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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's hearing schedule lists only the bills that have been introduced during the week.

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POLICY ON OUR WEBSITE

The [Policy section on our website](#) is continually updated with the status of MACo bills as well as the weekly schedule. Be sure to bookmark it during the session!

The Montana Association of Counties' website has a section dedicated to helping members keep track of the happenings during the Montana's Legislative Session: [click here to go to our policy pages](#). In this area of the website, you'll find MACo's resolutions, links to pertinent bills, the current and past issues of our weekly *Legislative Update*, hearing calendars, committee listings, and more.

2021 PROJECTED SESSION CALENDAR

Note: Legislative leadership holds the authority to further revise the schedule, including the days the Legislature meets and 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 1st 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. 4: ~~67th Legislative Session Convenes (Day 1)~~

Jan. 19: Last day to request General Bills & Resolutions (Day 12)

Jan. 26: Last day to request Revenue Bills (Day 17)

Feb. 17: Last day for Committees to request General Bills & Resolutions (Day 36)

Feb. 20: Last day to introduce General Bills, ex. Committee Bills (Day 39)

Feb. 27: Transmittal of General Bills to other Chamber & Last day to request Appropriation Bills (Day 45 – Halfway Point)

Feb. 28 thru March 3: Transmittal Break

March 16: Last day for committees to request Revenue Bills, Bills Proposing Referenda, or bills to implement HB 2 (Day 56)

March 20: Transmittal of Revenue-Estimating Joint Resolution; and last day to request Study Resolutions (Day 60)

March 22: Last day to introduce Appropriation Bills, Revenue Bills & Bills Proposing Referenda (Day 61)

March 29: Transmittal of Appropriation Bills, Revenue Bills & Bills Proposing Referenda (Day 67)

April 2-5: Easter Break

April 8: Transmittal of amendments to General Bills (Day 73)

April 15: Last day to introduce Study resolutions (Day 79)

April 16: Transmittal of amendments to Appropriation Bills, Revenue Bills, and Revenue Estimating Resolution, as well as Bills Proposing Referenda (Day 80)

April 19: Transmittal of amendments to Revenue Estimating Joint Resolution (Day 82)

April 22: Transmittal of Interim Study Resolutions (Day 85)

April 28: Sine Die (Day 90 = End of Session)

NEW FEATURES FOR PUBLIC TO ACCESS THE MONTANA LEGISLATURE’S RESOURCES

WRITTEN & PROVIDED BY SUSAN FOX, MONTANA LEGISLATIVE SERVICES DIVISION, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The voices of Montanans will echo in the halls of the capitol in more ways than ever and from farther away when the 2021 Legislature convenes Monday.

“If there is a silver lining to the pandemic, it is the development of remote testimony capability,” said Susan Fox, executive director of the Legislative Services Division. Allowing Montanans the ability to testify without traveling to Helena has long been a goal of many legislative leaders, Fox said. But that wish became a necessity with the pandemic and the need to limit the number of people in the capitol.

There are no restrictions on in-person involvement, however the number of seats in hearing rooms are limited to maintain social distancing. The public is also subject to any Lewis and Clark County health directives regarding crowd size.

“Legislative staff worked diligently to provide the public with more opportunities than ever to interact with representatives and senators,” Fox said. New features include an ability to upload written testimony to a committee or request a link to testify remotely at a bill hearing. This is available for any bill that is

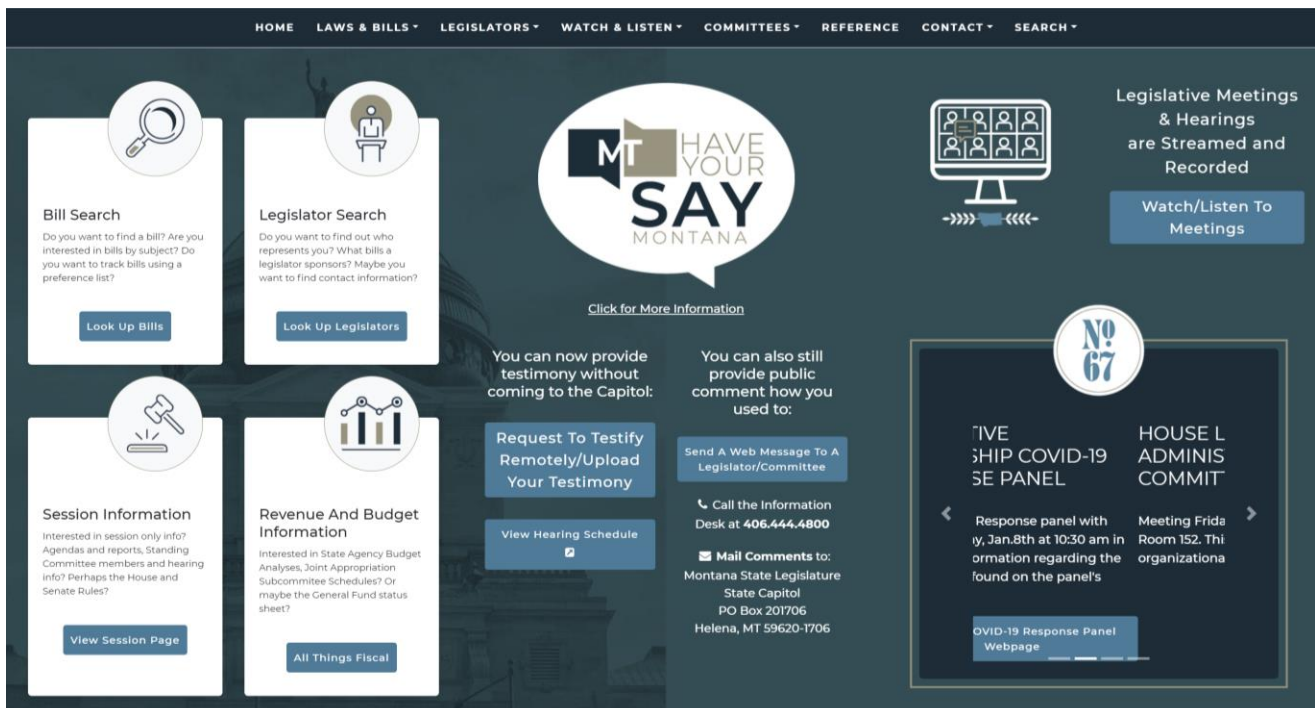
scheduled for hearing. **Testimony (and requests to testify remotely) must be submitted by noon the day before the hearing to allow dissemination of the information to legislators and others.**

