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

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MACo & THE MONTANA LEGISLATURE

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

2015 PROJECTED SESSION CALENDAR

As revised by legislative leadership — 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 30					
Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
9:00 AM	(S) Finance and Claims	317	HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	SB 275	Constitutional amendment to elect board of public education	Roger Webb (R) SD 23
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	SB 328	Provide for higher education seeded savings accounts	Llew Jones (R) SD 9
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	SB 345	Revise process for adoption of accreditation standards	Elsie Arntzen (R) SD 26
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	SB 148	Provide for the welfare fraud prevention act	Cary Smith (R) SD 27
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	SB 349	Allow for options in health insurance coverage of abortion services	Cary Smith (R) SD 27
3:00 PM	(H) Natural Resources	172	SB 325	Revise process for adopting water quality regulations	Jim Keane (D) SD 38
3:00 PM	(H) Natural Resources	172	SB 329	Limit liability for aviation on state lands	Pat Connell (R) SD 43
3:00 PM	(H) Natural Resources	172	SB 47	Increase assessments on owners of classified forest land	JP Pomnichowski (D) SD 33
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HJ 24	Interim study of transportation infrastructure	Willis Curdy (D) HD 98
3:00 PM	(S) Education and Cultural Resources	422	HB 322	Create education savings accounts for children with disabilities	Donald W Jones (R) HD 46
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	303	HB 519	Generally revise exempt well laws	Carl Glimm (R) HD 6
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	HB 483	Raising pension benefit in VFCA	Ed Lieser (D) HD 5
5:00 PM	(S) Finance and Claims	317	HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87

TUESDAY, MARCH 31					
Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 639	Constitutional amendment to revise term limits	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90
8:00 AM	(S) Finance and Claims	317	HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87
9:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	SB 378	Revise military pay exemption from state income taxes	Elsie Arntzen (R) SD 26
9:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	SJ 15	Joint resolution to amend the joint rules regarding revenue estimating	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	HB 89	Generally revise human trafficking laws	Kimberly Dudik (D) HD 94
10:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	HB 223	Revise cost of death certificates and use for funding board of funeral service	Christy Clark (R) HD 17
10:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	HB 470	Generally revise guaranteed asset protection waiver laws	Christy Clark (R) HD 17
3:00 PM	(S) Energy and Telecommunications	317	HJ 7	Study next-generation 9-1-1	Tom Steenberg (D) HD 99
3:00 PM	(S) Highways and Transportation	405	HJ 16	Interim study on ride-sharing in Montana	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) HD 51
3:00 PM	(S) Highways and Transportation	405	SR 42	Confirm appointees for board of aeronautics	Elsie Arntzen (R) SD 26
5:00 PM	(S) Finance and Claims	317	HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	(S) Finance and Claims	317	HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87
10:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	HB 515	Revise Montana's probate code	Willis Curdy (D) HD 98
10:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	HB 78	Clarify vehicle owner's privacy rights for event data recorders	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76
3:00 PM	(H) Natural Resources	172	SB 353	Constitutional referendum to divert coal trust and create Build Montana program	Rick Ripley (R) SD 10
3:00 PM	(H) Natural Resources	172	SB 354	Create infrastructure funding program	Rick Ripley (R) SD 10
3:00 PM	(H) Natural Resources	172	SB 387	Revise water quality violation penalties	Cary Smith (R) SD 27
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	303	HB 434	Revise asbestos laws	Ed Lieser (D) HD 5

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
8:00 AM	(S) Finance and Claims	317	HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87
10:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	HB 546	Revise nonprofit casino night laws for county fairs	Nicholas Schwaderer (R) HD 14
10:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	HB 560	Revise fund structure and budgetary process for board of accountants	Greg Hertz (R) HD 12
10:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	HB 577	Revising what is an illegal gambling activity for horse and dog racing	Kenneth Holmlund (R) HD 38

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
Break - No Hearings Scheduled					

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 145	Revise laws related to livestock loss	2014-15	Mike Cuffe (R) HD 2	(H) Signed by Speaker
	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; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; 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 193	Revise board of adjustment appeal process related to county zoning	2012-02	Daniel R Salomon (R) HD 93	(H) Signed by Speaker
	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 IF THE COMMISSIONERS ESTABLISH A PROCESS AND A DECISION BY A BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR A BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MAY BE APPEALED TO A COURT OF RECORD; AND 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) Returned to House with Amendments
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS APPLICABLE TO COUNTY GOVERNMENT; AMENDING THE THRESHOLD FOR CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDITS; AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION"; REQUIRING CERTAIN BOARDS, DISTRICTS, AND COMMISSIONS TO RECORD SUBMIT THEIR MINUTES WITH TO THE COUNTY CLERK AND RECORDER FOR ELECTRONIC STORAGE 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	(S) Signed by Governor
	AN ACT CLARIFYING THAT AN OWNER OR OPERATOR OF A WIND GENERATION FACILITY IS SUBJECT TO CERTAIN IMPACT FEES EACH YEAR FOR THE FIRST 3 YEARS AFTER CONSTRUCTION OF THE FACILITY; AMENDING SECTION 15-24-3004, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.			
SB 119	Clarify eligible voters in certain local government elections	2014-03	Douglas Kary (R) SD 22	(S) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT CLARIFYING ELIGIBLE VOTERS IN CERTAIN ELECTIONS; CLARIFYING THAT CERTAIN OFFICERS OF A COMPANY MAY PETITION, PROTEST, OR VOTE IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES ON BEHALF OF THE PROPERTY OWNED BY THE COMPANY; AMENDING SECTION 7-1-4134, MCA; AND REPEALING SECTION 7-13-2254, MCA.			
SB 229	Extend historic county road or utility right-of-way application dates	2014-12	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3	(H) Committee Report— Bill Concurred— (H) Natural Resources
	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 AND EXTENDING THE TERMINATION DATE; AMENDING SECTION 77-1-130, MCA; AMENDING SECTIONS 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, AND 7, CHAPTER 325, LAWS OF 2011; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."			

MACo RESOLUTIONS & INTRODUCED LEGISLATION (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Res. No.	Sponsor	Status
LC1554	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.			
LC1662	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."			

COMPLETED MACo BILLS: CHAPTER & EFFECTIVE DATE

Bill No.	Short Title	Res. No.	Sponsor	Chapter & Effective Date
HB 112	Extend sunset on enhanced 9-1-1 fund distribution	2014-09	Keith Regier (R) HD 4	Chapter 35, Effective 07/01/2015
	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 187	Clarify laws pertaining to assignment of road/street addresses	2014-02	Tom Steenberg (D) HD 99	Chapter 101, Effective 03/20/2015
	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.			

