. of health care facilities	Art Wittich (R) HD 68	(H) Hearing – (H) Human Services 03/13/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
HB 586	Revise laws related to aerial drones	Willis Curdy (D) HD 98	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 03/12/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 588	Revise laws related to a reduction in funding	Rob Cook (R) HD 18	(H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 593	Establish the Montana unmanned aerial vehicle act	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
HJ 5	Study reasonable water use	Clayton Fiscus (R) HD 43	(S) Hearing – (S) Natural Resources 03/18/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 303
HJ 8	Joint resolution to study Montana Law Enforcement Academy funding	Frank Garner (R) HD 7	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Admin. 03/09/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
HJ 10	Interim study on passenger rail	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90	(S) Hearing – (S) Highways and Transportation 03/05/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
HJ 13	Interim study of federal roads and parcels and access	Kerry White (R) HD 64	(H) Committee Report— Bill Passed as Amended— (H) Natural Resources
HJ 14	Interim study on eyewitness identification policies	Frank Garner (R) HD 7	(H) Committee Report— Bill Passed—(H) State Admin.
HR 1	House Rules Resolution	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54	(H) Filed with Secretary of State
HR 2	Resolution recognizing the service of 75 years of smoke jumpers	Willis Curdy (D) HD 98	(H) Committee Report— Resolution Adopted— (H) Natural Resources
SB 15	Clarify laws relating to the call of a retired judge or justice	Nels Swandal (R) SD 30	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 19	Revise livestock special deputy fund laws	Rick Ripley (R) SD 10	Chapter Number Assigned
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	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 37	Revise laws for filing of exempt water right claims	Jennifer Fielder (R) SD 7	(H) Hearing – (H) Natural Resources 03/11/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172

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SB 47	Increase assessments on owners of classified forest land	JP Pomnichowski (D) SD 33	(S) Hearing – (S) Finance and Claims 03/10/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 317
SB 54	Provide taxpayers with additional access to confidential sales price information	Dick Barrett (D) SD 45	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 03/11/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
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) Hearing – (H) Natural Resources 03/09/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
SB 65	Code Commissioner Bill	Robyn Driscoll (D) SD 25	Chapter Number Assigned
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	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 74	Revise PERS employer contribution laws for the Montana State University System	Mary Sheehy Moe (D) SD 12	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 03/12/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
SB 82	Expand water policy interim committee duties	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15	(H) Committee Report—Bill Concurred—(H) Nat. Resources
SB 83	Adopt health insurance appeals/external review laws of NAIC	Christine Kaufmann (D) SD 40	(H) Hearing – (H) Business and Labor 03/11/2015; 8:30 AM, Rm 172
SB 84	Revise claims history considerations in insurance policies	Mary McNally (D) SD 24	(H) Tabled in Committee -- (H) Business and Labor
SB 88	Establish contracting laws for conservation districts	John Brenden (R) SD 17	(H) Committee Report—Bill Concurred—(H) Nat. Resources
SB 90	Revise penalties eliminating jail time for certain misdemeanors	Nels Swandal (R) SD 30	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 03/09/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 137
SB 91	Revising laws related to reciprocal tax collection	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Taxation
SB 92	Revise administration of taxes	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 03/11/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
SB 109	Revise laws related to asset forfeiture	Nels Swandal (R) SD 30	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 03/10/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
SB 110	Create temporary vehicle registration for non-resident vehicles	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11	(H) Committee Report--Bill Concurred -- (H) Transportation
SB 113	Generally revise Montana board of investment laws	Jon C Sesso (D) SD 37	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 118	Clarify water right not abandoned if conveyance disrupted	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Natural Resources
SB 123	Revising the regulatory authority over the Montana state fund	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Business and Labor
SB 139	Revise jury selection laws	Diane Sands (D) SD 49	(S) Signed by President
SB 142	Revise laws related to health care options for patients with terminal illnesses	Cary Smith (R) SD 27	(H) Committee Report— Bill Concurred as Amended— (H) Human Services
SB 147	Provide income tax credit for volunteer fire fighters and emergency personnel	David Howard (R) SD 29	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Taxation
SB 148	Provide for the welfare fraud prevention act	Cary Smith (R) SD 27	(H) Hearing – (H) Human Services 03/23/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
SB 150	Revise USB laws	Jonathan Windy Boy (D) SD 16	(H) Committee Report— Bill Concurred as Amended— (H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications
SB 156	Revise tax protest laws	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation 02/13/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 405
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 173	Revise laws related to oil and gas development	Christine Kaufmann (D) SD 40	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Natural Resources
SB 174	Revise laws related to funds managed by cemetery association trustees	Mary Sheehy Moe (D) SD 12	(H) Hearing – (H) Business and Labor 03/10/2015; 8:30 AM, Rm 172

