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THE FINAL DAY AT THE CAPITOL . . . NOT FOR LONG?

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Three days ahead of schedule, the official close of the 64th Legislative Session came in the early hours of the morning after the House reconsidered [SB 416](#) (Provide for statewide infrastructure, carried by Senator John Brenden) one final time. After the fourth third reading of SB 416 failed, the House adjourned, sine die, on a 61-35 vote. The Senate followed suit after taking up second and third reading on [HB 402](#) (Generally revise laws related to oil and gas development, carried by Representative Mike Cuffe) and [HB 8](#) (Provide for renewable resource bonds and loans, carried by Speaker Austin Knudsen). HB 8 will go forward; however, HB 402 was amended in Senate Finance and Claims, so it would need to get concurrence from the House on the amendment(s). Because the House adjourned, the bill has died in the process. To sum up, the Legislature did not pass any major legislation regarding statewide infrastructure . . . but they could be called back for a special session specifically for that purpose . . .

WHAT'S NEXT?

The Interim is going to busy, as there are several studies to be polled, and Legislative Council is scheduled to meet May 18 to review the results of the poll and assign studies to the various interim and statutory committees. Legislators must complete their poll of the studies by May 8—every vote is important, and some of the studies will not make the cut. See the list of studies below; MACo will be participating in the approved studies.

We extend our gratitude to all elected officials, legislative staff, Representatives, and Senators for your assistance and diligent work during the last 87 days. See you in the Interim!

INTERIM STUDY RESOLUTIONS

Res No.	Short Title
HJ 7	Study next-generation 9-1-1
HJ 8	Joint resolution to study Montana Law Enforcement Academy funding
HJ 13	Interim study of federal roads and parcels and access
HJ 14	Interim study on eyewitness identification policies
HJ 16	Study ride-sharing services in Montana (Uber/Lyft)
HJ 21	Interim study on ownership of personal information
HJ 26	Study youth concussion protection laws
HJ 27	Joint resolution for Interim study of statutory appropriations
HJ 29	Study membership-based health services in re insurance and cost impacts
SJ 2	Study state assumption of federal dredge and fill permitting
SJ 12	Study net metering laws
SJ 20	Study historic road right-of-way acquisition
SJ 21	Study local fire and emergency services
SJ 22	Study state guardianship programs for elderly
SJ 24	Interim study on sexual assault

INTERIM STUDY BILLS

Bill No.	Short Title
HB 422	Improve outcomes for youth in the children's mental health system
HB 430	Provide for an interim judicial redistricting commission
HB 496	Establish public lands task force
HB 614	Establish a study committee on patient compensation for medical injury
HB 627	Task force to study the office of public defender
SB 128	Establish decennial school funding study
SB 224	Create a commission to study criminal justice system
SB 390	Study fees charged relating to boards
SB 405	Creating the Healthy Montana Act to Expand Health Care Coverage

NOTE: A study assigned by bill takes priority over a study requested by resolution—these are not polled.

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

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2015 PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Below are three different lists of proposed legislation for the 2015 Legislative Session that have been introduced. 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: STILL PROCESSING				
Bill No.	Short Title	Res. No.	Sponsor	Status
HB 145	Revise laws related to livestock loss	2014-15	Mike Cuffe (R) HD 2	(H) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT CREATING A LIVESTOCK LOSS REDUCTION RESTRICTED ACCOUNT; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-15-3110, 15-1-122, 81-1-110, AND 81-1-112, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE.			
SB 229	Extend historic county road or utility right-of-way application dates	2014-12	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3	(S) Signed by Governor
	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.			

COMPLETED MACo LEGISLATION: JOINT RESOLUTION, FILED WITH SOS			
Bill No.	Short Title	MACo Res. No.	Sponsor
SJ 20	Interim study on historic road right-of-way acquisition	2014-07	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3
	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.		

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.			
HB 193	Revise board of adjustment appeal process related to county zoning	2012-02	Daniel R Salomon (R) HD 93	Chapter 171, Effective 10/01/2015
	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	Chapter 262, Effective 07/01/2015
	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 SUBMIT THEIR MINUTES 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.			

COMPLETED MACo BILLS: CHAPTER & EFFECTIVE DATE (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Res. No.	Sponsor	Chapter & Effective Date
SB 111	Clarify wind generation facility impact fee for local governmental units	2014-16	Duane Ankney (R) SD 20	Chapter 109, Effective 03/23/2015
	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	Chapter 121, Effective 10/01/2015
	AN ACT CLARIFYING ELIGIBLE VOTERS IN CERTAIN ELECTIONS; CLARIFYING THAT CERTAIN OFFICERS OF A COMPANY MAY PETITION, PROTEST, OR VOTE IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES ON BEHALF OF THE PROPERTY OWNED BY THE COMPANY; AMENDING SECTION 7-1-4134, MCA; AND REPEALING SECTION 7-13-2254, MCA.			

MACo RESOLUTIONS/LEGISLATION THAT DIED IN THE PROCESS

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."			
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.				

PRIORITY WATCH LIST: STILL PROCESSING

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87	(H) Returned from Enrolling
	AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY TO VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES FOR THE BIENNIUMS ENDING JUNE 30, 2015, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATES.		
HB 6	Provide for renewable resource grants	Mike Cuffe (R) HD 2	(H) Returned from Enrolling
	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) Signed by Governor
	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) Returned from Enrolling
	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) Returned from Enrolling
	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 PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND THE JUDICIAL BRANCH; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.		