MACo PRIORITY WATCH LIST

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87	(S) Hearing – (S) Finance and Claims 04/02/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 317
	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) Tabled in 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) Committee Report— Bill Passed as Amended— (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) Committee Report— Bill Passed as Amended— (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) Committee Report— Bill Passed as Amended— (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) Committee Report— Bill Passed as Amended— (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) Committee Report— Bill Passed as Amended— (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) Returned to House with Amendments
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO ESTABLISH AND OPERATE TRANSITIONAL MENTAL HEALTH GROUP HOMES FOR CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 46-14-301, 46-14-312, 53-1-602, AND 53-1-603, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 33	Appropriate money for new or expanded mental health crisis intervention	Ron Ehli (R) HD 86	(H) Signed by Speaker
	AN ACT EXPANDING MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS INTERVENTION AND JAIL DIVERSION SERVICES TO AREAS OF THE STATE THAT LACK SERVICES; REVISING REQUIREMENTS OF THE CRISIS INTERVENTION AND JAIL DIVERSION GRANT PROGRAM FOR COUNTIES; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTION 53-21-1203, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 34	Appropriate money for additional secure psychiatric detention beds	Ron Ehli (R) HD 86	(H) Signed by Speaker
	AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CONTRACTED SECURE PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT BEDS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 35	Appropriate money for short-term voluntary mental health treatment	Ron Ehli (R) HD 86	(H) Signed by Speaker
	AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR SHORT-TERM VOLUNTARY INPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 53-21-1202, 53-21-1203, AND 53-21-1204, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 47	Appropriate money for youth crisis diversion pilot projects	Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D) HD 42	(H) Signed by Speaker
	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 85	Revise the administration and tax qualification laws of the TRS	Tom Woods (D) HD 62	(H) Signed by Speaker
	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.		

MACo PRIORITY WATCH LIST (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 100	Generally revise laws relating to the public safety officer training council	Frank Garner (R) HD 7	(H) Signed by Speaker
	AN ACT REVISING THE DUTIES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING COUNCIL RELATED TO CERTIFICATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS; REMOVING REFERENCES TO THE GENERAL EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TEST; ALLOWING CERTAIN MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS TO EXAMINE AND EVALUATE THE MENTAL HEALTH OF A PEACE OFFICER CANDIDATE; ALLOWING SUBSTITUTION OF A STANDARDIZED MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION INSTRUMENT FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH EXAMINATION; REVISING CERTAIN COURSE REQUIREMENTS; REMOVING APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS BEFORE THE COUNCIL ISSUES A CERTIFICATE TO A PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER WHO MEETS CERTAIN EDUCATIONAL AND PROBATIONARY REQUIREMENTS; ESTABLISHING THE COUNCIL AS A CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE MONTANA CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION ACT; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-32-303 AND 44-4-403, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 101	Generally revise administrative laws of the MPERA retirement systems	Tom Steenberg (D) HD 99	(S) Committee Report— Bill Concurred as Amended— (S) State Administration
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; REVISING PROVISIONS OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES', JUDGES', HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS', SHERIFFS', GAME WARDENS' AND PEACE OFFICERS', MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICERS', AND FIREFIGHTERS' UNIFIED RETIREMENT SYSTEMS; REVISING PROVISIONS OF THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS' COMPENSATION ACT; REVISING THE SHARING OF CONFIDENTIAL INCOME INFORMATION ; PROVIDING FOR RECOVERY OF IMPROPER PAYMENTS; REVISING CERTAIN BENEFITS FOR CONTINGENT ANNUITANTS AND BENEFICIARIES; CLARIFYING OPTIONAL MEMBERSHIP PROVISIONS; CLARIFYING THE CALCULATION OF CERTAIN BENEFITS; REVISING CERTAIN BENEFIT PAYMENTS AND MEMBERSHIP ELECTION PROVISIONS; ELIMINATING EXPIRED PROVISIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 5-2-304, 45-30-2648 , 19-2-405, 19-2-801, 19-2-903, 19-2-904, 19-2-908, 19-3-411, 19-3-412, 19-3-904, 19-3-1105, 19-3-1106, 19-3-1210, 19-3-1501, 19-3-2141, 19-5-701, 19-5-802, 19-7-301, 19-7-410, 19-7-503, 19-7-1001, 19-8-302, 19-8-801, 19-8-1001, 19-8-1002, 19-9-301, 19-9-1206, 19-17-112, AND 19-20-302, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 19-9-1020, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 107	Revise defined contribution plan funding laws	Rob Cook (R) HD 18	(H) Signed by Speaker
	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; REPEALING SECTION 19-3-2121, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.		
HB 123	Generally revise public records laws	Donald W Jones (R) HD 46	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Admin. 03/16/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
	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."		

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 124	Revise retirement plan laws to ensure federal tax qualification	Wendy McKamey (R) HD 23	(H) Transmitted to Governor
	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	(H) Sent to Enrolling
	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."		
HB 213	Revise business equipment tax laws	Mike Miller (R) HD 80	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Appropriations
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE CLASS EIGHT BUSINESS EQUIPMENT TAX EXEMPTION; <u>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.</u> "		
HB 223	Revise cost of death certificates and use for funding board of funeral service	Christy Clark (R) HD 17	(S) Hearing -- (S) Bus., Labor, & Econ. Affairs 3/31/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 422
	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) Returned to House with Amendments
	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) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
	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) Adverse Committee Report Adopted*-- (H) Human Services
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING THE HEALTHY MONTANA ACT TO EXPAND HEALTH CARE COVERAGE TO ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS AND IMPROVE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES; ESTABLISHING A HEALTH CARE COVERAGE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE CERTAIN LOW-INCOME MONTANANS WITH ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES USING MEDICAID FUNDS AND AN ARRANGEMENT WITH A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR; IMPLEMENTING CERTAIN MEDICAID REFORMS; PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR HEALTH CARE DELIVERY ACROSS MONTANA; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; PROVIDING A STATUTORY APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTION 17-7-502, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES."		

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 256	Revise laws to provide checks and balances for expanding affordable care act	Matthew Monforton (R) HD 69	(S) Committee Report— Bill Concurred—(S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL TO EXPAND MEDICAID OR ESTABLISH A HEALTH INSURANCE EXCHANGE AS ALLOWED UNDER THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT; AMENDING SECTIONS 33-1-311, 33-1-409, AND 53-6-101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 275	Revise fuel tax revenue to fund maintenance and public transportation	Nancy Wilson (D) HD 95	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Transportation
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE GASOLINE LICENSE TAX TO IMPROVE THE OPERATION OF PUBLIC HIGHWAYS, STREETS, AND ROADS BY FUNDING IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNTY ROADS, CITY STREETS, AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION; ALLOCATING GASOLINE LICENSE TAX REVENUE FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF COUNTY ROADS AND CITY STREETS AND FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 15-70-204 AND 60-3-202, MCA."		
HB 289	Revise zoning requirements for economic development districts	Edward Greef (R) HD 88	(H) Signed by Speaker
	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."		
HB 310	Establish an oil and gas trust fund	Tom Jacobson (D) HD 21	(H) 2nd Reading Not Passed*
	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 INVIOATE UNLESS APPROPRIATED BY VOTE OF THREE-FOURTHS OF EACH HOUSE OF THE LEGISLATURE; AND PROVIDING THAT THE INTEREST AND INCOME CAN BE APPROPRIATED."		
HB 330	Establish standards for law enforcement use and acquisition of certain equipment	Nicholas Schwaderer (R) HD 14	(S) Committee Report—Bill Concurred—(S) Judiciary
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING STANDARDS AND LIMITS FOR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ACQUISITION AND USE OF CERTAIN EQUIPMENT; AND REQUIRING A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION ABOUT THE EQUIPMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT TO MAINTAIN A WEBSITE CONTAINING THE INFORMATION TO MAKE INFORMATION ABOUT THE EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE ON ITS WEBSITE; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT TO INVESTIGATE CERTAIN ALLEGATIONS OF MISUSE OR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH PROCUREMENT REQUIREMENTS; AND REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT TO REPORT TO THE LAW AND JUSTICE INTERIM COMMITTEE PUBLIC NOTIFICATION. "		
HB 402	Generally revise laws related to oil and gas development	Austin Knudsen (R) HD 34	(S) Hearing – (S) Finance and Claims 03/17/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 317
	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 AWARDDING 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."		