The remote testimony feature debuts with the old standbys of sending an email, leaving a phone message, and traditional mail.

For more information, go to the Montana Legislature's Homepage leg.mt.gov and for links to:

1. more information on remote participation; and
2. **the form to request to testify or upload your documents; and**
3. the web messaging form; and
4. Bill Search, Legislator Search, Session Information, and Revenue and Budget Information; and
5. where to click to Watch/Listen to all meetings.

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SCHEDULED HEARINGS

The Senate Local Government Committee (Senate LGC) meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 3:00 p.m. in room 405. The House Local Government Committee (House LGC) meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. in room 472.

MACo bills are highlighted green, **priority bills are highlighted blue** (bills in which we have active involvement), and **bills we are monitoring are highlighted yellow** (bills that we are watching closely or on our radar—no active involvement).

MONDAY, JANUARY 11 TH					
TIME	COMMITTEE	ROOM	BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	SPONSOR
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 64	Authorize the Securities Uniform Whistleblower Act	Terry Moore(R) HD 54
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 65	Require registration of securities supervisors	Terry Moore(R) HD 54
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 66	Reauthorize securities restitution fund	Terry Moore(R) HD 54
8:30 AM	(H) Joint Approps. Subcom on Long-Range Planning	317B	HB 2	General Approps Act LRP Subcom Chair Discussion / Rules / Schedule LRP Overview/Training Project mapping presentation	Llew Jones(R) HD 18
9:00 AM	(H) Joint Approps. Subcom on Education	472	HB 2	General Approps Act Budget Hearing - Montana Arts Council, Hearing Budgetary Starting Point	Llew Jones(R) HD 18
9:00 AM	(H) Joint Approps Subcom on General Government	350	HB 2	General Approps Act State Auditor's Office Public Testimony Immediately Following - State Auditor's Office	Llew Jones(R) HD 18
9:00 AM	(H) Joint Approps Subcom on Natural Resources and Transportation	317C	HB 2	General Approps Act Subcom organizational meeting, Introduction of OBPP & Agency Staff, Overview of Section C Budget Analysis	Llew Jones(R) HD 18
9:00 AM	(S) Rules	303	SJ 1	Senate Joint Resolution on the joint rules	Cary Smith(R) SD 27
9:00 AM	(S) Rules	303	SR 1	Senate Resolution on the Senate rules	Cary Smith(R) SD 27
9:30 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 124	Suffering wildlife protection act	Braxton Mitchell(R) HD 3
9:30 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 91	Revise violent offender registry laws	Robert Farris-Olsen(D) HD 79
2:00 PM	(H) Approps	102	HB 21	Authorize funding for the multifamily coal trust home loan program	Geraldine Custer(R) HD 39
2:00 PM	(H) Approps	102	HB 61	Eliminate sunset for Title X statutory appropriation	Geraldine Custer(R) HD 39
2:00 PM	(H) Approps	102	HB 62	Update water and wastewater revolving loan program	Mike Hopkins(R) HD 92
2:30 PM	(S) Education and Cultural Resources	422	SB 23	Eliminate state school flexibility account	Daniel R Salomon(R) SD 47
2:30 PM	(S) Education and Cultural Resources	422	SB 24	Allow nonoperating school districts to retain oil and gas revenue	Daniel R Salomon(R) SD 47
2:30 PM	(S) Education and Cultural Resources	422	SR 2	Approve organization of Bitterroot valley community college district	Jason W Ellsworth(R) SD 43

MONDAY, JANUARY 11TH (CONTINUED)

TIME	COMMITTEE	ROOM	BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	SPONSOR
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 25	Clarify funding for education of children in residential treatment	Moffie Funk(D) HD 82
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 26	Clarify the definition of pupil	Moffie Funk(D) HD 82
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 27	Authorize school districts to create "handle with care" programs	Moffie Funk(D) HD 82
3:00 PM	(H) Energy, Technology and Federal Relations	472	HB 34	Revise statutes to reflect federal recognition of Little Shell tribe	Frank Smith(D) HD 31
3:00 PM	(H) Energy, Technology and Federal Relations	472	HB 50	Redistribute 9-1-1 funding to state library	Frank Garner(R) HD 7
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	HB 51	Revise Achieving a Better Life Experience Act laws	Jim Hamilton(D) HD 61
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	303	SB 20	Clarifying use of river basin councils	Jill Cohenour(D) SD 42
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	SB 1	Revise lobbying laws to update terminology and conform lobbying definition	Douglas (Doug) Kary(R) SD 22
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	SB 21	Revise deposit of lobbying fee and repeal broadcasting special account	Edith (Edie) McClafferty(D) SD 38