PRIORITY WATCH LIST: STILL PROCESSING (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 11	Revise treasure state endowment program laws	Mike Cuffe (R) HD 2	(H) Signed by Governor
	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 33	Appropriate money for new or expanded mental health crisis intervention	Ron Ehli (R) HD 86	(H) Returned from Enrolling
	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) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CONTRACTED SECURE PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT BEDS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 123	Generally revise public records laws	Donald W Jones (R) HD 46	(H) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING AND REORGANIZING MONTANA PUBLIC RECORDS LAWS; UPDATING DEFINITIONS AND PROVIDING NEW DEFINITIONS; CLARIFYING ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION; PROVIDING SAFETY AND SECURITY EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING A PROCEDURE FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION REQUESTS; ALLOWING FEES FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION REQUESTS; ALLOWING SPECIAL FEES FOR CERTAIN INFORMATION; EMPHASIZING THE DISPOSITION OF PUBLIC RECORDS ACCORDING TO RETENTION SCHEDULES; UPDATING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR ESSENTIAL RECORDS; CLARIFYING THE PROHIBITION ON DISSEMINATING DISTRIBUTION LISTS; REVISING THE RECORDS MANAGEMENT DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE; REQUIRING COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE; EXPANDING THE MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES OF THE STATE RECORDS COMMITTEE; PROVIDING POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY FOR MANAGING HISTORIC RECORDS AND CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER RECORDS; CLARIFYING AGENCY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR RECORDS MANAGEMENT; REVISING MEMBERSHIP AND DUTIES OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS COMMITTEE; REDUCING THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS BEFORE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT RECORDS; UPDATING PROTECTIONS OF PERSONAL INFORMATION; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 2-3-212, 2-3-221, 2-3-301, 2-15-2017, 5-11-203, 7-4-2614, 7-5-2132, 7-5-4124, 7-11-1007, 13-1-303, 13-21-228, 15-1-103, 15-1-521, 15-62-209, 17-8-403, 18-4-126, 19-2-403, 19-17-111, 22-1-211, 30-9A-522, 30-14-1603, 30-17-101, 32-11-107, 33-1-1403, 33-28-108, 46-23-110, 53-21-1108, 61-6-157, 61-11-510, AND 81-2-115, MCA; AND REPEALING SECTIONS 2-6-101, 2-6-102, 2-6-103, 2-6-104, 2-6-105, 2-6-106, 2-6-107, 2-6-108, 2-6-109, 2-6-110, 2-6-111, 2-6-112, 2-6-201, 2-6-202, 2-6-203, 2-6-204, 2-6-205, 2-6-206, 2-6-207, 2-6-208, 2-6-211, 2-6-212, 2-6-213, 2-6-214, 2-6-301, 2-6-302, 2-6-303, 2-6-304, 2-6-307, 2-6-401, 2-6-402, 2-6-403, 2-6-404, 2-6-405, 2-6-501, 2-6-502, 2-6-503, AND 2-6-504, MCA.		
HB 223	Revise cost of death certificates and use for funding board of funeral service	Christy Clark (R) HD 17	(H) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT REVISING DEATH CERTIFICATE FEES AND PROVIDING FOR THEIR USE AS A FUNDING SOURCE FOR THE BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICE; REQUIRING THE BOARD TO REPORT TO THE ECONOMIC AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-4-2631 AND 50-15-111, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE.		
HB 226	Revise oil and gas laws related to the oil and gas damage mitigation account	Tom Richmond (R) HD 56	(H) Transmitted to Governor
	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 523	Revise rural improvement district laws	Seth Berglee (R) HD 58	(H) Signed by Governor
	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.		
SB 52	Revise captive insurance laws	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42	(S) Transmitted to Governor
	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.		

PRIORITY WATCH LIST: STILL PROCESSING (CONCLUDED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 249	Generally revise energy performance contracting laws	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42	(S) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS; ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY TO USE IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF AN ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACT PROGRAM; ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR QUALIFIED ENERGY SERVICE PROVIDERS; PROVIDING FOR INVESTMENT-GRADE ENERGY AUDITS; ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES TO USE IN THE ADMINISTRATION AND FUNDING OF ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS; GRANTING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; EXEMPTING ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS FROM CERTAIN CONSOLIDATED CITY-COUNTY GOVERNMENT AND SPECIAL DISTRICT CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS; AMENDING SECTIONS 20-9-471, 90-4-1101, 90-4-1102, 90-4-1103, AND 90-4-1109, MCA; REPEALING SECTIONS 90-4-1104, 90-4-1105, 90-4-1106, 90-4-1107, AND 90-4-1108, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN APPLICABILITY DATE.		
SB 259	Revising workers' compensation and occupational health and safety assessments	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3	(S) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT REVISING THE FUNDING FOR CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY RELATED TO WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH LAWS; INCREASING A PERCENTAGE THAT MAY BE ASSESSED AGAINST WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURERS FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION ACT; CREATING A NEW ASSESSMENT FOR ADMINISTERING OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH LAWS; PROVIDING FOR A PROCEDURAL TRANSITION; AMENDING SECTIONS 39-71-201, 39-71-435, 39-71-1050, 50-71-113, 50-71-119, 50-72-106, AND 50-73-107, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.		
SB 261	Montana sage grouse stewardship act	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15	(S) Signed by President
	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; PROVIDING A CONTINGENT FUND TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.		
SB 284	Require approval of county commissioners for bison relocation	John Brenden (R) SD 17	(S) Transmitted to Governor
	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 7-1-111, 76-1-605, 81-2-120, AND 87-1-216, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.		
SB 405	Establish the Montana Health and Economic Livelihood Partnership Act	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11	(S) Transmitted to Governor
	AN ACT CREATING THE MONTANA HEALTH AND ECONOMIC LIVELIHOOD PARTNERSHIP ACT TO EXPAND HEALTH CARE COVERAGE TO ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS, IMPROVE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES, AND CONTROL HEALTH CARE COSTS; 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 STATUTORY APPROPRIATIONS FOR COSTS OF PROVIDING HEALTH CARE SERVICES; PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR HEALTH CARE DELIVERY ACROSS MONTANA; PROVIDING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS; ESTABLISHING TIME LIMITS FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS IN MEDICAL MALPRACTICE CLAIMS; ESTABLISHING AN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS; AMENDING SECTIONS 17-7-502 AND 27-2-205, MCA; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES AND A TERMINATION DATE.		