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 413	Create OSHA laws applicable to private employers	Chuck Hunter (D) HD 83	(H) 2nd Reading Not Passed as Amended*
	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	Rob Cook (R) HD 18	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Taxation
	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	(S) Returned to House with Amendments
	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	(S) 3rd Reading Concurred
	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."		
HB 602	Allow oil and gas impact fee on lodging	Scott Staffanson (R) HD 35	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Taxation
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ADDRESS OIL AND GAS IMPACTS BY ESTABLISHING AN IMPACT FEE; ALLOWING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN IMPACT AREA; ALLOWING FOR THE COLLECTION OF AN IMPACT FEE; ESTABLISHING FACILITIES SUBJECT TO THE FEE; LIMITING THE AMOUNT OF THE FEE; PROVIDING FOR THE DISTRIBUTION AND USE OF THE FEE BY A GOVERNING BODY; PROVIDING FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF AN IMPACT AREA; ALLOWING FOR BONDING; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HB 621	Revise tax lien, sale, and title laws related to residence tax delinquency	Tom Jacobson (D) HD 21	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE PROCESS FOR THE SALE OF A TAX LIEN AND ISSUANCE OF A TAX DEED FOR DELINQUENT TAXES WHEN THE DELINQUENT PROPERTY IS A PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE; REQUIRING NOTIFICATION BY A SHERIFF PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF A TAX DEED; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-6-4414, 15-17-121, 15-17-318, 15-17-319, 15-17-320, 15-17-321, 15-17-322, AND 15-18-211, AND 15-18-212, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		
HB 622	Allow for employee choice of treating physician in workers' compensation system	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76	(H) Bill Withdrawn per House Rule H30-50(3)(b)*
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING CHOICE OF TREATING PHYSICIAN FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION TREATMENT; ALLOWING AN INSURER OR INJURED WORKER TO MAKE ONE DISPUTED CHANGE EACH UPON PAYMENT OF A CHANGE FEE; REQUIRING NOTICE OF A MEDIATION OPTION; REQUIRING A TREATING PHYSICIAN TO BE DESIGNATED IF AN INJURED WORKER IS UNABLE TO RETURN TO WORK WITHIN 1 MONTH OF BEING INJURED; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR AN INSURER'S FAILURE TO PAY A CHANGE FEE; AMENDING SECTIONS 39-71-201 AND 39-71-1101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 626	Prohibit perpetual care of metal mine after remediation	Nate McConnell (D) HD 89	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Natural Resources
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROHIBITING THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FROM ISSUING A METAL MINES OPERATING PERMIT IF THE MINE WILL REQUIRE PERPETUAL CARE OF THE DISTURBED LANDS AFTER RECLAMATION; REQUIRING A METAL MINES PERMIT APPLICANT TO DESIGN A RECLAMATION PLAN THAT AVOIDS THE NEED FOR PERPETUAL CARE OF THE DISTURBED LANDS; EXTENDING A DEFINITION; REQUIRING AN ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REVIEW FEE; AMENDING SECTIONS 82-4-303, 82-4-335, AND 82-4-339, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		
HB 632	Create coal train payments for counties	Nicholas Schwaderer (R) HD 14	(H) Hearing -- (H) Federal Relations, Energy, & Telecom. 03/25/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING AN ANNUAL COAL TRAIN PAYMENT TO COUNTIES; PROVIDING A STATUTORY APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTION 15-35-108, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."		
HJ 11	Joint resolution regarding the keystone pipeline	Mike Lang (R) HD 33	(H) Signed by Speaker
	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 42	Revise allocation of contribution in the Pers defined contribution plan	Sue Malek (D) SD 46	(S) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN AND THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM RETIREMENT PROGRAM; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-2-303, 19-2-407, 19-3-2117, AND 19-21-214, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 19-3-2121, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.		
SB 52	Revise captive insurance laws	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42	(H) Rereferred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations
	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 124	Require certain boards to record and publish meetings in video or audio format	Dee Brown (R) SD 2	(S) Transmitted to Governor
	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 1 BUSINESS DAY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.		
SB 140	Revise budget and expenditure comparison laws	Llew Jones (R) SD 9	(H) Returned to Senate
	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."		

MACo PRIORITY WATCH LIST (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 226	Revise subdivision review criteria law	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) Local Government
	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) Tabled in Committee – (H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROHIBITING SAGE GROUSE HUNTING; AMENDING SECTIONS 87-1-301 AND 87-1-304, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."		
SB 249	Generally revise energy performance contracting laws	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42	(H) Committee Report— Bill Concurred as Amended— (H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications
	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	(H) Hearing – (H) Business and Labor 03/27/2015; 8:30 AM, Rm 172
	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) Committee Report— Bill Concurred as Amended— (H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications
	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."		
SB 404	Revise education funding laws related to tax increment financing	Elsie Arntzen (R) SD 26	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Taxation
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING EDUCATION FUNDING LAWS RELATED TO TAX INCREMENT FINANCING; EXEMPTING PUBLIC SCHOOL EQUALIZATION MILL LEVIES FROM TAX INCREMENT FINANCING; CLARIFYING THE UNIVERSITY MILLS EXEMPTED; AMENDING SECTION 7-15-4286, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE."		
SB 415	Create presumptive illness for firefighters	Pat Connell (R) SD 43	(S) Hearing – (S) Finance and Claims 03/27/2015; 5:30 PM, Rm 317
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CREATING A PRESUMPTION IN FAVOR OF FIREFIGHTERS FOR CERTAIN DISEASES; ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS, APPLICABLE FACTORS, AND PROCESS FOR REBUTTAL; FUNDING PRESUMPTIVE DISEASE BENEFITS; AMENDING SECTION 50-3-109, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."		

MACo PRIORITY WATCH LIST (CONCLUDED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SJ 20	Interim study on historic road right-of-way acquisition	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3	(S) Committee Report— Bill Passed—(S) Local Gov.
	A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF COUNTY ROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAY ON STATE TRUST LAND.		
SJ 21	Interim study on local fire and emergency services	Tom Facey (D) SD 50	(S) Committee Report— Bill Passed as Amended— (S) Local Government
	A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY OF LOCAL FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY SERVICE ENTITIES AND FIREFIGHTER AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN BENEFITS.		
SR 46	Confirm appointees to public employees' retirement board	Dee Brown (R) SD 2	(S) Referred to Committee – (S) State Administration
	A RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA CONCURRING IN, CONFIRMING, AND CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD MADE BY THE GOVERNOR AND SUBMITTED BY WRITTEN COMMUNICATION DATED JANUARY 9, 2015, TO THE SENATE.		