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12TH

TIME	COMMITTEE	ROOM	BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	SPONSOR
8:00 AM	(H) Joint Approps. Subcom on General Government	350	HB 2	General Approps Act Consumer Counsel Public Testimony Immediately Following - Consumer Counsel Hearing Immediately Following - Legislative Branch Legislative Services Division, Legislative Committees & Activities, Legislative Fiscal Division, Legislative Audit Division, Legislative Audit fixed costs Public Testimony Immediately Following - Legislative Branch	Llew Jones(R) HD 18
8:00 AM	(H) Joint Approps Subcom on Health & Human Services	102	HB 2	General Approps Act Biennial Medicaid Report Public Testimony: Medicaid	Llew Jones(R) HD 18
8:00 AM	(H) Joint Approps Subcom on Judicial Branch, Law Enforcement, and Justice	317A	HB 2	General Approps Act Subcom organization; use of proxies, starting point. Hearing - Public Service Regulation budget	Llew Jones(R) HD 18
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 109	Provide for primary enforcement of seatbelt laws	Frank Smith(D) HD 31
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 114	Revise privacy in communication exception laws	Mary Ann Dunwell(D) HD 84
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 116	Indoor cleanup standards for methamphetamine	Vince Ricci(R) HD 55
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 126	Revise laws concerning conduct of persons with alcoholism and drug addiction	Kathy Kelker(D) HD 47

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12TH (CONTINUED)

TIME	COMMITTEE	ROOM	BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	SPONSOR
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 56	Revise tire chain laws to provide for enforcement	Denley M Loge(R) HD 14
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 78	Require certain employees to report suspected child abuse and neglect	Bill Mercer(R) HD 46
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 74	Repeal medical malpractice insurance joint underwriting association	Jane Gillette(R) HD 64
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 76	Revise Montana VEBA provisions	Gregory Frazer(R) HD 78
8:30 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 80	Generally revise insurance laws regarding accreditation	Kerri Seekins-Crowe(R) HD 43
8:30 AM	(H) Joint Approps Subcom Education	472	HB 2	General Approps Act Budget Hearing - Board of Public Education	Llew Jones(R) HD 18
8:30 AM	(H) Joint Approps Subcom on Long-Range Planning	317B	HB 2	General Approps Act Hearing HB 9 - Cultural and Aesthetic Grants Program (C&A) Open HB 9 Program introductions, updates, projects, and Approps Project hearings Close hearings of HB 9	Llew Jones(R) HD 18
8:30 AM	(H) Joint Approps Subcom on Long-Range Planning	317B	HB 9	Cultural and Aesthetic Grants	Mike Hopkins(R) HD 92
8:30 AM	(H) Joint Approps Subcom on Natural Resources & Transportation	317C	HB 2	General Approps Act Executive Action - Starting Point Motion Department of Livestock - hearing, Public Comment	Llew Jones(R) HD 18
8:30 AM	(H) Taxation	152	HB 111	Revise income tax law to exempt military pensions	John Fuller(R) HD 8
8:30 AM	(H) Taxation	152	HB 125	Provide exemption from income tax withholding	Jeremy Trebas(R) HD 26
9:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 122	Revising state disaster and emergency services and executive power	David Bedey(R) HD 86
9:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 70	Revise laws pertaining to physical therapists	Steve Fitzpatrick(R) SD 10
9:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 76	Revise the captive insurance regulatory and supervision account	Daniel R Salomon(R) SD 47
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 16	Allow minors to consent to emergency shelter and services	Jen Gross(D) SD 25
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 17	Clarify minors' ability to disaffirm contracts for housing is restricted	Jen Gross(D) SD 25
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 4	Extend the Missing Indigenous Persons Task Force	Jason D Small(R) SD 21
9:00 AM	(S) Taxation	405	SB 6	Revise distribution dates for lodging taxes	Jill Cohenour(D) SD 42
9:00 AM	(S) Taxation	405	SB 8	Revise filing requirements for warrants of distraint	Jill Cohenour(D) SD 42
2:00 PM	(H) Approps	102	HB 100	Revise community college audit requirements	Denise Hayman(D) HD 66
2:00 PM	(H) Approps	102	HB 96	Align organ donor awareness fund with administering agency	Donavon Hawk(D) HD 76

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12TH (CONCLUDED)

TIME	COMMITTEE	ROOM	BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	SPONSOR
2:00 PM	(S) Finance and Claims	303	HB 1	Feed Bill to fund 67th Legislative session and prepare for 2023	Llew Jones(R) HD 18
3:00 PM	(H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks	172	HB 108	Revise trespass laws regarding permission for hunting	Denley M Loge(R) HD 14
3:00 PM	(H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks	172	HB 120	Revising laws related to bonus points	Denley M Loge(R) HD 14
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	HB 57	Revise requirements related to CPS placements in congregate care	Dennis R Lenz(R) HD 53
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	HB 60	Clarify terminology used in voluntary CPS placement process	Dennis R Lenz(R) HD 53
3:00 PM	(S) Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation	335	SB 26	Clarify use of tribal agreements for livestock producers within reservations	Bruce Gillespie(R) SD 9
3:00 PM	(S) Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation	335	SB 27	Allow multiplier reimbursement for loss of livestock	Bruce Gillespie(R) SD 9
3:00 PM	(S) Energy and Telecommunications	317	SB 14	Provide for tribal participation in 9-1-1 grant program	Janet Ellis(D) SD 41
3:00 PM	(S) Fish and Game	422	SB 60	Requiring trapper education for certain resident trappers	Pat Flowers(D) SD 32
3:00 PM	(S) Fish and Game	422	SB 61	Allow free fishing on Mother's Day	Pat Flowers(D) SD 32
3:00 PM	(S) Fish and Game	422	SB 62	Revise unlawful possession laws	Bob Brown(R) SD 7
3:00 PM	(S) Highways and Transportation	405	SB 3	Revise motor carrier authority within reservation boundaries	Jason D Small(R) SD 21
3:00 PM	(S) Highways and Transportation	405	SB 5	Establish a memorial highway designation	Russel (Russ) Tempel(R) SD 14
3:00 PM	(S) Highways and Transportation	405	SB 9	Provide for motorcycle filtering	Russel (Russ) Tempel(R) SD 14