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 178	Revise laws regarding vo-tech mill allocation	Mary Sheehy Moe (D) SD 12	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Ed. & Cultural Resources
SB 184	Allow for display of electronic proof of motor vehicle insurance	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42	(H) Committee Report--Bill Concurred -- (H) Transportation
SB 185	Establish a state web page of convicted embezzlement names	Douglas (Doug) Kary (R) SD 22	(S) 2nd Reading Indefinitely Postponed*
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	(H) Hearing -- (H) Natural Resources 02/16/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
SB 190	Revising the legislature's revenue estimating process	Mike Phillips (D) SD 31	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 03/12/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
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 205	Provide for the Hire Montana First Act	Robyn Driscoll (D) SD 25	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Bus., Labor, & Econ. Affairs
SB 207	Revise laws related to defensive medicine	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Human Services
SB 209	Regulate vehicle event data	Matthew M Rosendale (R) SD 18	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 03/11/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
SB 210	Include mountain lion in livestock loss program	Gene Vuckovich (D) SD 39	(H) Hearing -- (H) Agriculture 03/12/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 137
SB 211	Establish procedures for maximum allowable cost lists for prescription drugs	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11	(H) Hearing -- (H) Human Services 03/18/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
SB 213	Provide for school safety	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44	(H) Hearing -- (H) Education 03/13/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 137
SB 220	Repeal the electronic government advisory board and transfer duties	Christine Kaufmann (D) SD 40	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 03/12/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
SB 224	Create a commission to study criminal justice system	Cynthia Wolken (D) SD 48	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary 03/11/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
SB 225	Prohibit mixed partisan and nonpartisan mailers	Dee Brown (R) SD 2	(S) 2nd Reading Indefinitely Postponed*
SB 230	Public scoping process for FWP land acquisitions	Chas Vincent (R) SD 1	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks
SB 232	Revise stream access laws to reflect Galt decision	Frederick (Eric) Moore (R) SD 19	(H) Hearing -- (H) Agriculture 03/10/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 137
SB 233	Provide for medicaid waiver protection for certain military families	Mary Caferro (D) SD 41	(H) Hearing -- (H) Human Services 03/18/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
SB 234	Revise tax and fees for professional liability insurance	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44	(S) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
SB 237	Revise laws governing impact fees	Mark Blasdel (R) SD 4	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Gov. 03/10/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
SB 238	Create a deferred retirement option plan (DROP) in Hwy Patrol Retirement Plan	Mark Blasdel (R) SD 4	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
SB 241	Provide statewide uniformity regarding wages/benefits for political subdivisions	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(H) Hearing -- (H) Business and Labor 5; 8:30 AM, Rm 172
SB 248	Require identification for legislative public comment	John Brenden (R) SD 17	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 03/12/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
SB 251	Revise prevailing wage laws to match local government contracting	Dee Brown (R) SD 2	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Business and Labor
SB 252	Revise K-12 funding laws related to oil and natural gas production taxes	Llew Jones (R) SD 9	(S) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
SB 258	Revise workers' compensation laws relating to religious employer definition	Brian Hoven (R) SD 13	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Business and Labor
SB 260	Revise education funding laws related to oil and gas production taxes	Frederick (Eric) Moore (R) SD 19	(S) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
SB 264	Revise distribution of sales and use tax	Bob Keenan (R) SD 5	(S) Hearing -- (S) Finance and Claims 02/19/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 317