COMPLETED MACo PRIORITY WATCH BILLS: CHAPTER & EFFECTIVE DATE

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Chapter & Effective Date
HB 74	Require notice to the attorney general regarding data breaches	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76	Chapter 62, Effective 10/01/2015
	AN ACT REVISING DATA SYSTEM SECURITY BREACH NOTIFICATION LAWS; REQUIRING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND INSURANCE COMMISSIONER TO BE NOTIFIED OF A DATA SYSTEM SECURITY BREACH; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 2-6-501, 2-6-504, 30-14-1704, AND 33-19-321, MCA.		
HB 84	Generally revise election laws	Bryce Bennett (D) HD 91	Chapter 49, Effective the day after the date of the 2015 statewide general election
	AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING ELECTION LAWS; CONSOLIDATING AND STANDARDIZING CERTAIN DATES AND DEADLINES FOR ELECTION ADMINISTRATION; PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS TO STANDARD PROVISIONS IF SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY LAW; REQUIRING THAT SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICT ELECTIONS, OTHER THAN FUNDING ELECTIONS, BE CONDUCTED ON THE SAME DAY AS SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS; PROVIDING THAT COUNTY ELECTION ADMINISTRATORS CONDUCT ALL SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT ELECTIONS; APPLYING LATE VOTER REGISTRATION PROVISIONS TO SCHOOL ELECTIONS CONDUCTED BY SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERKS; REVISING AND CLARIFYING CERTAIN TERMS OF OFFICE PROVISIONS FOR CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICIALS; ELIMINATING ANY REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATE NOMINATION PETITIONS SIGNED BY A CERTAIN NUMBER OR ELECTORS AS A PREREQUISITE TO CANDIDACY; REVISING INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN A CALL FOR CERTAIN ELECTIONS; REVISING CERTAIN PROVISIONS REGARDING ELECTIONS CONDUCTED BY MAIL; REVISING CERTAIN PROVISIONS CONCERNING PUBLIC NOTICE OF ELECTIONS; REVISING DEFINITIONS; ELIMINATING REDUNDANT AND OUTDATED PROVISIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-16-622, 3-1-1013, 3-6-201, 3-10-101, 3-11-101, 7-1-201, 7-1-2121, 7-1-4130, 7-2-2215, 7-2-2604, 7-2-2705, 7-2-2709, 7-2-2804, 7-2-4104, 7-2-4106, 7-2-4314, 7-2-4601, 7-2-4602, 7-2-4606, 7-2-4733, 7-2-4902, 7-2-4904, 7-3-103, 7-3-121, 7-3-122, 7-3-125, 7-3-149, 7-3-154, 7-3-155, 7-3-160, 7-3-173, 7-3-174, 7-3-175, 7-3-176, 7-3-178, 7-3-186, 7-3-187, 7-3-192, 7-3-1204, 7-3-1205, 7-3-1206, 7-3-1208, 7-3-1209, 7-3-1216, 7-3-1218, 7-3-1219, 7-3-1229, 7-3-1231, 7-3-1254, 7-3-1271, 7-3-4208, 7-3-4210, 7-3-4212, 7-3-4214, 7-3-4222, 7-3-4223, 7-3-4305, 7-3-4307, 7-3-4309, 7-3-4310, 7-3-4311, 7-3-4316, 7-3-4319, 7-3-4322, 7-3-4462, 7-5-131, 7-5-132, 7-5-4321, 7-5-4322, 7-6-1501, 7-6-1502, 7-6-1504, 7-6-1505, 7-6-1506, 7-6-1508, 7-6-1509, 7-6-1532, 7-6-1533, 7-6-1535, 7-6-1536, 7-6-1541, 7-6-1542, 7-6-1543, 7-6-1544, 7-6-1546, 7-6-1547, 7-6-1548, 7-6-1551, 7-7-2223, 7-7-2227, 7-7-2229, 7-7-2237, 7-7-2404, 7-7-2405, 7-7-2406, 7-7-4226, 7-7-4227, 7-7-4235, 7-7-4426, 7-8-4201, 7-10-101, 7-10-102, 7-10-104, 7-10-110, 7-11-1011, 7-11-1012, 7-12-4243, 7-13-2201, 7-13-2204, 7-13-2208, 7-13-2210, 7-13-2211, 7-13-2214, 7-13-2217, 7-13-2222, 7-13-2225, 7-13-2231, 7-13-2234, 7-13-2241, 7-13-2258, 7-13-2261, 7-13-2262, 7-13-2271, 7-13-2272, 7-13-2273, 7-13-2276, 7-13-2321, 7-13-2323, 7-13-2324, 7-13-2328, 7-13-2333, 7-13-2341, 7-13-2342, 7-13-2352, 7-13-4204, 7-13-4511, 7-13-4512, 7-13-4535, 7-14-210, 7-14-211, 7-14-212, 7-14-214, 7-14-1106, 7-14-1134, 7-14-1633, 7-14-2507, 7-14-4512, 7-14-4642, 7-16-2102, 7-16-2109, 7-33-2106, 7-34-2110, 7-34-2112, 7-34-2117, 13-1-101, 13-1-104, 13-1-106, 13-1-107, 13-1-108, 13-1-301, 13-1-401, 13-2-301, 13-2-304, 13-3-202, 13-10-201, 13-10-208, 13-10-209, 13-10-211, 13-10-325, 13-10-326, 13-10-327, 13-10-405, 13-12-201, 13-13-205, 13-14-112, 13-14-113, 13-14-115, 13-15-206, 13-19-205, 13-19-207, 13-35-107, 13-37-126, 13-37-206, 15-10-425, 15-65-101, 16-1-205, 16-4-420, 20-1-101, 20-3-202, 20-3-301, 20-3-305, 20-3-306, 20-3-307, 20-3-313, 20-3-321, 20-3-337, 20-3-338, 20-3-341, 20-9-426, 20-9-428, 20-9-471, 20-15-203, 20-15-204, 20-15-207, 20-15-208, 20-15-209, 20-15-219, 20-15-221, 20-15-222, 20-15-224, 20-15-225, 20-15-231, 20-15-241, 20-20-105, 20-20-106, 20-20-201, 20-20-204, 20-20-311, 20-20-312, 20-20-401, 20-20-417, 22-1-304, 22-1-703, 22-1-706, 22-1-708, 22-1-709, 22-1-710, 76-5-1106, 76-15-303, 76-15-304, 76-15-305, 76-15-311, 76-15-312, 76-15-506, 76-15-605, 85-7-1702, 85-7-1712, 85-7-1837, 85-7-1974, 85-7-2013, 85-8-302, 85-8-306, 85-8-624, 85-9-103, 85-9-203, 85-9-206, 85-9-302, 85-9-408, 85-9-501, 85-9-602, AND 85-9-623, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 7-2-2219, 7-2-2605, 7-2-2603, 7-2-2710, 7-2-4105, 7-2-4603, 7-2-4903, 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, 7-6-1538, 7-6-1545, 7-6-1549, 7-7-2228, 7-7-4427, 7-13-2235, 7-13-2236, 7-13-2243, 7-13-2246, 7-13-2247, 7-13-2254, 7-13-2255, 7-13-2256, 7-34-2116, 20-3-304, 20-3-344, 20-15-205, 20-15-206, 20-20-101, 20-20-202, 76-15-302, AND 85-9-422, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE.		