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13TH

TIME	COMMITTEE	ROOM	BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	SPONSOR
8:00 AM	(H) Joint Approps Subcom on General Government	350	HB 2	General Approps Act Governor's Office Public Testimony Immediately Following - Governor's Office	Llew Jones(R) HD 18
8:00 AM	(H) Joint Approps Subcom on Health and Human Services	102	HB 2	General Approps Act Director's Office; Medicaid & Health Services Management Division (MHSM) Public Testimony: Director's Office; MHSM	Llew Jones(R) HD 18
8:00 AM	(H) Joint Approps Subcom on Judicial Branch, Law Enforcement, and Justice	317A	HB 2	General Approps Act Executive Action starting point Hearing - Public Service Regulation	Llew Jones(R) HD 18
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 105	Generally revise unlawful transactions with children laws	Ron Marshall(R) HD 87
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 110	Revising laws related to obstruction of a peace officer or public servant	Danny Tenenbaum(D) HD 95

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13TH (CONTINUED)

TIME	COMMITTEE	ROOM	BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	SPONSOR
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 112	Require interscholastic athletes to participate under sex assigned at birth	John Fuller(R) HD 8
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 113	Provide for youth health protection	John Fuller(R) HD 8
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 115	Increase penalties for 5th and subsequent DUI	Bill Mercer(R) HD 46
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 35	Establish a missing persons review commission	Sharon Stewart Peregoy(D) HD 42
8:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 36	Establish missing persons response team training grant program	Sharon Stewart Peregoy(D) HD 42
8:30 AM	(H) Joint Approps Subcom on Education	472	HB 2	General Approps Act Executive Action - Budgetary Starting Point Budget Hearing - School for the Deaf and Blind	Llew Jones(R) HD 18
8:30 AM	(H) Joint Approps Subcom on Long-Range Planning	317B	HB 2	General Approps Act Hearing HB 10 - Long-Range Information Technology Program (LRITP) Open HB 10 Program introductions, updates, projects, and Approps Project hearings Close hearings of HB 10	Llew Jones(R) HD 18
8:30 AM	(H) Joint Approps Subcom on Natural Resources and Transportation	317C	HB 2	General Approps Act Department of Agriculture - hearing, Public Comment	Llew Jones(R) HD 18
9:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 107	Revise mill levy election laws	Ron Marshall(R) HD 87
9:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 71	Revise campaign finance reporting dates for municipal elections	Frank Garner(R) HD 7
9:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 97	Revise ethics laws regarding application to boards and commissions	Wendy McKamey(R) HD 19
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 67	Revise laws pertaining to law enforcement	Steve Fitzpatrick(R) SD 10
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 68	Provide homestead exemption for a revocable trust	Steve Fitzpatrick(R) SD 10
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 69	Revise settlement laws	Steve Fitzpatrick(R) SD 10
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 71	Remove penalties for law enforcement re: health officer assistance	Keith Regier(R) SD 3
9:00 AM	(S) Taxation	405	SB 11	Increase minimum corporate income tax	Jill Cohenour(D) SD 42
9:00 AM	(S) Taxation	405	SB 12	Convert tax haven list to tax haven criteria	Jill Cohenour(D) SD 42
9:00 AM	(S) Taxation	405	SB 30	Repeal credit for interest differentials for loans by utilities and banks	Mark Blasdel(R) SD 4
2:30 PM	(S) Education and Cultural Resources	422	SB 42	Allow use of school major maintenance funds for lead remediation	Carlie Boland(D) SD 12
2:30 PM	(S) Education and Cultural Resources	422	SB 72	Revise school laws related to participation in extracurricular activities	Keith Regier(R) SD 3

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13TH (CONCLUDED)

TIME	COMMITTEE	ROOM	BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	SPONSOR
2:30 PM	(S) Education and Cultural Resources	422	SB 75	Revise school funding laws related to unforeseen emergencies	Daniel R Salomon(R) SD 47
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 32	Repeal ending fund balance limits for school district funds	Sue Vinton(R) HD 56
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 33	Clarify school funding related to anticipated enrollment increases	Sue Vinton(R) HD 56
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 68	Provide early school enrollment for children of relocated military families	Marta Bertoglio(R) HD 75
3:00 PM	(H) Energy, Technology and Federal Relations	472	HB 85	Revising utility cost tracking and recovery laws	Brad Tschida(R) HD 97
3:00 PM	(H) Energy, Technology and Federal Relations	472	HB 99	Revise laws related to utility preapproval	Denise Hayman(D) HD 66
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	HB 137	Generally revise vaping and alternative nicotine products laws	Ron Marshall(R) HD 87
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	HB 37	Clarify requirements for the Medicaid medically needy program	Tom Welch(R) HD 72
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HB 133	An act for antilittering signs paid for by donations	Fred Anderson(R) HD 20
3:00 PM	(S) Local Government	405	SB 54	Require reviews of experimental on-site wastewater treatment systems	Jason W Ellsworth(R) SD 43
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	303	SB 40	Revise membership of the Montana Invasive Species Council	Janet Ellis(D) SD 41
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	303	SB 63	Establish wind and solar development ground lease for state trust lands	Duane Ankney(R) SD 20
3:00 PM	(S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety	317	SB 33	Require 30-day notice before termination of participation in HCBS waiver program	Mary McNally(D) SD 24
3:00 PM	(S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety	317	SB 43	Require administrative rulemaking for substantive changes to HCBS programs	Diane Sands(D) SD 49
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	SB 36	Code commissioner bill	Greg Hertz(R) SD 6
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	SB 46	Increase MUS-RP supplemental contribution to TRS	Ryan Lynch(D) SD 37