COMPLETED PRIORITY WATCH RESOLUTIONS & JOINT RESOLUTIONS: FILED WITH SOS

Res. No.	Short Title	Sponsor
HJ 11	Joint resolution regarding the keystone pipeline	Mike Lang (R) HD 33
	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.	
HJ 29	Study membership-based health services to determine insurance, cost impacts	Andrea Olsen (D) HD 100
	A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING A STUDY OF MEMBERSHIP-BASED HEALTH CARE SERVICES, INCLUDING MEMBERSHIP-BASED AMBULANCE SERVICES, TO DETERMINE IMPACTS ON HEALTH INSURANCE, HEALTH CARE ACCESS, OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, AND HEALTH CARE COSTS.	

COMPLETED PRIORITY WATCH RESOLUTIONS & JOINT RESOLUTIONS (CONTINUED)

Res. No.	Short Title	Sponsor
SJ 21	Interim study on local fire and emergency services	Tom Facey (D) SD 50
	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
	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 PRIORITY WATCH BILLS: CHAPTER & EFFECTIVE DATE

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Chapter & Effective Date
HB 35	Appropriate money for short-term voluntary mental health treatment	Ron Ehli (R) HD 86	Chapter 207, Effective 07/01/2015
	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	Chapter 208, Effective 07/01/2015
	AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS DIVERSION PILOT PROJECTS FOR YOUTH; REQUIRING A REPORT; AND PROVIDING AN 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 85	Revise the administration and tax qualification laws of the TRS	Tom Woods (D) HD 62	Chapter 210, Effective 07/01/2015
	AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING ADMINISTRATIVE AND FEDERAL TAX QUALIFICATION PROVISIONS OF THE TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; REVISING PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE CORRECTION OF ERRORS, RECOVERY OF AMOUNTS DUE RESULTING FROM ERRORS, CREDITABLE SERVICE, OPTIONAL RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES, COMPENSATION LIMITATIONS, MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTIONS, DIFFERENTIAL WAGE PAYMENTS, DISABILITY BENEFITS, DEATH BENEFITS, AND GROUP INSURANCE PREMIUM WITHHOLDING; AMENDING SECTIONS 19-20-401, 19-20-402, 19-20-403, 19-20-404, 19-20-405, 19-20-408, 19-20-409, 19-20-410, 19-20-426, 19-20-427, 19-20-702, 19-20-715, 19-20-716, 19-20-718, 19-20-802, 19-20-904, 19-20-1001, AND 19-20-1101, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 19-20-705, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND A RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY DATE.		
HB 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 [...], MCA; AND PROVIDING A DELAYED EFFECTIVE DATE.		
HB 100	Generally revise laws relating to the public safety officer training council	Frank Garner (R) HD 7	Chapter 196, Effective 04/08/2015
	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.		

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

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Chapter & Effective Date
HB 101	Generally revise administrative laws of the MPERA retirement systems	Tom Steenberg (D) HD 99	Chapter 248, Effective 01/01/2016
	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; 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, 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	Chapter 170, Effective 07/01/2015
	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 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.		
HB 124	Revise retirement plan laws to ensure federal tax qualification	Wendy McKamey (R) HD 23	Chapter 140, Effective 03/30/2015
	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 168	Define combined appropriation for exempt wells in certain cases	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) HD 20	Chapter 221, Effective 04/10/2015
	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 289	Revise zoning requirements for economic development districts	Edward Greef (R) HD 88	Chapter 160, Effective 10/01/2015
	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 330	Establish standards for law enforcement use and acquisition of certain equipment	Nicholas Schwaderer (R) HD 14	Chapter 261, Effective 10/01/2015
	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 PUBLIC NOTIFICATION.		
HB 536	Revise Captive Insurance Laws to Allow Political Subdivisions	Tom Berry (R) HD 40	
	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.		

COMPLETED PRIORITY WATCH BILLS: CHAPTER & EFFECTIVE DATE (CONCLUDED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Chapter & 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 42	Revise allocation of contribution in the Pers defined contribution plan	Sue Malek (D) SD 46	Chapter 190, Effective 07/01/2015
	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 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.		
SB 124	Require certain boards to record and publish meetings in video or audio format	Dee Brown (R) SD 2	Chapter 133, Effective 07/01/2015
	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	Chapter 232, Effective 10/01/2015
	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.		

PRIORITY WATCH BILLS THAT HAVE BEEN VETOED, DIED IN THE PROCESS, OR DIED IN STANDING COMMITTEE (THUS FAR)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 24	Appropriate money for state-run mental health group home	Casey Schreiner (D) HD 25	(H) 3rd Reading Not Passed as Amended by Senate* (Died in Process)
	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 235	Revise disposition of metalliferous mines license tax	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Taxation* (Died in Standing Committee)
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING DISPOSITION OF THE METALLIFEROUS MINES LICENSE TAX; AND AMENDING SECTION 15-37-117, MCA."		
HB 256	Revise laws to provide checks and balances for expanding affordable care act	Matthew Monforton (R) HD 69	(S) 2nd Reading Indefinitely Postponed* (Died in Process)
	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."		