COMPLETED MACO PRIORITY WATCH BILLS: CHAPTER & EFFECTIVE DATE (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Chapter & Effective Date
HB 108	Revise noxious weed budget laws	Daniel R Salomon (R) HD 93	Chapter 32, Effective 02/18/2015
	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.		
SB 5	Establish all-hazard incident management teams and provide funding authority	Jonathan Windy Boy (D) SD 16	Chapter 18, Effective 07/01/2015
	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.		
SB 18	Revising the time frame for the calculation of the entitlement share growth rate	Dick Barrett (D) SD 45	Chapter 2, Effective 10/01/2015
	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 62	Revise the reporting dates for per capita livestock fees	Taylor Brown (R) SD 28	Chapter 54, Effective 01/01/2016
	AN ACT REVISING THE REPORTING AND PAYMENT DATES FOR PER CAPITA LIVESTOCK FEES; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-24-903, 15-24-905, 15-24-906, 15-24-921, AND 81-7-603, MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.		

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 4	Appropriations by budget amendment	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87	(H) Committee Report— Bill Passed as Amended – (H) Appropriations
HB 9	Cultural and Aesthetic Grants	Mike Cuffe (R) HD 2	(H) 3rd Reading Passed
HB 13	State Employee Pay Plan	Kathy Swanson (D) HD 77	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Appropriations
HB 14	Creating broadband development fund through bonding	Kelly McCarthy (D) HD 49	(H) Tabled in 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 62	Revise penalty for unauthorized use of state trust lands	Virginia Court (D) HD 50	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Natural Resources
HB 69	Update training requirements for election administrators	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	(H) Signed by Speaker
HB 78	Clarify vehicle owner's privacy rights for event data recorders	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76	(S) Hearing -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 04/01/2015; 10:00 AM, Rm 422
HB 88	Generally revise laws related to sex offender registration	Sarah Laszloffy (R) HD 53	(H) Signed by Governor
HB 89	Generally revise human trafficking laws	Kimberly Dudik (D) HD 94	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary 03/31/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
HB 90	Revise workers' compensation laws	Andrea Olsen (D) HD 100	(H) Signed by Governor
HB 93	Increase ground water investigation program funding	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) HD 20	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Appropriations
HB 95	Generally revise public adjuster laws	Kelly McCarthy (D) HD 49	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 97	Authorize alternative contracting process	Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D) HD 73	(S) 3rd Reading Failed*
HB 99	Revise fuel tax laws	Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D) HD 73	(S) Returned to House
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

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 114	Revise tax increment finance district remittance laws for schools	Mike Miller (R) HD 80	(H) 3rd Reading Passed
HB 118	Allow for electronic delivery of insurance policies	Bryce Bennett (D) HD 91	(S) Returned to House with Amendments
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	(H) Transmitted to Governor
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	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Taxation
HB 159	Provide for property tax relief for seniors	Frank Garner (R) HD 7	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Taxation
HB 164	Generally revise laws to expedite recovery of trustee sale surplus funds	Nicholas Schwaderer (R) HD 14	(H) Signed by Speaker
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	(S) Returned to House with Amendments
HB 183	Revise annexation laws related to parks	Forrest Mandeville (R) HD 57	(H) Transmitted to Governor
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) Hearing -- (S) Finance and Claims 03/11/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 317
HB 194	Revise bison laws	Alan Redfield (R) HD 59	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 204	Revising laws relating to liability waivers and releases	Greg Hertz (R) HD 12	(S) Returned to House with Amendments
HB 207	Prohibiting disclosure of media info from electronic communications services	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45	(H) Signed by Speaker
HB 209	Revise laws related to designation of an agent to assist an elector	Casey Schreiner (D) HD 25	(S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
HB 211	Require POW/MIA flag be displayed at certain times and places	Kirk Wagoner (R) HD 75	(S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
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	(H) Transmitted to Governor
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	(S) Scheduled for 2nd 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	(H) Signed by Speaker
HB 241	Clarify definition of commercial motor vehicle for emergency vehicles	Tom Berry (R) HD 40	(H) Signed by Speaker
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	(H) Signed by Governor
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) Committee Report— Bill Concurred as Amended— (S) Taxation
HB 267	Generally revise laws related to motor carriers	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Transportation