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14TH

TIME	COMMITTEE	ROOM	BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	SPONSOR
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 64	Revise compliance with federal REAL ID Act	Diane Sands(D) SD 49
9:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 83	Revise special lien law	Brian Hoven(R) SD 13
9:00 AM	(S) Taxation	405	SB 73	Provide for local distribution of lodging sales tax revenue	Keith Regier(R) SD 3
9:00 AM	(S) Taxation	405	SB 85	Generally revise taxation of renewable energy	Duane Ankney(R) SD 20
3:00 PM	(H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks	172	HB 119	Requiring FW Commission approval of certain landowner elk licenses	Denley M Loge(R) HD 14
3:00 PM	(H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks	172	HB 40	Revising laws on mandatory decontamination of vessels with ballast and bladders	Willis Curdy(D) HD 98

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14TH (CONCLUDED)

TIME	COMMITTEE	ROOM	BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	SPONSOR
3:00 PM	(H) Local Government	472	HB 121	Require elected official approval of local health board and officer actions	David Bedey(R) HD 86
3:00 PM	(H) Local Government	472	HB 22	Allow in-kind services for easement on state land used for military facilities	Frank Garner(R) HD 7
3:00 PM	(S) Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation	335	SB 58	Provide fund transfer for livestock losses	Mike Cuffe(R) SD 1
3:00 PM	(S) Energy and Telecommunications	317	SB 59	Revise laws related to integrated least-cost resource planning	Mary McNally(D) SD 24
3:00 PM	(S) Fish and Game	422	SB 2	Clarify the dissemination of fish and wildlife related information	Jill Cohenour(D) SD 42

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15TH

TIME	COMMITTEE	ROOM	BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	SPONSOR
9:00 AM	(S) Taxation	405	SB 41	Revise tax credit review process	Susan Webber(D) SD 8
9:00 AM	(S) Taxation	405	SB 45	Repeal new or expanded industry credit	Mark Blasdel(R) SD 4
9:00 AM	(S) Taxation	405	SB 77	Revise special district financing and dissolution provisions	Tom McGillvray(R) SD 23
9:00 AM	(S) Taxation	405	SB 78	Revise allowable special district assessment methods	Douglas (Doug) Kary(R) SD 22

2021 MACo PROPOSED LEGISLATION

MACo staff provides county elected officials with research, training, and technical support and services, monitors legislation and works with state agencies, legislators, and the Executive Branch in helping shape public policy. Below is the list of MACo proposed legislation for the 2021 Legislative Session. This legislation is the product of the MACo Resolutions that were brought forward by member counties and passed by an assembly of MACo members. A resolution proposes to amend Montana law to solve a problem—meaning a resolution becomes legislation with the help of MACo Staff, Sponsor Counties, and Montana’s Legislators and Executive Branch.

MACo RESOLUTIONS & ASSOCIATED LEGISLATION

BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	RES. NO.	SPONSOR	STATUS
HB 104	Revise county leasing authority	2020-10	Marty Malone (R) HD 59	(C) Draft Ready for Delivery: 01/03/2021
	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING A COUNTY'S AUTHORITY TO LEASE COUNTY PROPERTY INCLUDING PROPERTY LEASED FOR A DETENTION CENTER; ALLOWING A COUNTY TO EXTEND A LEASE TO 40 YEARS; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-8-2231 AND 7-32-2201, MCA."			
LC0639	Generally revise laws related to special districts	2020-11	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	(C) Draft Request Received: 10/21/2020
	BILL LANGUAGE IS NOT AVAILABLE AS OF YET.			

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MACo RESOLUTIONS & ASSOCIATED LEGISLATION (CONTINUED)

BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	RES. NO.	SPONSOR	STATUS
LC0738	Generally revise prevailing wage laws	2020-09	Ken Holmlund (R) HD 38	(C) Draft in Edit: 01/08/2020
	BILL LANGUAGE IS NOT AVAILABLE AS OF YET.			
LC1083	Revise renewable energy laws	2020-06	Tom Welch (R) HD 72	(C) Draft to Requester for Review: 12/28/2020
	BILL LANGUAGE IS NOT AVAILABLE AS OF YET.			
LC1176	Clarify definition of bison	2020-16	Ken Holmlund (R) HD 38	(C) Draft to Requester for Review: 12/17/2020
	BILL LANGUAGE IS NOT AVAILABLE AS OF YET.			
LC1295	Generally revise tax laws	2020-05	Jason D Small (R) SD 21	(C) Draft Request Received: 11/24/2020
	BILL LANGUAGE IS NOT AVAILABLE AS OF YET.			
LC1299	Establish state/public lands use sustainability program	2020-14	Mike Lang (R) SD 17	(C) Draft Request Received: 11/24/2020
	BILL LANGUAGE IS NOT AVAILABLE AS OF YET.			
LC1319	Generally revise pre-hearing detention for involuntary commitment	2020-03	Jim Hamilton (D) HD 61	(C) Draft On Hold: 12/31/2020
	BILL LANGUAGE IS NOT AVAILABLE AS OF YET.			
LC1320	Generally revise involuntary commitment hearing requirements	2020-13	Jim Hamilton (D) HD 61	(C) Draft On Hold: 12/31/2020
	BILL LANGUAGE IS NOT AVAILABLE AS OF YET.			
LC1809	Generally revise tax deed laws	2020-07	Steve Hinebauch (R) SD 18	(C) Draft Request Received: 12/04/2020
	BILL LANGUAGE IS NOT AVAILABLE AS OF YET.			
LC1902	Revise laws related to maintenance district assessments	2020-04	Bob Phalen (R) HD 36	(C) Draft Request Received: 12/10/2020
	BILL LANGUAGE IS NOT AVAILABLE AS OF YET.			
LC2485	Generally revise rural special improvement district laws	2020-08	Terry Gauthier (R) SD 40	(C) Draft Request Received: 12/13/2020
	BILL LANGUAGE IS NOT AVAILABLE AS OF YET.			
LC2610	Revise notice laws when property submitted for tax exempt status	2020-01	Greg Hertz (R) SD 6	(C) Draft Request Received: 12/13/2020
	BILL LANGUAGE IS NOT AVAILABLE AS OF YET.			

2021 PROPOSED LEGISLATION

BILLS IN WHICH WE ARE ACTIVELY INVOLVED OR MONITORING CLOSELY SEPARATED INTO CATEGORIES

AGRICULTURE

BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	PRIMARY SPONSOR	STATUS	DATE
HB 94	Expand loan types in Montana Farmer Loan Repayment Assistance Program	Kenneth Walsh (R) HD 71	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Agriculture	12/24/2020
SB 58	Provide fund transfer for livestock losses	Mike Cuffe (R) SD 1	(S) Hearing -- (S) Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation	01/14/2021; 3:00 PM, Rm 335

APPROPRIATIONS

BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	PRIMARY SPONSOR	STATUS	DATE
HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Llew Jones (R) HD 18	(H) Hearing -- (H) Joint Approps Subcom on Long- Range Planning	01/13/2021; 8:30 AM, Rm 317B
HB 3	Supplemental Appropriations Bill	David Bedey (R) HD 86	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading	1/11/2021
HB 4	Appropriations by Budget Amendment	Dan Bartel (R) HD 29	(H) Hearing -- (H) Appropriations	01/05/2021; 9:00 AM, Rm 102
HB 5	Long-Range Building Appropriations	Llew Jones (R) HD 18	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations	12/24/2020
HB 6	Renewable Resource Grants	Mike Hopkins (R) HD 92	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations	12/24/2020
HB 7	Reclamation and Development Grants	Mike Hopkins (R) HD 92	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations	12/24/2020
HB 8	Renewable Resources Bonds and Loans	Mike Hopkins (R) HD 92	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations	12/24/2020
HB 9	Cultural and Aesthetic Grants	Mike Hopkins (R) HD 92	(H) Hearing -- (H) Joint Approps Subcom on Long- Range Planning	01/12/2021; 8:30 AM, Rm 317B
HB 11	Treasure State Endowment Program	Wendy McKamey (R) HD 19	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations	12/28/2020
HB 12	Historic Preservation Grants	Mike Hopkins (R) HD 92	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations	12/24/2020
HB 13	State Employee Pay Plan	Julie Dooling (R) HD 70	(H) Hearing -- (H) Appropriations	01/06/2021; 9:00 AM, Rm 102
HB 14	Long-Range Building Bonding Program	Mike Hopkins (R) HD 92	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Appropriations	12/24/2020
HB 18	Appropriation for Local Government Center	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	(H) Hearing -- (H) Appropriations	01/06/2021; 9:00 AM, Rm 102
HB 21	Authorize funding for the multifamily coal trust home loan program	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	(H) Hearing -- (H) Appropriations	01/11/2021; 2:00 PM, Rm 102
HB 62	Update water and wastewater revolving loan program	Mike Hopkins (R) HD 92	(H) Hearing -- (H) Appropriations	01/11/2021; 2:00 PM, Rm 102

BUSINESS, LABOR & ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	PRIMARY SPONSOR	STATUS	DATE
HB 139	Revise death certificate fees to fund board of morticians and funeral services	Tom Welch (R) HD 72	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Business and Labor	1/8/2021
SB 65	Revise civil liability laws	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) SD 10	(S) Hearing -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	01/08/2021; 9:00 AM, Rm 422
SB 66	Generally revise the Montana Business Corporation Act	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) SD 10	(S) Hearing -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	01/08/2021; 9:00 AM, Rm 422
SB 76	Revise the captive insurance regulatory and supervision account	Daniel R Salomon (R) SD 47	(S) Hearing -- (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	01/12/2021; 9:00 AM, Rm 422

EDUCATION

BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	PRIMARY SPONSOR	STATUS	DATE
HB 15	Implement K-12 Inflation	Fred Anderson (R) HD 20	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Education	12/24/2020
HB 67	Generally revise community college funding laws	Llew Jones (R) HD 18	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Education	12/24/2020
SB 42	Allow use of school major maintenance funds for lead remediation	Charlie Boland (D) SD 12	(S) Hearing -- (S) Education and Cultural Resources	01/13/2021; 2:30 PM, Rm 422

ENERGY

BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	PRIMARY SPONSOR	STATUS	DATE
SB 86	Generally revise obligations and conditions for property impacted by coal	Duane Ankney (R) SD 20	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Energy and Telecommunications	1/7/2021