**PRIORITY WATCH BILLS THAT HAVE BEEN VETOED, DIED IN THE PROCESS,
OR DIED IN STANDING COMMITTEE (CONTINUED)**

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 402	Generally revise laws related to oil and gas development	Austin Knudsen (R) HD 34	(S) Returned to House with Amendments* (House Adjourned Sine Die Prior to Senate Concurrence— Died in Process)
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO ISSUE GRANTS TO ASSIST LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITH INFRASTRUCTURE AND OTHER NEEDS AS A RESULT OF OIL AND GAS IMPACTS; PROVIDING FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE PROGRAM THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES AND CRITERIA FOR AWARDING GRANTS; ESTABLISHING AN OIL AND GAS IMPACT ACCOUNT; ALLOCATING FEDERAL MINERAL LEASING REVENUE TO THE OIL AND GAS IMPACT ACCOUNT; INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF FEDERAL MINERAL LEASING REVENUE IN THE MINERAL IMPACT ACCOUNT AND DEDICATED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; ALLOCATING OIL AND NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION TAXES; TRANSFERRING MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE OIL AND GAS IMPACT ACCOUNT; GRANTING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION AND A STATUTORY APPROPRIATION; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-36-331, 17-3-240, AND 17-7-502, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."		
HJ 25	Interim study on homelessness, mental illness, substance abuse, & incarceration	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45	(H) Hearing -- (H) Human Services 04/13/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 152* (Died in Standing Committee)
	A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING AN INTERIM STUDY ON THE REVOLVING DOOR AND COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH HOMELESSNESS, MENTAL ILLNESS, SUBSTANCE USE, HOSPITALIZATION, AND INCARCERATION IN MONTANA.		
SB 145	Revise allocation of oil and gas revenue for oil and natural gas impact projects	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15	(S) Vetoed by Governor*
	AN ACT REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF REVENUE FROM OIL AND NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION TAXES AND USING THE PROCEEDS FOR OIL AND NATURAL GAS IMPACT PROJECTS; DEFINING "OIL AND GAS IMPACT PROJECTS"; ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES FOR OIL AND GAS IMPACT PROJECT PROPOSALS FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; PROVIDING FOR REVIEW OF OIL AND GAS IMPACT PROJECT PROPOSALS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; CREATING AN OIL AND NATURAL GAS IMPACT RELIEF ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AMENDING SECTION 15-36-331, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE.		
SB 226	Revise subdivision review criteria law	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) Local Government* (Died in Standing Committee)
	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* (Died in Standing Committee)
	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 416	Provide for statewide infrastructure	John Brenden (R) SD 17	(H) 3rd Reading Failed* (Died in Process)
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FUNDING AND AUTHORIZATION FOR CAPITAL AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS STATEWIDE; CREATING LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT AND LOAN ACCOUNTS; AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO GRANT FUNDS FOR LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS; ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR GRANTS AND LOANS FOR INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS; REQUIRING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS FOR PROJECTS BASED ON A FORMULA; AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO MAKE INTERCAP LOANS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS FOR MATCHING FUNDS FOR LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS; AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF STATE DEBT THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS; PROVIDING FOR A GENERAL FUND TRANSFER; <u>PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING A STATUTORY APPROPRIATION; PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS;</u> AMENDING SECTION SECTIONS 15-10-420, AND 16-11-119, AND 17-7-502, MCA; <u>AMENDING SECTION 5, CHAPTER 324, LAWS OF 2011;</u> AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND A TERMINATION DATE."		

MACo WATCH LIST: STILL PROCESSING

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 4	Appropriations by budget amendment	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87	(H) Signed by Governor
HB 9	Cultural and Aesthetic Grants	Mike Cuffe (R) HD 2	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 78	Clarify vehicle owner's privacy rights for event data recorders	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76	(H) Signed by Governor
HB 114	Revise tax increment finance district remittance laws for schools	Mike Miller (R) HD 80	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 118	Allow for electronic delivery of insurance policies	Bryce Bennett (D) HD 91	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 150	Generally revise fish, wildlife, and parks, laws related to penalties	Kelly Flynn (R) HD 70	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 156	Revise tax laws related to pollution control equipment	Mike Miller (R) HD 80	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 180	Revise regional water laws	Bridget Smith (D) HD 31	(H) Signed by Governor
HB 204	Revising laws relating to liability waivers and releases	Greg Hertz (R) HD 12	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 211	Require POW/MIA flag be displayed at certain times and places	Kirk Wagoner (R) HD 75	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 228	Increase coal board funding until June 30, 2017	Tom Berry (R) HD 40	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 322	Create education savings accounts for children with disabilities	Donald W Jones (R) HD 46	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 374	Provide for school suicide prevention awareness training	Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D) HD 73	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 389	Require department of revenue review of tax exempt properties	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 430	Provide for an interim judicial redistricting commission	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) HD 20	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 448	Revise right to know laws related to attorney fees	Kirk Wagoner (R) HD 75	(H) Signed by Governor
HB 454	Revising how political party may select committee representatives for precincts	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) HD 20	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 463	Revise laws related to asset forfeiture	Kelly McCarthy (D) HD 49	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 468	Revising laws on period of commitment or treatment of developmentally disabled	Gordon Pierson (D) HD 78	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 483	Raising pension benefit in VFCA	Ed Lieser (D) HD 5	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 491	Generally revise the 24/7 sobriety program laws	Steve Lavin (R) HD 8	(H) Signed by Governor
HB 496	Establish public lands task force	Kerry White (R) HD 64	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 504	Revise laws related to consolidation of rural fire districts and areas	Denise Hayman (D) HD 66	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 510	Assist local governments with federal land projects	Alan Redfield (R) HD 59	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 512	Establish an eastern Montana crime laboratory	Dale Mortensen (R) HD 44	(H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 516	Revise petition for DNA testing laws	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) HD 51	(H) Signed by Governor
HB 517	Revising laws regarding the commitment of incapacitated persons	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 575	Providing transparency for state-administered grants	Tom Burnett (R) HD 67	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 604	Create a pilot program to maintain and repair shared-use trails	Edward Greef (R) HD 88	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 614	Establish a study committee on patient compensation for medical injury	Art Wittich (R) HD 68	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 627	Task force to study the office of public defender	Randy Brodehl (R) HD 9	(H) Transmitted to Governor
HB 628	Revise the replacement schedule for regular license plates	Randy Brodehl (R) HD 9	(H) Transmitted to Governor
SB 20	Reallocate metal mines license tax	Chas Vincent (R) SD 1	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 47	Increase assessments on owners of classified forest land	JP Pommichowski (D) SD 33	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 54	Provide taxpayers with additional access to confidential sales price information	Dick Barrett (D) SD 45	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 83	Adopt health insurance appeals/external review laws of NAIC	Christine Kaufmann (D) SD 40	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 91	Revising laws related to reciprocal tax collection	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 123	Revising the regulatory authority over the Montana state fund	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3	(S) Signed by Governor
SB 157	Generally revise tax reappraisal laws	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 188	Revise liability for forest or range fires	Chas Vincent (R) SD 1	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 211	Establish procedures for maximum allowable cost lists for prescription drugs	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 213	Provide for school safety	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44	(S) Signed by Governor
SB 217	Revise laws related to vital statistics	Kris Hansen (R) SD 14	(S) Transmitted to Governor