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 280	Generally revise laws on bicycles	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54	(S) Committee Vote Failed; Remains in Committee – (S) Highways and Transportation
HB 287	Revise residential property tax credit for the elderly	Tom Jacobson (D) HD 21	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Appropriations
HB 290	Require FWP to provide upon request the analyses supporting a government act	Kerry White (R) HD 64	(S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
HB 295	Revise law for signage warning drivers of a school bus stop ahead	Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D) HD 42	(S) Committee Vote Failed; Remains in Committee – (S) Highways and Transportation
HB 296	Revise laws regarding mutual aid frequency coordination	Pat Noonan (D) HD 74	(H) Signed by Governor
HB 297	Prohibit texting while driving	Virginia Court (D) HD 50	(S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading*
HB 299	Revise workers' compensation claim penalty laws	Mark Noland (R) HD 10	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Business, Labor, and Economic 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	(H) Sent to Enrolling
HB 318	Require insurance coverage for children with down syndrome	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90	(S) Returned to House with Amendments
HB 322	Create education savings accounts for children with disabilities	Donald W Jones (R) HD 46	(S) Hearing -- (S) Education and Cultural Resources 03/30/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 422
HB 323	Revise taxation of class five pollution control equipment	Tom Jacobson (D) HD 21	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Taxation
HB 324	Revise laws related to health insurers certificates of creditable coverage	Jeffrey W Welborn (R) HD 72	(S) Returned to House
HB 325	Revise property tax laws for active duty military	Mike Miller (R) HD 80	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Taxation
HB 327	Reinstate community services for individuals with special needs	Willis Curdy (D) HD 98	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Appropriations
HB 329	Generally revise laws related to state lands	Jeffrey W Welborn (R) HD 72	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Natural Resources
HB 330	Establish standards for law enforcement use and acquisition of certain equipment	Nicholas Schwaderer (R) HD 14	(S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
HB 337	Increase resource limits for medicaid program for workers with disabilities	Jessica Karjala (D) HD 48	(S) Rereferred to Committee -- (S) Finance and Claims
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) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
HB 343	Prohibit request of online passwords as a condition of hiring or employment	Bryce Bennett (D) HD 91	(S) Returned to House with Amendments
HB 344	Generally prohibit governmental use of license plate scanners	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45	(S) Committee Vote Failed; Remains in Committee – (S) Judiciary
HB 348	Authorize interstate healthcare compact	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87	(H) Signed by Speaker
HB 355	Revise horse surrender process	Alan Doane (R) HD 36	(H) Transmitted to Governor
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	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 367	Generally revise local government fees	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	(H) Signed by Speaker
HB 368	Sunset voter approved property tax levies after certain period of time	Greg Hertz (R) HD 12	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Taxation
HB 374	Provide for school suicide prevention awareness training	Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D) HD 73	(S) Committee Report— Bill Concurred as Amended – (S) Ed. and Cultural Resources
HB 375	Revise motor vehicle minimum liability insurance laws	Steve Lavin (R) HD 8	(H) Signed by Speaker
HB 382	Revising terminology relating to mental illness	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84	(H) Transmitted to Governor
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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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 387	Revise county transportation committee laws	Nate McConnell (D) HD 89	(H) Signed by Governor
HB 389	Require department of revenue review of tax exempt properties	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54	(H) 3rd Reading Passed
HB 392	Establish reemployment provisions for MPORS members	Frank Garner (R) HD 7	(H) Signed by Speaker
HB 400	Allow electronic ballot for disabled voters	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	(S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
HB 407	Allow vehicle registration donation for Virginia/Nevada cities	Virginia Court (D) HD 50	(H) 3rd Reading Passed
HB 414	Generally revise vehicle license laws	Mike Lang (R) HD 33	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 417	Revise tax lien, sale, and title provisions re primary residence tax delinquency	Tom Jacobson (D) HD 21	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Taxation
HB 420	Revise oil and gas tax rates and increase distributions to local governments	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Taxation
HB 422	Improve outcomes for youth in the children's mental health system	Ron Ehli (R) HD 86	(H) Signed by Speaker
HB 427	Appropriate funds to defend state based water rights	Bob Brown (R) HD 13	(H) 2nd Reading Not Passed*
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	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Local Government
HB 440	Revise oil pipeline and labor laws	George G Kipp (D) HD 15	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Taxation
HB 441	Provide process for county abandonment/consolidation	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54	(S) Tabled in Committee -- (S) Local Government
HB 444	Generally revising laws related to electronic communications	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45	(S) Tabled in Committee -- (S) Judiciary
HB 445	Requiring search warrant for gov access to electronic devices	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45	(S) Tabled in Committee -- (S) Judiciary
HB 446	Revise campaign finance laws to authorize attorney fees for prevailing party	Kirk Wagoner (R) HD 75	(S) 2nd Reading Indefinitely Postponed*
HB 447	Revise right to participate laws related to attorney fees	Kirk Wagoner (R) HD 75	(S) Returned to House with Amendments
HB 448	Revise right to know laws related to attorney fees	Kirk Wagoner (R) HD 75	(S) Returned to House with Amendments
HB 454	Revising how political party may select committee representatives for precincts	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) HD 20	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Admin. 04/08/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
HB 455	Generally revise medicaid laws	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87	(H) 2nd Reading Not Passed*
HB 461	Revise salary for certain justice positions	Steve Lavin (R) HD 8	(H) Signed by Speaker
HB 463	Revise laws related to asset forfeiture	Kelly McCarthy (D) HD 49	(S) Tabled in Committee -- (S) Judiciary
HB 468	Revising laws on period of commitment or treatment of developmentally disabled	Gordon Pierson (D) HD 78	(S) Tabled in Committee -- (S) Judiciary
HB 478	Implement changes in Montana's food retail sales laws	Kathleen Williams (D) HD 61	(S) Committee Report--Bill Concurred -- (S) Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
HB 483	Raising pension benefit in VFCA	Ed Lieser (D) HD 5	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Admin. 03/30/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
HB 491	Generally revise the 24/7 sobriety program laws	Steve Lavin (R) HD 8	(S) Hearing -- (S) Highways and Transportation 03/19/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
HB 496	Establish public lands task force	Kerry White (R) HD 64	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
HB 504	Revise laws related to consolidation of rural fire districts and areas	Denise Hayman (D) HD 66	(S) Returned to House with Amendments
HB 510	Assist local governments with federal land projects	Alan Redfield (R) HD 59	(H) Hearing -- (H) Approps. 03/27/2015; 5:30 PM, Rm 102
HB 512	Establish an eastern Montana crime laboratory	Dale Mortensen (R) HD 44	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
HB 516	Revise petition for DNA testing laws	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) HD 51	(S) Returned to House with Amendments
HB 517	Revising laws regarding the commitment of incapacitated persons	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54	(S) Hearing -- (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety 03/18/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 317
HB 519	Generally revise exempt well laws	Carl Glimm (R) HD 6	(S) Hearing -- (S) Natural Resources 03/30/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 303

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 525	Revise aquatic invasive species fund laws	Mark Noland (R) HD 10	(S) Hearing – (S) Natural Resources 03/23/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 303
HB 536	Revise Captive Insurance Laws to Allow Political Subdivisions	Tom Berry (R) HD 40	(S) Returned to House
HB 537	Revise laws to allow LLCs to transact captive insurance	Tom Berry (R) HD 40	(H) Sent to Enrolling
HB 546	Revise nonprofit casino night laws for county fairs	Nicholas Schwaderer (R) HD 14	(S) Hearing -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 04/02/2015; 10:00 AM, Rm 422
HB 548	Revise laws regarding exemptions for certain divisions of land	Forrest Mandeville (R) HD 57	(S) Tabled in Committee -- (S) Local Government
HB 553	Generally revise aquatic invasive species laws	Mark Noland (R) HD 10	(S) Hearing – (S) Natural Resources 03/23/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 303
HB 555	Generally revise laws related to volunteer firefighters	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) HD 20	(S) Returned to House
HB 557	Revise laws regarding legal fences	Bill Harris (R) HD 29	(S) Hearing -- (S) Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation 03/17/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
HB 569	Exempt portion of homestead market value from taxes	Clayton Fiscus (R) HD 43	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Taxation
HB 575	Providing transparency for state-administered grants	Tom Burnett (R) HD 67	(S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
HB 576	Generally revise licensing of state operated health care facilities	Art Wittich (R) HD 68	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
HB 582	Establishing the Catastrophic Health Care Costs Act	Art Wittich (R) HD 68	(H) 2nd Reading Not Passed*
HB 586	Revise laws related to aerial drones	Willis Curdy (D) HD 98	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Judiciary
HB 588	Revise laws related to a reduction in funding	Rob Cook (R) HD 18	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 593	Establish the Montana unmanned model aerial vehicle act	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
HB 603	Increase maximum daytime speed limit on certain interstate highways	Art Wittich (R) HD 68	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Transportation
HB 604	Create a pilot program to maintain and repair shared-use trails	Edward Greef (R) HD 88	(H) Committee Report— Bill Passed as Amended – (H) Transportation
HB 607	Revise anti-corruption and state employee protection laws	Kirk Wagoner (R) HD 75	(H) Hearing -- (H) Approps. 03/27/2015; 5:30 PM, Rm 102
HB 608	Revise commercial pet breeders laws	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) HD 51	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Business and Labor
HB 609	Revise residential property tax assistance programs	Ed Lieser (D) HD 5	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Appropriations
HB 613	County review of wood stove regulations	Theresa Manzella (R) HD 85	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Local Government
HB 614	Establish a study committee on patient compensation for medical injury	Art Wittich (R) HD 68	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
HB 615	Revise laws related to the fundamental rights under the MT constitution	Carl Glimm (R) HD 6	(H) 2nd Reading Not Passed*
HB 616	Provide for an appropriation to increase access to playgrounds statewide	Jean Price (D) HD 24	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks
HB 620	Establishing all-payer claims database	Alan Redfield (R) HD 59	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
HB 627	Task force to study the office of public defender	Randy Brodehl (R) HD 9	(H) Committee Report— Bill Passed as Amended – (H) Judiciary
HB 628	Revise the replacement schedule for regular license plates	Randy Brodehl (R) HD 9	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
HB 631	Create new judicial districts	Nicholas Schwaderer (R) HD 14	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Judiciary
HB 633	Revise laws related to filming law enforcement officers	Dale Mortensen (R) HD 44	(H) Committee Executive Action- -Bill Passed -- (H) Judiciary
HB 636	Require legislative approval for acceptance of federal assistance funds	Debra Lamm (R) HD 60	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Appropriations
HB 639	Constitutional amendment to revise term limits	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 03/31/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 640	Generally revise local government laws	Forrest Mandeville (R) HD 57	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Local Government

