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2023 PROJECTED SESSION CALENDAR – UPDATED 1/23

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 two 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. 2: 68th Legislative Session Convenes (Day 1)

Jan. 17: Last day to request General Bills AND Resolutions (Day 12)

Jan. 24: Last day to request Revenue Bills (Day 17)

Feb. 20: Last day for Committees to request General Bills AND Resolutions (Day 36)

Feb. 24: Last day to introduce General Bills, ex. Committee Bills (Day 40)

March 3: Transmittal of General Bills to other Chamber AND Last day to request Appropriation Bills (Day 45 – Halfway Point!)

March 4-8: Transmittal Break

March 21: Last day for committees to request Revenue Bills, Bills Proposing Referenda, or to implement HB 2 (Day 56)

March 25: Transmittal of Revenue-Estimating Joint Resolution AND last day to request Study Resolutions (Day 60)

March 28: Last day to introduce Appropriation Bills, Revenue Bills, AND Bills Proposing Referenda (Day 62)

April 3: Transmittal of Appropriation Bills, Revenue Bills, AND Bills Proposing Referenda (Day 67)

April 8-10: Easter Break

April 12: Transmittal of amendments to General Bills (Day 73)

April 20: Last day to introduce Study resolutions (Day 79)

April 21: Transmittal of amendments to Appropriation and Revenue Bills, Revenue Estimating Resolutions, AND Bills Proposing Referenda (Day 80)

April 25: Transmittal of amendments to Revenue Estimating Joint Resolution (Day 82)

April 28: Transmittal of Interim Study Resolutions (Day 85)

May 5: Sine Die (Day 90 = End of Session)

WEEKLY HEARING SCHEDULE

Bills we are monitoring and/or actively participating are highlighted.
The schedule is subject to change and will expand as the week progresses.

Green indicates bills being pursued by MACo based on member-adopted resolutions.

Blue indicates bills on which we are actively working based on member-adopted policy statements.

Yellow indicates bills we are monitoring and potentially supporting, opposing, and/or working to amend.

(Yellow bills may turn blue over the course of the session depending on additional information or amendments.)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH

TIME	COMMITTEE	ROOM	BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	SPONSOR
7:00 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 568	Establish safe nursing standards for hospitals	Mary Caferro (D) HD 82
7:00 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 590	Revise labor laws relating to violence against healthcare workers	Edward Buttrey (R) HD 21
7:00 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 610	Allowing ECPs to provide patient care in a health care facility	Steve Gist (R) HD 25
7:00 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 611	Revise marijuana labeling requirements	Jane Gillette (R) HD 64
7:00 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 612	Revise insurance requirements for diabetes self-management	Marta Bertoglio (R) HD 75
7:00 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 668	Revise service contract laws related to motor vehicles and theft	Ross H Fitzgerald (R) HD 17
7:00 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 758	Require insurance coverage of continuous glucose monitoring supplies	Fiona Nave (R) HD 57
7:00 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 783	Generally revise laws related to alcohol	Fiona Nave (R) HD 57
7:00 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 805	Revise laws related to cooperatives	Ross H Fitzgerald (R) HD 17
7:00 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 808	Revise surety insurance laws related to bail bonds	Steve Gunderson (R) HD 1
7:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 625	Infant safety and care act	Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R) HD 43
7:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 658	Generally revise card transaction fees	Ron Marshall (R) HD 87
7:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 673	Revise laws related to publishing of marijuana-related misdemeanors	Mike Hopkins (R) HD 92
7:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 676	Revise laws to clarify fundamental parental rights	Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R) HD 43
7:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 687	Revise laws relating to perjury and false swearing	Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R) HD 22
7:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 689	Revise probation/parole supervision laws	Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R) HD 22
7:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 690	Generally revise pupil data privacy protections	Katie Sullivan (D) HD 89
7:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 695	Revise TRO standard for suits against the state and subdivisions of government	Bill Mercer (R) HD 46
7:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 697	Generally revise laws related to the POST Council	Bill Mercer (R) HD 46
7:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 709	Create and share publicly a district court/judge performance indicator display	Jane Gillette (R) HD 64
7:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 721	Restrict unborn child from dismemberment abortion	Matt Regier (R) HD 4
7:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 735	Generally revise DNA collection and testing laws	Steven Galloway (R) HD 24
7:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 762	Revise laws concerning the best interests of a child	Caleb Hinkle (R) HD 68
7:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 763	Revise laws related to state settlement money	Bill Mercer (R) HD 46