MACo WATCH LIST: STILL PROCESSING (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 224	Create a commission to study criminal justice system	Cynthia Wolken (D) SD 48	(S) Returned with Governor's Line-item Veto
SB 230	Public scoping process for FWP land acquisitions	Chas Vincent (R) SD 1	(S) Signed by Governor
SB 232	Revise stream access laws to reflect Galt decision	Frederick (Eric) Moore (R) SD 19	(S) Signed by Governor
SB 233	Provide for medicaid waiver protection for certain military families	Mary Caferro (D) SD 41	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 234	Revise tax and fees for professional liability insurance	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 252	Revise K-12 funding laws related to oil and natural gas production taxes	Llew Jones (R) SD 9	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 258	Revise workers' compensation laws relating to religious employer definition	Brian Hoven (R) SD 13	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 260	Revise education funding laws related to oil and gas production taxes	Frederick (Eric) Moore (R) SD 19	(S) Signed by President
SB 279	Referendum to require special election for vacancy in the U.S. Senate or House	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15	(S) Filed with Secretary of State
SB 288	Medical recovery of work comp payment from at-fault parties	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 298	Enforce provisions of the enabling act regarding sale of public lands	Jennifer Fielder (R) SD 7	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 306	Generally revise laws on notarial acts	Elsie Arntzen (R) SD 26	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 308	Provide property tax exemption for certain land leased by local governments	Jennifer Fielder (R) SD 7	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 309	Revise laws to incentivize access to isolated state and federal lands	Jedediah Hinkle (R) SD 32	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 316	Generally revise laws re when certain individuals may be transferred to DOC	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(S) Signed by President
SB 326	Revise state land laws	Jedediah Hinkle (R) SD 32	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 334	Revise definitions of game animal, predatory animal	Jennifer Fielder (R) SD 7	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 335	Adjust remuneration for county tax appeal boards	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3	(S) Signed by Governor
SB 336	Generally revise the Montana administrative procedure act	Bob Keenan (R) SD 5	(S) Signed by President
SB 345	Revise process for adoption of accreditation standards	Elsie Arntzen (R) SD 26	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 347	Revising worker compensation coverage options for emergency medical units	Tom Facey (D) SD 50	(S) Signed by Governor
SB 354	Create infrastructure funding program	Rick Ripley (R) SD 10	(S) Returned from Enrolling
SB 356	Revise law enforcement laws	Jennifer Fielder (R) SD 7	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 367	Clarify general fund transfers to research and commercialization account	Janna Taylor (R) SD 6	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 393	Revise vehicle security interest & title filing fees; driver license renewals	Elsie Arntzen (R) SD 26	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 396	Generally revise regulation of transportation for hire laws	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11	(S) Signed by President
SB 409	Revise metal mine laws	Chas Vincent (R) SD 1	(S) Transmitted to Governor
SB 411	Plan for the closure of Montana developmental center at Boulder	Mary Caferro (D) SD 41	(S) Returned from Enrolling

COMPLETED WATCH RESOLUTIONS & JOINT RESOLUTIONS: FILED WITH SOS

Res No.	Short Title	Sponsor
HJ 7	Study next-generation 9-1-1	Tom Steenberg (D) HD 99
HJ 8	Joint resolution to study Montana Law Enforcement Academy funding	Frank Garner (R) HD 7
HJ 13	Interim study of federal roads and parcels and access	Kerry White (R) HD 64
HJ 14	Interim study on eyewitness identification policies	Frank Garner (R) HD 7
HJ 21	Interim study on ownership of personal information	Bryce Bennett (D) HD 91
HJ 27	Joint resolution for Interim study of statutory appropriations	Brad Tschida (R) HD 97
HR 1	House Rules Resolution	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54
HR 2	Resolution recognizing the service of 75 years of smoke jumpers	Willis Curdy (D) HD 98

COMPLETED WATCH RESOLUTIONS & JOINT RESOLUTIONS (CONTINUED)

Res No.	Short Title	Sponsor
SJ 1	Joint Rules Resolution	Matthew M Rosendale (R) SD 18
SJ 2	Study state assumption of federal dredge and fill permitting	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15
SJ 9	Resolution on medicare/medicaid expansion	John Brenden (R) SD 17
SJ 24	Interim study on sexual assault	Diane Sands (D) SD 49
SR 1	Senate Rules Resolution	Matthew M Rosendale (R) SD 18
SR 33	Confirm appointees for board of county printing & MT facility finance authority	Dee Brown (R) SD 2
SR 35	Confirm Governor's appts to personnel & labor appeals boards, human rights comm	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11
SR 53	Resolution to confirm Jonathan Motl as commissioner of political practices	Jon C Sesso (D) SD 37