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	PRIMARY SPONSOR	STATUS	DATE
HB 43	Expand practice of telemedicine	Rhonda Knudsen (R) HD 34	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Human Services	12/24/2020
HR 1	Resolution to support health care workers	Ed Stafman (D) HD 62	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Human Services	1/5/2021

JUDICIARY, JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY

BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	PRIMARY SPONSOR	STATUS	DATE
HB 28	Revise Board of Crime Control laws to remove duty to hear POST Council appeals	Frank Fleming (R) HD 51	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary	01/06/2021; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 50	Redistribute 9-1-1 funding to state library	Frank Garner (R) HD 7	(H) Hearing -- (H) Energy, Technology and Federal Relations	01/11/2021; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
HB 92	Establish compensation program for wrongfully convicted individuals	Kathy Kelker (D) HD 47	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary	01/06/2021; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 102	Generally revise gun laws	Seth Berglee (R) HD 58	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary	01/06/2021; 8:00 AM, Rm 137
HB 124	Suffering wildlife protection act	Braxton Mitchell (R) HD 3	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary	01/11/2021; 9:30 AM, Rm 137
HB 141	Generally revising vehicle and vessel title transfer laws	Connie Keogh (D) HD 91	(H) Introduced	1/8/2021
HB 144	Revise laws for preserving authority of sheriffs, constables, and peace officers	Paul Fielder (R) HD 13	(H) Introduced	1/8/2021
SB 14	Provide for tribal participation in 9-1-1 grant program	Janet Ellis (D) SD 41	(S) Hearing -- (S) Energy and Telecommunications	01/12/2021; 3:00 PM, Rm 317
SB 19	Revise staffing and structure of Board of Crime Control	Keith Regier (R) SD 3	(S) Committee Report--Bill Passed as Amended -- (S) Judiciary	1/8/2021
SB 47	Generally revise laws related to DOC commits	Ryan Lynch (D) SD 37	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary	01/06/2021; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 50	Revise membership of the Board of Crime Control	Diane Sands (D) SD 49	(S) Committee Report--Bill Passed as Amended -- (S) Judiciary	1/8/2021

JUDICIARY, JUSTICE & PUBLIC SAFETY (CONTINUED)

BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	PRIMARY SPONSOR	STATUS	DATE
SB 67	Revise laws pertaining to law enforcement	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) SD 10	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary	01/13/2021; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 68	Provide homestead exemption for a revocable trust	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) SD 10	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary	01/13/2021; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 71	Remove penalties for law enforcement re: health officer assistance	Keith Regier (R) SD 3	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary	01/13/2021; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SB 81	Include prepaid wireless in 9-1-1 tax	Keith Regier (R) SD 3	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Energy and Telecommunications	1/8/2021
SB 83	Revise special lien law	Brian Hoven (R) SD 13	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary	01/14/2021; 9:00 AM, Rm 303

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	PRIMARY SPONSOR	STATUS	DATE
HB 49	Revise recording fees to support county and state land information accounts	David Bedey (R) HD 86	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Local Government	12/24/2020
HB 86	Allow the creation of regional fire protection authorities	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Government	01/21/2021; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
HB 104	Revise county leasing authority	Marty Malone (R) HD 59	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Government	01/19/2021; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
HB 106	Prohibit expansion of the Montana clean indoor air act	Ron Marshall (R) HD 87	(C) Draft Delivered to Requester	1/5/2021
HB 121	Require elected official approval of local health board and officer actions	David Bedey (R) HD 86	(H) Hearing -- (H) Local Government	01/14/2021; 3:00 PM, Rm 472
HB 123	Revise laws regarding the stringency of local septic regulations	David Bedey (R) HD 86	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Local Government	1/6/2021
HB 145	Allow local boards of health and health officers to issue recommendations	Paul Fielder (R) HD 13	(H) Introduced	1/8/2021
SB 44	Revise subdivision laws	John Esp (R) SD 30	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Local Government	12/23/2020
SB 54	Require reviews of experimental on-site wastewater treatment systems	Jason W Ellsworth (R) SD 43	(S) Hearing -- (S) Local Government	01/13/2021; 3:00 PM, Rm 405
SB 80	Limit the duration of interlocal agreements	Keith Regier (R) SD 3	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Local Government	1/8/2021

NATURAL RESOURCES

BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	PRIMARY SPONSOR	STATUS	DATE
HB 101	Establish Montana brownfields revitalization act	Julie Dooling (R) HD 70	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Natural Resources	1/2/2021

RULES

BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	PRIMARY SPONSOR	STATUS	DATE
HR 2	House rules resolution	Derek Skees (R) HD 11	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Rules	1/7/2021
SJ 1	Senate Joint Resolution on the joint rules	Cary Smith (R) SD 27	(S) Hearing -- (S) Rules	01/11/2021; 9:00 AM, Rm 303
SR 1	Senate Resolution on the Senate rules	Cary Smith (R) SD 27	(S) Hearing -- (S) Rules	01/11/2021; 9:00 AM, Rm 303