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TIME	COMMITTEE	ROOM	BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	SPONSOR
7:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 598	Prohibit use of ranked-choice voting methods	Lyn Hellegaard (R) HD 97
7:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 599	Revise election laws related to active and inactive voter lists	Lyn Hellegaard (R) HD 97
7:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 696	Revise Montana Information Technology Act exemptions	Bill Mercer (R) HD 46
7:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 698	Generally revise laws related to exclusive representatives of public employees	Lyn Hellegaard (R) HD 97
7:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 733	Revise laws related to disposal of surplus campaign funds	Steven Galloway (R) HD 24
7:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 754	Allowing county election officials access to certain information	Lyn Hellegaard (R) HD 97
7:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 756	Provide for automatic voter registration with opt out	Ed Stafman (D) HD 62
7:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 760	Revise laws related to foreign media corporations	Joe Read (R) HD 93
7:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 766	Revise laws related to human trafficking	Dave Fern (D) HD 5
7:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HR 3	Resolution to acknowledge service of Vietnam veterans	Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R) HD 22
8:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	HB 526	Repeal state tax on social security income	Paul Fielder (R) HD 13
8:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	HB 601	Revise annual job growth incentive tax credit	Dave Fern (D) HD 5
8:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	HB 613	Using excess revenue to fund local property tax relief	Mark Thane (D) HD 99
8:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	HB 685	Revise methods for valuing commercial condominiums	Marta Bertoglio (R) HD 75
8:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	HB 799	Raise cap on value of estate for certain transactions with decedent's successor	Steve Gunderson (R) HD 1
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 365	Eliminate the board of plumbing	Jeremy Trebas (R) SD 13
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 419	Ban tik-tok in Montana	Shelley Vance (R) SD 34
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 453	Generally revise laws pertaining to medical examiners	Jason D Small (R) SD 21
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 454	Generally revise laws pertaining to private security	Jason D Small (R) SD 21
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 455	Generally revise laws pertaining to realty regulation	Terry Vermeire (R) SD 39
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 456	Generally revise laws pertaining to hearing aid dispensers	Terry Vermeire (R) SD 39
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 457	Repeal board of sanitarians	Terry Vermeire (R) SD 39
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 496	Revise workers' compensation definition of wages related to lodging	Shannon O'Brien (D) SD 46
8:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 277	Revise laws relating to victims of crime	Shane A Morigeau (D) SD 48
8:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 410	Removing duty of court administrator	Barry Usher (R) SD 20
8:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 434	Establish Constitution Settlement Commission of the States	Theresa Manzella (R) SD 44
8:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 436	Revise labor law adding certain elected officials in collective bargaining	Steve Hinebauch (R) SD 18
8:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 439	Revise death penalty laws related to lethal injection	Barry Usher (R) SD 20
8:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 440	Revise laws relating to IOLTA accounts	Barry Usher (R) SD 20

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TIME	COMMITTEE	ROOM	BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	SPONSOR
8:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 464	Revise laws related to eyewitness lineups	Jeremy Trebas (R) SD 13
8:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 468	Generally revise involuntary commitment laws	Jeremy Trebas (R) SD 13
8:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 469	Establish statewide central registry for reports of child abuse or neglect	Jeremy Trebas (R) SD 13
8:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 470	Generally revising laws related to bail bonds	Jeremy Trebas (R) SD 13
9:00 AM	(H) Appropriations	102	HB 396	Require school trustees to admit resident children on a part-time basis	Naarah Hastings (R) HD 50
9:00 AM	(H) Appropriations	102	HB 426	Revising laws relating to inmates approaching parole eligibility or discharge	Michael Yakawich (R) HD 51
9:00 AM	(S) Finance and Claims	317	SB 487	Generally revise motor vehicle laws	Shelley Vance (R) SD 34
9:00 AM	(S) Finance and Claims	317	SB 489	Revise capital gains tax law to support first responders and law enforcement	Shannon O'Brien (D) SD 46
9:00 AM	(S) Finance and Claims	317	SB 494	Create a task force on the long-term continuum of care for older Montanans	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) SD 42
9:00 AM	(S) Local Government	405	SB 499	Revise adverse possession laws relating to certain land and improvements	Tom McGillvray (R) SD 23
9:00 AM	(S) Local Government	405	SB 500	Provide uniform duration limit for latecomer agreements	Jeremy Trebas (R) SD 13
11:00 AM	(H) Legislative Administration	472	HB 701	Revise legislator ethics laws regarding pecuniary interests	Ed Stafman (D) HD 62
11:00 AM	(H) Legislative Administration	472	HB 714	Revise laws related to fiscal notes	Bill Mercer (R) HD 46
11:00 AM	(H) Legislative Administration	472	HB 739	Provide exception for agency adoption of administrative rules	Bill Mercer (R) HD 46
11:00 AM	(H) Legislative Administration	472	HB 755	Provide for PSC appointments	Dave Fern (D) HD 5
11:00 AM	(S) Legislative Administration	335	SB 394	Establish statutory requirements for legislative conference committees	Brad Molnar (R) SD 28
11:00 AM	(S) Legislative Administration	335	SB 446	Create child protection panels and legislative review council	Dennis R Lenz (R) SD 27
2:30 PM	(S) Local Government	405	SB 330	Require county clerks to accept electronic notarizations	Greg Hertz (R) SD 6
2:30 PM	(S) Local Government	405	SB 335	Allow fraternity or sorority houses near college and university campuses	Chris Friedel (R) SD 26
2:30 PM	(S) Local Government	405	SB 346	Provide for general fund transfer to coal severance tax trust fund	Ryan Lynch (D) SD 37
2:30 PM	(S) Local Government	405	SB 374	Revise local government public document retention	Willis Curdy (D) SD 49
2:30 PM	(S) Local Government	405	SB 479	Generally revise homeowner association laws	Kenneth Bogner (R) SD 19
3:00 PM	(H) Appropriations	102	HB 190	Provide for a state government performance and results act	Bill Mercer (R) HD 46
3:00 PM	(H) Appropriations	102	HB 45	Provide oversight and standard for community benefits/charity care	Bob Keenan (R) HD 10
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 514	Increase the inflationary adjustment cap related to school funding	Melissa Romano (D) HD 81
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 538	Revise constitutional and pledge of allegiance student instruction laws	Bob Phalen (R) HD 36
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 633	Provide means to raise teacher pay in school districts with high cost of living	Eric Matthews (D) HD 66
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 667	Generally revise education laws related to children under 5 years of age	David Bedey (R) HD 86