COMPLETED WATCH BILLS: CHAPTER & EFFECTIVE DATE

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Chapter & Effective Date
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 69	Update training requirements for election administrators	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	Chapter 209, Effective 01/01/2016
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 88	Generally revise laws related to sex offender registration	Sarah Laszloffy (R) HD 53	Chapter 110, Effective 10/01/2015
HB 89	Generally revise human trafficking laws	Kimberly Dudik (D) HD 94	Chapter 285, Effective 07/01/2015
HB 90	Revise workers' compensation laws	Andrea Olsen (D) HD 100	Chapter 123, Effective 07/01/2015
HB 95	Generally revise public adjuster laws	Kelly McCarthy (D) HD 49	Chapter 139, Effective 03/30/2015
HB 99	Revise fuel tax laws	Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D) HD 73	Chapter 220, 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 132	Authorize disbursement of unspent funds for DUI taskforce	Frank Garner (R) HD 7	Chapter 141, Effective 07/01/2015
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 164	Generally revise laws to expedite recovery of trustee sale surplus funds	Nicholas Schwaderer (R) HD 14	Chapter 213, Effective 10/01/2015
HB 183	Revise annexation laws related to parks	Forrest Mandeville (R) HD 57	Chapter 158, Effective 10/01/2015
HB 194	Revise bison laws	Alan Redfield (R) HD 59	Chapter 172, Effective 04/02/2015
HB 195	Revise pretrial diversion laws	Nate McConnell (D) HD 89	Chapter 67, Effective 02/27/2015
HB 207	Prohibiting disclosure of media info from electronic communications services	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45	Chapter 215, Effective 10/01/2015
HB 209	Revise laws related to designation of an agent to assist an elector	Casey Schreiner (D) HD 25	Chapter 236, Effective 10/01/2015
HB 240	Revise laws related to fee charges for surplus lines property/casualty insurance	Tom Berry (R) HD 40	Chapter 223, Effective 07/01/2015
HB 246	Revise laws related to deposit of oversize load fee revenue	Zac Perry (D) HD 3	Chapter 126, Effective 03/27/2015

COMPLETED WATCH BILLS: CHAPTER & EFFECTIVE DATE (CONTINUED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Chapter & Effective Date
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 222	Revise laws related to oversize loads	Roy Hollandsworth (R) HD 27	Chapter 173, Effective 10/01/2015
HB 241	Clarify definition of commercial motor vehicle for emergency vehicles	Tom Berry (R) HD 40	Chapter 199, Effective 10/01/2015
HB 280	Generally revise laws on bicycles	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54	Chapter 255, Effective 10/01/2015
HB 296	Revise laws regarding mutual aid frequency coordination	Pat Noonan (D) HD 74	Chapter 106, Effective 10/01/2015
HB 318	Require insurance coverage for children with down syndrome	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90	Chapter 256, Effective 01/01/2016
HB 324	Revise laws related to health insurers certificates of creditable coverage	Jeffrey W Welborn (R) HD 72	Chapter 225, Effective 04/10/2015
HB 337	Increase resource limits for medicaid program for workers with disabilities	Jessica Karjala (D) HD 48	Chapter 287, Effective 07/01/2015
HB 342	Allow for electronic address confirmation for biennial absentee ballot list	Bryce Bennett (D) HD 91	Chapter 246, Effective 10/01/2015
HB 343	Prohibit request of online passwords as a condition of hiring or employment	Bryce Bennett (D) HD 91	Chapter 263, Effective 04/23/2015
HB 355	Revise horse surrender process	Alan Doane (R) HD 36	Chapter 150, Effective 10/01/2015
HB 366	Revise county district court clerk and justice of peace compensation laws	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	Chapter 178, Effective 07/01/2015
HB 367	Generally revise local government fees	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	Chapter 201, Effective 10/01/2015
HB 375	Revise motor vehicle minimum liability insurance laws	Steve Lavin (R) HD 8	Chapter 216, Effective 10/01/2015
HB 382	Revising terminology relating to mental illness	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84	Chapter 161, Effective 04/01/2015
HB 387	Revise county transportation committee laws	Nate McConnell (D) HD 89	Chapter 128, Effective 03/27/2015
HB 392	Establish reemployment provisions for MPORS members	Frank Garner (R) HD 7	Chapter 217, Effective 04/09/2015
HB 400	Allow electronic ballot for disabled voters	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	Chapter 247, Effective 10/01/2015
HB 414	Generally revise vehicle license laws	Mike Lang (R) HD 33	Chapter 153, Effective 01/01/2016
HB 461	Revise salary for certain justice positions	Steve Lavin (R) HD 8	Chapter 218, Effective 07/01/2015
HB 422	Improve outcomes for youth in the children's mental health system	Ron Ehli (R) HD 86	Chapter 265, Effective 07/01/2015
HB 447	Revise right to participate laws related to attorney fees	Kirk Wagoner (R) HD 75	Chapter 266, Effective 04/23/2015
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
HB 478	Implement changes in Montana's food retail sales laws	Kathleen Williams (D) HD 61	Chapter 239, Effective 10/01/2015
HB 525	Revise aquatic invasive species fund laws	Mark Noland (R) HD 10	Chapter 289, Effective 07/01/2015
HB 537	Revise laws to allow LLCs to transact captive insurance	Tom Berry (R) HD 40	Chapter 205, Effective 04/08/2015
HB 553	Generally revise aquatic invasive species laws	Mark Noland (R) HD 10	Chapter 290, Effective 10/01/2015
HB 555	Generally revise laws related to volunteer firefighters	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) HD 20	Chapter 230, Effective 10/01/2015
HB 557	Revise laws regarding legal fences	Bill Harris (R) HD 29	Chapter 249, Effective 04/17/2015
HB 588	Revise laws related to a reduction in funding	Rob Cook (R) HD 18	Chapter 165, Effective 04/01/2015
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
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 56	Revise river bed laws	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15	Chapter 108, Effective 03/23/2015
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 74	Revise PERS employer contribution laws for the Montana State University System	Mary Sheehy Moe (D) SD 12	Chapter 191, Effective 04/04/2015
SB 82	Expand water policy interim committee duties	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15	Chapter 122, Effective 03/25/2015