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 279	Referendum to require special election for vacancy in the U.S. Senate or House	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) State Administration
SB 285	Generally revise laws relating to reporting of animal cruelty and abuse	Frederick (Eric) Moore (R) SD 19	(S) Hearing -- (S) Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation 02/17/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
SB 286	Limit agency rule making if it burdens property rights	Cary Smith (R) SD 27	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration
SB 288	Medical recovery of work comp payment from at-fault parties	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Business and Labor
SB 290	Apply private motor carrier safety standards to certain publicly owned vehicles	Jim Keane (D) SD 38	(S) Hearing -- (S) Highways and Transportation 02/12/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
SB 291	Revise laws on use of seatbelts and child safety restraints; primary enforcement	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Judiciary
SB 292	Create a drug formulary for workers' compensation	Matthew M Rosendale (R) SD 18	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Business and Labor
SB 294	Revise hospital district laws	Frederick (Eric) Moore (R) SD 19	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Gov. 03/12/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
SB 298	Enforce provisions of the enabling act regarding sale of public lands	Jennifer Fielder (R) SD 7	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
SB 303	Revise rural fire district laws	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Local Government
SB 306	Generally revise laws on notarial acts	Elsie Arntzen (R) SD 26	(S) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
SB 308	Provide property tax exemption for certain land leased by local governments	Jennifer Fielder (R) SD 7	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation 02/19/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 405
SB 309	Revise laws to incentivize access to isolated state and federal lands	Jedediah Hinkle (R) SD 32	(S) Hearing -- (S) Fish and Game 02/17/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 422
SB 314	Interstate pipeline compact	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(S) 2nd Reading Passed as Amended
SB 316	Generally revise laws re when certain individuals may be transferred to DOC	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(H) Hearing -- (H) Human Services 03/27/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
SB 326	Revise state land laws	Jedediah Hinkle (R) SD 32	(S) Hearing -- (S) Natural Resources 03/09/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 303
SB 332	Establish the Joseph J. Dunn memorial highway	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11	(H) Hearing -- (H) Transportation 03/09/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
SB 334	Revise definitions of game animal, predatory animal	Jennifer Fielder (R) SD 7	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks
SB 335	Adjust remuneration for county tax appeal boards	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Taxation
SB 336	Generally revise the Montana administrative procedure act	Bob Keenan (R) SD 5	(H) Hearing -- (H) Human Services 03/27/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
SB 345	Revise process for adoption of accreditation standards	Elsie Arntzen (R) SD 26	(H) Hearing -- (H) Education 03/16/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 137
SB 347	Revising worker compensation coverage options for emergency medical units	Tom Facey (D) SD 50	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Business and Labor
SB 353	Constitutional referendum to divert coal trust and create Build Montana program	Rick Ripley (R) SD 10	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Natural Resources
SB 354	Create infrastructure funding program	Rick Ripley (R) SD 10	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Natural Resources
SB 356	Revise law enforcement laws	Jennifer Fielder (R) SD 7	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
SB 359	Generally revise sentencing laws regarding penalties for certain crimes	Christine Kaufmann (D) SD 40	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Judiciary
SB 360	Revise public intoxication laws	Douglas (Doug) Kary (R) SD 22	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary
SB 367	Clarify general fund transfers to research and commercialization account	Janna Taylor (R) SD 6	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
SB 374	Revise oil and gas tax rates and provide funding to local governments	Christine Kaufmann (D) SD 40	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation 03/10/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 405

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 383	Eliminate term limits for legislative and elected officials	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15	(S) Tabled in 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	(H) Hearing -- (H) Natural Resources 03/11/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
SJ 5	Study future water rights administration	Chas Vincent (R) SD 1	(H) Tabled in Committee -- (H) Natural Resources
SJ 9	Resolution on medicare/medicaid expansion	John Brenden (R) SD 17	(H) Hearing -- (H) Human Services 03/09/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
SJ 16	Resolution related to new legislative procedures for 2017	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Rules
SR 1	Senate Rules Resolution	Matthew M Rosendale (R) SD 18	(S) Filed with Secretary of State
SR 2	Confirm Governor's appointees related to state administration	Dee Brown (R) SD 2	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) State Administration
SR 18	Confirm Governor's appointments related to state administration	Dee Brown (R) SD 2	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) State Administration

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