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TIME	COMMITTEE	ROOM	BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	SPONSOR
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 688	Revise laws related to social-emotional learning	Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R) HD 22
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 744	Revise laws to protect religious expression for students and teachers	Greg Kmetz (R) HD 38
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 745	Revise laws related to religious materials and prayer in schools	Greg Kmetz (R) HD 38
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 749	Revise Montana digital academy laws	Llew Jones (R) HD 18
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 759	Revise education laws related to health instruction	Naarah Hastings (R) HD 50
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 796	Require school district trustee candidates to pass criminal background checks	Terry Falk (R) HD 8
3:00 PM	(H) Education	137	HB 811	Create online repository for information on school district boards of trustees	Marta Bertoglio (R) HD 75
3:00 PM	(H) Energy, Technology and Federal Relations	472	HB 527	Require official action to release Montana national guard to active duty combat	Lee Deming (R) HD 55
3:00 PM	(H) Energy, Technology and Federal Relations	472	HB 643	Revising net metering laws	Joshua Kassmier (R) HD 27
3:00 PM	(H) Energy, Technology and Federal Relations	472	HB 650	Require agency reporting on financial assistance to tribes	Joe Read (R) HD 93
3:00 PM	(H) Energy, Technology and Federal Relations	472	HB 726	Assign oversight of water compacts and management to Public Service Commission	Joe Read (R) HD 93
3:00 PM	(H) Energy, Technology and Federal Relations	472	HB 729	Providing for advanced conductor cost-effectiveness criteria	Steven Galloway (R) HD 24
3:00 PM	(H) Energy, Technology and Federal Relations	472	HB 797	Require agency reporting on financial assistance to tribes	Jonathan Windy Boy (D) HD 32
3:00 PM	(H) Energy, Technology and Federal Relations	472	HB 804	Providing broadband funding review requirements	Tyson T Running Wolf (D) HD 16
3:00 PM	(H) Energy, Technology and Federal Relations	472	HJ 11	Joint resolution relating to Environmental, Social, and Governmental regulation	Steve Gist (R) HD 25
3:00 PM	(H) Energy, Technology and Federal Relations	472	HJ 13	Resolution for Article V Convention for a balanced budget amendment	Jennifer Carlson (R) HD 69
3:00 PM	(H) Energy, Technology and Federal Relations	472	HJ 9	Joint resolution for MT historical society repository of original 13th Amend	Joe Read (R) HD 93
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	HB 609	Revising laws related to continuous eligibility for medicaid	SJ Howell (D) HD 95
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	HB 619	Generally language assessment laws for deaf and hard of hearing children	Connie Keogh (D) HD 91
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	HB 706	Generally revise laws related to protection of medical speech and practice	Naarah Hastings (R) HD 50
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	HB 715	Revise school immunization laws	Jennifer Carlson (R) HD 69
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HB 776	Provide for the long-term development of a statewide bike trail	Tom France (D) HD 94
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HB 781	Provide that the helmet requirement does not apply to autocycles	Sherry Essmann (R) HD 52
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HB 782	Allow direct sale of autocycles	Sherry Essmann (R) HD 52
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HB 798	Provide for a retired LEO or first responder driver's license endorsement	Steve Gunderson (R) HD 1
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HB 803	Revise railroad crew requirements	Bob Phalen (R) HD 36
3:00 PM	(H) Transportation	455	HB 809	Revise traffic violation law	Denley M Loge (R) HD 14
3:00 PM	(S) Education and Cultural Resources	422	SB 413	Prohibit sex education instruction below sixth grade in public schools	Carl Glimm (R) SD 2