COMPLETED WATCH BILLS: CHAPTER & EFFECTIVE DATE (CONCLUDED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Chapter & Effective Date
SB 88	Establish contracting laws for conservation districts	John Brenden (R) SD 17	Chapter 155, Effective 07/01/2015
SB 109	Revise laws related to asset forfeiture	Nels Swandal (R) SD 30	Chapter 188, Effective 10/01/2015
SB 110	Create temporary vehicle registration for non-resident vehicles	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11	Chapter 120, Effective 01/01/2016
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
SB 142	Revise laws related to health care options for patients with terminal illnesses	Cary Smith (R) SD 27	Chapter 135, Effective 03/27/2015
SB 150	Revise USB laws	Jonathan Windy Boy (D) SD 16	Chapter 252, Effective 04/17/2015
SB 174	Revise laws related to funds managed by cemetery association trustees	Mary Sheehy Moe (D) SD 12	Chapter 168, Effective 04/01/2015
SB 184	Allow for display of electronic proof of motor vehicle insurance	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42	Chapter 146, Effective 10/01/2015
SB 209	Regulate vehicle event data	Matthew M Rosendale (R) SD 18	Chapter 272, Effective 10/01/2015
SB 220	Repeal the electronic government advisory board and transfer duties	Christine Kaufmann (D) SD 40	Chapter 274, Effective 07/01/2015
SB 237	Revise laws governing impact fees	Mark Blasdel (R) SD 4	Chapter 276, Effective 10/01/2015
SB 238	Create a deferred retirement option plan (DROP) in Hwy Patrol Retirement Plan	Mark Blasdel (R) SD 4	Chapter 258, Effective 10/01/2015
SB 294	Revise hospital district laws	Frederick (Eric) Moore (R) SD 19	Chapter 295, Effective 04/24/2015
SB 332	Establish the Joseph J. Dunn memorial highway	Edward Buttrey (R) SD 11	Chapter 148, Effective 03/27/2015

WATCH BILLS THAT HAVE BEEN VETOED, DIED IN THE PROCESS, OR DIED IN STANDING COMMITTEE (THUS FAR)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 25	Revise laws relating to housing for offenders	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) HD 51	(S) Committee Vote Failed; Remains in Committee – (S) Judiciary* (Died in Standing Committee)
HB 97	Authorize alternative contracting process	Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D) HD 73	(S) 3rd Reading Failed* (Died in Process)
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 (Died in Standing Committee)
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* (Died in Standing Committee)
HB 191	Revise laws governing investigations of abuse at Montana state hospital	Jennifer Eck (D) HD 79	(S) Hearing -- (S) Conference 04/23/2015; 12:15 PM, Rm 350* (Died in Standing Committee)
HB 217	Exempt certain amateur radio equipment from property tax	Tom Richmond (R) HD 56	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Taxation* (Died in Standing Committee)
HB 224	Generally revise building code program laws	Zac Perry (D) HD 3	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Local Government* (Died in Standing Committee)
HB 229	Generally revise laws related to temporary road blocks	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Highways and Transportation* (Died in Standing Committee)
HB 262	Revise resort tax laws	Kerry White (R) HD 64	(S) 2nd Reading Indefinitely Postponed* (Died in Process)
HB 290	Require FWP to provide upon request the analyses supporting a government act	Kerry White (R) HD 64	(H) Vetoed by Governor*

**WATCH BILLS THAT HAVE BEEN VETOED, DIED IN THE PROCESS,
OR DIED IN STANDING COMMITTEE (CONTINUED)**

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
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* (Died in Standing Committee)
HB 297	Prohibit texting while driving	Virginia Court (D) HD 50	(S) 2nd Reading Indefinitely Postponed* (Died in Process)
HB 299	Revise workers' compensation claim penalty laws	Mark Noland (R) HD 10	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs* (Died in Standing Committee)
HB 302	Prohibit the adoption of certain rebuttable presumptions related to subdivisions	Forrest Mandeville (R) HD 57	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Local Government* (Died in Standing Committee)
HB 315	Revise the Montana Federal Mandates Act	Bill Harris (R) HD 29	(H) Vetoed by Governor*
HB 344	Generally prohibit governmental use of license plate scanners	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45	(S) Committee Vote Failed; Remains in Committee – (S) Judiciary* (Died in Standing Committee)
HB 348	Authorize interstate healthcare compact	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87	(H) Vetoed by Governor*
HB 368	Sunset voter approved property tax levies after certain period of time	Greg Hertz (R) HD 12	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Taxation* (Died in Standing Committee)
HB 407	Allow vehicle registration donation for Virginia/Nevada cities	Virginia Court (D) HD 50	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Highways and Transportation* (Died in Standing Committee)
HB 441	Provide process for county abandonment/consolidation	Jeff Essmann (R) HD 54	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Local Government* (Died in Standing Committee)
HB 444	Generally revising laws related to electronic communications	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Judiciary* (Died in Standing Committee)
HB 445	Requiring search warrant for gov access to electronic devices	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Judiciary* (Died in Standing Committee)
HB 446	Revise campaign finance laws to authorize attorney fees for prevailing party	Kirk Wagoner (R) HD 75	(S) 2nd Reading Indefinitely Postponed* (Died in Process)
HB 519	Generally revise exempt well laws	Carl Glimm (R) HD 6	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Natural Resources* (Died in Standing Committee)
HB 546	Revise nonprofit casino night laws for county fairs	Nicholas Schwaderer (R) HD 14	(S) 2nd Reading Indefinitely Postponed* (Died in Process)
HB 548	Revise laws regarding exemptions for certain divisions of land	Forrest Mandeville (R) HD 57	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Local Government* (Died in Standing Committee)
HB 576	Generally revise licensing of state operated health care facilities	Art Wittich (R) HD 68	(S) 2nd Reading Indefinitely Postponed* (Died in Process)
HB 607	Revise anti-corruption and state employee protection laws	Kirk Wagoner (R) HD 75	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) State Administration* (Died in Standing Committee)
HB 639	Constitutional amendment to revise term limits	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90	(H) Tabled in Committee -- (H) State Administration* (Died in Standing Committee)
HJ 5	Study reasonable water use	Clayton Fiscus (R) HD 43	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Natural Resources* (Died in Standing Committee)
HJ 10	Interim study on passenger rail	Ellie Boldman Hill (D) HD 90	(S) Tabled in Committee – (S) Highways and Transportation* (Died in Standing Committee)