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 641	Provide for building for the Montana heritage center	Roy Hollandsworth (R) HD 27	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Appropriations
HB 642	Revise laws related to school district repayment of protested taxes	Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D) HD 73	(H) Hearing -- (H) Education 03/27/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 137
HJ 2	Revenue estimating resolution	Mike Miller (R) HD 80	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 03/23/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
HJ 5	Study reasonable water use	Clayton Fiscus (R) HD 43	(S) Tabled in Committee -- (S) Natural Resources
HJ 7	Study next-generation 9-1-1	Tom Steenberg (D) HD 99	(S) Hearing -- (S) Energy and Telecommunications 03/31/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 317
HJ 8	Joint resolution to study Montana Law Enforcement Academy funding	Frank Garner (R) HD 7	(H) Filed with Secretary of State
HJ 10	Interim study on passenger rail	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90	(S) Tabled in Committee -- (S) Highways and Transportation
HJ 13	Interim study of federal roads and parcels and access	Kerry White (R) HD 64	(S) Hearing -- (S) Natural Resources 04/08/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 303
HJ 14	Interim study on eyewitness identification policies	Frank Garner (R) HD 7	(S) Committee Report--Bill Concurred -- (S) State Admin.
HJ 21	Interim study on ownership of personal information	Bryce Bennett (D) HD 91	(H) Committee Report--Bill Passed -- (H) Judiciary
HJ 22	Interim study of law enforcement use of body-worn cameras	Bridget Smith (D) HD 31	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Judiciary
HJ 23	Interim study of Montana's election process	Debra Lamm (R) HD 60	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Admin. 03/24/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 455
HJ 24	Interim study of transportation infrastructure	Willis Curdy (D) HD 98	(H) Hearing -- (H) Transportation 03/30/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
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 20	Reallocate metal mines license tax	Chas Vincent (R) SD 1	(S) Hearing -- (S) Finance and Claims 03/26/2015; 5:00 PM, Rm 317
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
SB 47	Increase assessments on owners of classified forest land	JP Pomnichowski (D) SD 33	(H) Hearing -- (H) Natural Resources 03/30/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
SB 54	Provide taxpayers with additional access to confidential sales price information	Dick Barrett (D) SD 45	(H) Committee Report-- Bill Concurred -- (H) Taxation
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	(S) Signed by Governor
SB 69	Authorize sign placement as a campaign practice consideration	Pat Connell (R) SD 43	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) State Administration
SB 74	Revise PERS employer contribution laws for the Montana State University System	Mary Sheehy Moe (D) SD 12	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 82	Expand water policy interim committee duties	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15	(S) Transmitted to Governor
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	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 90	Revise penalties eliminating jail time for certain misdemeanors	Nels Swandal (R) SD 30	(H) Tabled in Committee -- (H) Judiciary
SB 91	Revising laws related to reciprocal tax collection	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 03/25/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 152

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
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	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 110	Create temporary vehicle registration for non-resident vehicles	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 118	Clarify water right not abandoned if conveyance disrupted	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15	(H) Hearing – (H) Natural Resources 03/27/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
SB 123	Revising the regulatory authority over the Montana state fund	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3	(H) Hearing – (H) Business and Labor 03/25/2015; 8:30 AM, Rm 172
SB 142	Revise laws related to health care options for patients with terminal illnesses	Cary Smith (R) SD 27	(S) Transmitted to Governor
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 03/30/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
SB 150	Revise USB laws	Jonathan Windy Boy (D) SD 16	(H) Returned to Senate with Amendments
SB 156	Revise tax protest laws	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Taxation
SB 157	Generally revise tax reappraisal laws	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3	(S) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
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	(S) Transmitted to Governor
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	(S) Transmitted to Governor
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	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 190	Revising the legislature's revenue estimating process	Mike Phillips (D) SD 31	(H) Tabled in Committee -- (H) Taxation
SB 194	Revise residential property tax credit for the elderly	Mary Caferro (D) SD 41	(S) Committee Report--Bill Passed -- (S) Finance and Claims
SB 205	Provide for the Hire Montana First Act	Robyn Driscoll (D) SD 25	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic 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) Committee Report— Bill Concurred as Amended -- (H) Judiciary
SB 210	Include mountain lion in livestock loss program	Gene Vuckovich (D) SD 39	(H) Committee Report--Bill Concurred -- (H) Agriculture
SB 211	Establish procedures for maximum allowable cost lists for prescription drugs	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Human Services
SB 213	Provide for school safety	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44	(H) Hearing -- (H) Education 03/16/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 137
SB 217	Revise laws related to vital statistics	Kris Hansen (R) SD 14	(H) Hearing – (H) Human Services 03/27/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
SB 220	Repeal the electronic government advisory board and transfer duties	Christine Kaufmann (D) SD 40	(H) Committee Report— Bill Concurred as Amended -- (H) State Administration

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 224	Create a commission to study criminal justice system	Cynthia Wolken (D) SD 48	(H) Committee Report— Bill Concurred as Amended -- (H) Judiciary
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) Committee Report— Bill Concurred – (H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks
SB 232	Revise stream access laws to reflect Galt decision	Frederick (Eric) Moore (R) SD 19	(H) Committee Report--Bill Concurred -- (H) Agriculture
SB 233	Provide for medicaid waiver protection for certain military families	Mary Caferro (D) SD 41	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Human Services
SB 234	Revise tax and fees for professional liability insurance	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44	(H) Committee Report— Bill Concurred – (H) Business and Labor
SB 237	Revise laws governing impact fees	Mark Blasdel (R) SD 4	(H) Committee Report— Bill Concurred -- (H) Local Gov.
SB 238	Create a deferred retirement option plan (DROP) in Hwy Patrol Retirement Plan	Mark Blasdel (R) SD 4	(H) Committee Report— Bill Concurred as Amended – (H) State Administration
SB 241	Provide statewide uniformity regarding wages/benefits for political subdivisions	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 248	Require identification for legislative public comment	John Brenden (R) SD 17	(H) Committee Report--Bill Concurred -- (H) State Admin.
SB 251	Revise prevailing wage laws to match local government contracting	Dee Brown (R) SD 2	(H) Tabled in 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	(H) Hearing -- (H) Education 03/20/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 137
SB 258	Revise workers' compensation laws relating to religious employer definition	Brian Hoven (R) SD 13	(H) Committee Report— Bill Concurred as Amended -- (H) Business and Labor
SB 260	Revise education funding laws related to oil and gas production taxes	Frederick (Eric) Moore (R) SD 19	(H) Hearing -- (H) Education 03/20/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 137
SB 264	Revise distribution of sales and use tax	Bob Keenan (R) SD 5	(S) 2nd Reading Passed as Amended
SB 279	Referendum to require special election for vacancy in the U.S. Senate or House	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15	(S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
SB 285	Generally revise laws relating to reporting of animal cruelty and abuse	Frederick (Eric) Moore (R) SD 19	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Ag, Livestock and Irrigation
SB 286	Limit agency rule making if it burdens property rights	Cary Smith (R) SD 27	(H) Tabled in Committee -- (H) State Administration
SB 288	Medical recovery of work comp payment from at-fault parties	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3	(H) Committee Report— Bill Concurred – (H) Business and Labor
SB 290	Apply private motor carrier safety standards to certain publicly owned vehicles	Jim Keane (D) SD 38	(S) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
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) Tabled in Committee -- (H) Business and Labor
SB 294	Revise hospital district laws	Frederick (Eric) Moore (R) SD 19	(H) Committee Report— Bill Concurred -- (H) Local Gov.
SB 298	Enforce provisions of the enabling act regarding sale of public lands	Jennifer Fielder (R) SD 7	(H) Committee Report--Bill Concurred -- (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	(H) Committee Report--Bill Concurred -- (H) Judiciary
SB 308	Provide property tax exemption for certain land leased by local governments	Jennifer Fielder (R) SD 7	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 03/25/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 152
SB 309	Revise laws to incentivize access to isolated state and federal lands	Jedediah Hinkle (R) SD 32	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks
SB 314	Interstate pipeline compact	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(S) Transmitted to House