STATE ADMINISTRATION, PENSIONS & ELECTIONS

BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	PRIMARY SPONSOR	STATUS	DATE
HB 24	Create disaster resiliency fund	Steve Gunderson (R) HD 1	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration	12/24/2020
HB 30	Revise provision on filling conservation district board vacancies	Jessica Karjala (D) HD 48	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Administration	01/07/2021; 9:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 44	Revise funding for GWPORS	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration	12/24/2020
HB 59	Revise funding provisions in PERS	Jim Hamilton (D) HD 61	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration	12/24/2020
HB 72	Revise funding for highway patrol retirement system HPORS	Frank Garner (R) HD 7	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration	12/24/2020
HB 81	Generally revise laws on administration of MPERA retirement systems	Jim Hamilton (D) HD 61	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Administration	01/08/2021; 9:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 88	Generally revise laws on administration of TRS	Marta Bertoglio (R) HD 75	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Administration	01/08/2021; 9:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 97	Revise ethics laws regarding application to boards and commissions	Wendy McKamey (R) HD 19	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Administration	01/13/2021; 9:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 118	Revising administrative requirements for State Fund	Vince Ricci (R) HD 55	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration	1/6/2021
HB 122	Revising state disaster and emergency services and executive power	David Bedey (R) HD 86	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Administration	01/12/2021; 9:00 AM, Rm 455
SB 1	Revise lobbying laws to update terminology and conform lobbying definition	Douglas (Doug) Kary (R) SD 22	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Administration	01/11/2021; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
SB 15	Revise election laws related to accessibility for disabled electors	Janet Ellis (D) SD 41	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Administration	01/22/2021; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
SB 46	Increase MUS-RP supplemental contribution to TRS	Ryan Lynch (D) SD 37	(S) Hearing -- (S) State Administration	01/13/2021; 3:00 PM, Rm 335
SB 57	Revising laws related to reports to the Legislature	JP Pomnichowski (D) SD 33	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) State Administration	1/5/2021
SB 92	Disallow appointed county election administrators	Gordon Vance (R) SD 34	(C) Draft Delivered to Requester	1/8/2021
SB 93	Revise provisions related to poll watchers	Gordon Vance (R) SD 34	(C) Draft Delivered to Requester	1/8/2021

TAXATION

BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	PRIMARY SPONSOR	STATUS	DATE
HB 17	Allow alternative energy system tax credit to be refunded	Jim Hamilton (D) HD 61	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation	01/07/2021; 8:30 AM, Rm 152
HB 23	Revise tax lien and tax deed process	Becky Beard (R) HD 80	(H) Hearing -- (H) Taxation	01/07/2021; 8:30 AM, Rm 152
HB 107	Revise mill levy election laws	Ron Marshall (R) HD 87	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Administration	01/13/2021; 9:00 AM, Rm 455
HB 127	Revise property tax payment procedure	Jennifer Carlson (R) HD 69	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Taxation	1/7/2021
HB 128	Create renewable energy trust fund	Linda Reksten (R) HD 12	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Taxation	1/7/2021
HB 132	Require property tax bill to include comparison to prior year	Fred Anderson (R) HD 20	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Taxation	1/7/2021
SB 7	Revise tax credit for energy-conserving expenditures	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation	01/08/2021; 8:30 AM, Rm 405
SB 8	Revise filing requirements for warrants of distraint	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation	01/12/2021; 9:00 AM, Rm 405
SB 10	Providing for circuit breaker income tax credit for property taxes paid	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Taxation	12/23/2020

TAXATION (CONTINUED)

BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	PRIMARY SPONSOR	STATUS	DATE
SB 35	Repeal expired property tax exemption for electrical generation facilities	Brian Hoven (R) SD 13	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation	01/08/2021; 8:30 AM, Rm 405
SB 45	Repeal new or expanded industry credit	Mark Blasdel (R) SD 4	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation	01/15/2021; 9:00 AM, Rm 405
SB 51	Exempting certain fiber optic, coaxial cable from property taxation	Jason W Ellsworth (R) SD 43	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Taxation	1/5/2021
SB 52	Revise lodging facility use tax and sales tax on lodging and rental cars	Jason W Ellsworth (R) SD 43	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Taxation	12/23/2020
SB 73	Provide for local distribution of lodging sales tax revenue	Keith Regier (R) SD 3	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation	01/14/2021; 9:00 AM, Rm 405
SB 74	Revise county school transportation laws	Daniel R Salomon (R) SD 47	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Highways and Transportation	1/6/2021
SB 77	Revise special district financing and dissolution provisions	Tom McGillvray (R) SD 23	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation	01/15/2021; 9:00 AM, Rm 405
SB 78	Revise allowable special district assessment methods	Douglas (Doug) Kary (R) SD 22	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation	01/15/2021; 9:00 AM, Rm 405
SB 85	Generally revise taxation of renewable energy	Duane Ankney (R) SD 20	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation	01/14/2021; 9:00 AM, Rm 405

TECHNOLOGY

BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	PRIMARY SPONSOR	STATUS	DATE
HB 103	Revise cooperative laws to provide for remote participation	Willis Curdy (D) HD 98	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Energy, Technology and Federal Relations	1/5/2021

TRANSPORTATION

BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	PRIMARY SPONSOR	STATUS	DATE
HB 20	Revise MDT laws for grants for courtesy cars at certain airports	Becky Beard (R) HD 80	(H) Hearing -- (H) Transportation	01/06/2021; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
HB 55	Revise light requirements for snow removal equipment	Denley M Loge (R) HD 14	(H) Hearing -- (H) Transportation	01/08/2021; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
HB 83	Generally revise vehicle laws	Julie Dooling (R) HD 70	(H) Hearing -- (H) Transportation	01/06/2021; 3:00 PM, Rm 455
SB 48	Allowing transfer of certain highway funding to tribes	Mike Fox (D) SD 16	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Highways and Transportation	12/23/2020
SB 79	Revise laws regarding vehicle salvage certificates and certificates of title	Douglas (Doug) Kary (R) SD 22	(S) Referred to Committee -- (S) Highways and Transportation	1/6/2021

* after status indicates the bill is probably dead