**WATCH BILLS THAT HAVE BEEN VETOED, DIED IN THE PROCESS,
OR DIED IN STANDING COMMITTEE (CONTINUED)**

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
HJ 22	Interim study of law enforcement use of body-worn cameras	Bridget Smith (D) HD 31	(H) Tabled in Committee -- (H) Judiciary* (Died in Standing Committee)
HJ 23	Interim study of Montana's election process	Debra Lamm (R) HD 60	(S) 3rd Reading Failed* (Died in Process)
HJ 24	Interim study of transportation infrastructure	Willis Curdy (D) HD 98	(S) Committee Vote Failed; Remains in Committee -- (S) Highways and Transportation* (Died in Standing Committee)
HJ 31	Study workers' compensation fraud	Zach Brown (D) HD 63	(H) Hearing -- (H) Human Services 04/20/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 152* (Died in Standing Committee)
SB 37	Revise laws for filing of exempt water right claims	Jennifer Fielder (R) SD 7	(S) Vetoed by Governor*
SB 84	Revise claims history considerations in insurance policies	Mary McNally (D) SD 24	(H) Tabled in Committee -- (H) Business and Labor* (Died in Standing Committee)
SB 90	Revise penalties eliminating jail time for certain misdemeanors	Nels Swandal (R) SD 30	(H) Tabled in Committee -- (H) Judiciary* (Died in Standing Committee)
SB 92	Revise administration of taxes	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44	(H) Tabled in Committee -- (H) Taxation* (Died in Standing Committee)
SB 118	Clarify water right not abandoned if conveyance disrupted	Bradley Hamlett (D) SD 15	(H) 2nd Reading Not Concurred as Amended* (Died in Process)
SB 148	Provide for the welfare fraud prevention act	Cary Smith (R) SD 27	(S) Vetoed by Governor*
SB 190	Revising the legislature's revenue estimating process	Mike Phillips (D) SD 31	(H) Tabled in Committee -- (H) Taxation* (Died in Standing Committee)
SB 194	Revise residential property tax credit for the elderly	Mary Caferro (D) SD 41	(H) Tabled in Committee -- (H) Appropriations* (Died in Standing Committee)
SB 207	Revise laws related to defensive medicine	Bruce Tutvedt (R) SD 3	(H) Hearing -- (H) Human Services 04/20/2015; 3:00 PM, Rm 152* (Died in Standing Committee)
SB 210	Include mountain lion in livestock loss program	Gene Vuckovich (D) SD 39	(H) Tabled in Committee -- (H) Appropriations* (Died in Standing Committee)
SB 241	Provide statewide uniformity regarding wages/benefits for political subdivisions	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(S) Vetoed by Governor*
SB 248	Require identification for legislative public comment	John Brenden (R) SD 17	(S) Vetoed by Governor*
SB 251	Revise prevailing wage laws to match local government contracting	Dee Brown (R) SD 2	(H) Tabled in Committee -- (H) Business and Labor* (Died in Standing Committee)
SB 264	Revise distribution of sales and use tax	Bob Keenan (R) SD 5	(H) Tabled in Committee -- (H) Appropriations* (Died in Standing Committee)
SB 286	Limit agency rule making if it burdens property rights	Cary Smith (R) SD 27	(H) Tabled in Committee -- (H) State Administration* (Died in Standing Committee)
SB 290	Apply private motor carrier safety standards to certain publicly owned vehicles	Jim Keane (D) SD 38	(H) Tabled in Committee -- (H) Transportation* (Died in Standing Committee)
SB 292	Create a drug formulary for workers' compensation	Matthew M Rosendale (R) SD 18	(H) Tabled in Committee -- (H) Business and Labor* (Died in Standing Committee)
SB 314	Interstate pipeline compact	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(H) Tabled in Committee -- (H) Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications* (Died in Standing Committee)

WATCH BILLS THAT HAVE BEEN VETOED, DIED IN THE PROCESS, OR DIED IN STANDING COMMITTEE (CONCLUDED)

Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 353	Constitutional referendum to divert coal trust and create Build Montana program	Rick Ripley (R) SD 10	(S) 3rd Reading Free Conference Committee Report Rejected* (Died in Process)
SB 360	Revise public intoxication laws	Douglas (Doug) Kary (R) SD 22	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) Judiciary* (Died in Standing Committee)
SB 394	Revise intangible personal property exemption and unit valuation methodology	Mark Blasdel (R) SD 4	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) Taxation* (Died in Standing Committee)
SB 402	Revise laws related to utilities and coal-fired generation	Duane Ankney (R) SD 20	(H) 3rd Reading Failed* (Died in Process)
SJ 5	Study future water rights administration	Chas Vincent (R) SD 1	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) Natural Resources* (Died in Standing Committee)
SJ 16	Resolution related to new legislative procedures for 2017	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44	(H) Tabled in Committee – (H) Rules* (Died in Standing Committee)
SJ 31	Interim study resolution regarding tax increment financing districts	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation 04/29/2015; 9:00 AM, Rm 152* (Died in Standing Committee)
SR 2	Confirm Governor's appointees related to state administration	Dee Brown (R) SD 2	(S) Tabled in Committee -- (S) State Administration* (Died in Standing Committee)
SR 18	Confirm Governor's appointments related to state administration	Dee Brown (R) SD 2	(S) Tabled in Committee -- (S) State Administration* (Died in Standing Committee)

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