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
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) Finance and Claims 03/27/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 317
SB 332	Establish the Joseph J. Dunn memorial highway	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 334	Revise definitions of game animal, predatory animal	Jennifer Fielder (R) SD 7	(H) Hearing – (H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks 03/17/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 152
SB 335	Adjust remuneration for county tax appeal boards	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3	(H) Committee Report--Bill Concurred -- (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 03/30/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 137
SB 347	Revising worker compensation coverage options for emergency medical units	Tom Facey (D) SD 50	(H) Committee Report— Bill Concurred – (H) Business and Labor
SB 353	Constitutional referendum to divert coal trust and create Build Montana program	Rick Ripley (R) SD 10	(H) Hearing – (H) Natural Resources 04/01/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
SB 354	Create infrastructure funding program	Rick Ripley (R) SD 10	(H) Hearing – (H) Natural Resources 04/01/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 172
SB 356	Revise law enforcement laws	Jennifer Fielder (R) SD 7	(H) Committee Report— Bill Concurred as Amended -- (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) Tabled in 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) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Taxation
SB 383	Eliminate term limits for legislative and elected officials	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Judiciary
SB 391	Constitutional referendum eliminating term limits for state legislators	Frederick (Eric) Moore (R) SD 19	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) State Administration
SB 393	Revise vehicle security interest & title filing fees; driver license renewals	Elsie Arntzen (R) SD 26	(S) Transmitted to House
SB 394	Revise intangible personal property exemption and unit valuation methodology	Mark Blasdel (R) SD 4	(S) Hearing – (S) Finance and Claims 03/27/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 317
SB 396	Generally revise regulation of transportation for hire laws	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11	(S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
SB 402	Revise laws related to utilities and coal-fired generation	Duane Ankney (R) SD 20	(S) Scheduled for 3rd Reading
SB 405	Establish the Montana Health and Economic Livelihood Partnership Act	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11	(S) 2nd Reading Passed as Amended
SB 406	Generally revise medical marijuana laws	Robyn Driscoll (D) SD 25	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Judiciary
SB 408	Establish an affordable workforce housing development tax credit	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Finance and Claims
SB 409	Revise metal mine laws	Chas Vincent (R) SD 1	(S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
SB 411	Plan for the closure of Montana developmental center at Boulder	Mary Caferro (D) SD 41	(S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
SB 413	Create informal small claims division within the state tax appeal board	Elsie Arntzen (R) SD 26	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Finance and Claims
SB 417	Generally revise laws on medical marijuana	Diane Sands (D) SD 49	(S) Hearing – (S) Finance and Claims 03/27/2015; 2:00 PM, Rm 317

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Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 419	Provide funding for predator control	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Finance and Claims
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) Committee Report— Bill Concurred as Amended -- (H) Natural Resources
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) Committee Report— Bill Concurred – (H) Human Services
SJ 16	Resolution related to new legislative procedures for 2017	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44	(H) Hearing -- (H) Rules 03/17/2015; 3:30 PM, Rm 472
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
SR 33	Confirm appointees for board of county printing & MT facility finance authority	Dee Brown (R) SD 2	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Admin. 04/08/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
SR 35	Confirm Governor's appts to personnel & labor appeals boards, human rights comm	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11	(S) Hearing -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 03/27/2015; 8:00 AM, Rm 422

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HB 31	Revise school finance laws	Kathy Kelker (D) HD 47	Chapter 8, Effective 07/01/2015
HB 41	Revise tax appeal laws	Chuck Hunter (D) HD 83	Chapter 26, Effective 10/01/2015
HB 56	Revising subdivision classifications for Ag land valuation	Kerry White (R) HD 64	Chapter 9, Effective 02/17/2015
HB 65	State treasurer to receive local government fees for audits and reviews	Moffie Funk (D) HD 82	Chapter 11, Effective 02/17/2015
HB 75	Authorize creation of sex assault prosecution unit in AG's office	Stephanie Hess (R) HD 28	Chapter 13, Effective 10/01/2015
HB 103	Revise duties of state auditor office related to insurance and securities laws	Zach Brown (D) HD 63	Chapter 63, Sections 1, 2, 4-18, 21, 23-32, 34, 35(1), 36 and 37 Effective 02/27/2015 Sections 3, 19, 20, 22, 33, and 35(2) Effective 01/01/2016
HB 125	Revise term related to government accounting standards	Kathy Swanson (D) HD 77	Chapter 7, Effective 02/13/2015
HB 133	Authorize the public defender to award fixed-fee contracts	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) HD 51	Chapter 100, Effective 10/01/2015
HB 134	Prohibit a youth from being transferred to adult supervision without a felony	Jennifer Eck (D) HD 79	Chapter 51, Effective 02/25/2015
HB 195	Revise pretrial diversion laws	Nate McConnell (D) HD 89	Chapter 67, Effective 02/27/2015
HB 260	Revise laws for payment of costs associated with irrigation district petitions	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76	Chapter 95, Effective 03/18/2015
HB 466	Authorize state to be reimbursed for extradition costs as part of restitution	Mike Miller (R) HD 80	Chapter 103, Effective 03/20/2015
SB 15	Clarify laws relating to the call of a retired judge or justice	Nels Swandal (R) SD 30	Chapter 21, Effective 02/17/2015

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SB 19	Revise livestock special deputy fund laws	Rick Ripley (R) SD 10	Chapter 40, Effective 07/01/2015
SB 26	Clarifying laws regarding electronic submitting of search warrants	Nels Swandal (R) SD 30	Chapter 22, Effective 02/17/2015
SB 65	Code Commissioner Bill	Robyn Driscoll (D) SD 25	Chapter 55, Effective 10/01/2015
SB 72	Allowing political party endorsements and expenditures in judicial races	Taylor Brown (R) SD 28	Chapter 87, Effective 10/01/2015
SB 113	Generally revise Montana board of investment laws	Jon C Sesso (D) SD 37	Chapter 84, Effective 02/27/2015
SB 139	Revise jury selection laws	Diane Sands (D) SD 49	Chapter 88, Effective 03/16/2015

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