MONDAY (CONCLUDED)

TIME	COMMITTEE	ROOM	BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	SPONSOR
3:00 PM	(S) Education and Cultural Resources	422	SB 480	Remove opt in requirement for student contact information on ACT test	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) SD 42
3:00 PM	(S) Natural Resources	303	SJ 16	Resolution related to Columbia River Treaty	Mike Cuffe (R) SD 1
3:00 PM	(S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety	317	SB 450	Personal Freedom /Right of Conscience Act related to immunizations and drugs	Daniel Emrich (R) SD 11
3:00 PM	(S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety	317	SB 458	Define sex in Montana law	Carl Glimm (R) SD 2
3:00 PM	(S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety	317	SB 465	Require implementation of medicaid community engagement requirements	Jeremy Trebas (R) SD 13
3:00 PM	(S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety	317	SB 478	Establish autism facilities grant program	Shane A Morigeau (D) SD 48
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	SB 416	Revise timeline for changes to precinct boundaries after redistricting	Janet Ellis (D) SD 41
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	SB 424	Generally revise laws related to executive branch personal staff	Forrest Mandeville (R) SD 29
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	SB 472	Generally revise election laws	Daniel Emrich (R) SD 11
3:00 PM	(S) State Administration	335	SB 498	Revise laws related to absentee ballots	Shane A Morigeau (D) SD 48

Tuesday, February 28th

Time	Committee	Room	Bill No.	Short Title	Sponsor
7:00 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 636	Revise workers' compensation laws relating to exemptions from the act	Joshua Kassmier (R) HD 27
7:00 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 638	Phase out use of styrofoam in food-related businesses	Marilyn Marler (D) HD 90
7:00 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 651	Establish the Montana family and medical leave insurance act	Derek J Harvey (D) HD 74
7:00 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 652	Revise unemployment insurance law relating to benefit duration	Steven Galloway (R) HD 24
7:00 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 678	Generally revise worker's compensation laws	Nelly Nicol (R) HD 53
7:00 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 691	Generally revise department of labor laws	Greg Oblander (R) HD 40
7:00 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 768	Providing the warehouse worker protection act	Jennifer Lynch (D) HD 73
7:00 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 771	Generally revise alcohol law relating to self-service	Edward Buttrey (R) HD 21
7:00 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 777	Adopt the interstate counseling compact	Edward Buttrey (R) HD 21
7:00 AM	(H) Business and Labor	172	HB 801	Eliminate temporary approval to practice as advanced practice registered nurse	Jodee Etchart (R) HD 48
7:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 674	Revise firearm laws to create an enhanced concealed carry permit	Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R) HD 43
7:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 769	Revise dui laws to create 1st offense deferred/allow expungement	Casey Knudsen (R) HD 33
7:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 772	Revising laws related to judicial disqualification and recusal	Lyn Hellegaard (R) HD 97
7:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 780	Provide for a law enforcement officer bill of rights	Brandon Ler (R) HD 35
7:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 785	Revise landlord-tenant laws	Zooey Zephyr (D) HD 100
7:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 786	Revise laws to require reporting of individuals harmed by abortion pills	Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R) HD 22
7:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 788	Revise laws related to constitutional petition and expression rights	Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R) HD 22

TUESDAY (CONTINUED)

TIME	COMMITTEE	ROOM	BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	SPONSOR
7:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 790	Generally revise electronic monitoring and victim notification laws	Courtenay Sprunger (R) HD 7
7:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 791	Generally revise drug crime sentences	Courtenay Sprunger (R) HD 7
7:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 793	Revise laws related to strip searches of youth offenders	Laura Smith (D) HD 79
7:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 800	Provide limited criminal history of criminally charged mental health patient	Michael Yakawich (R) HD 51
7:00 AM	(H) Judiciary	137	HB 802	Revise laws related to POST officer certification	Scot Kerns (R) HD 23
7:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 752	Require the national anthem to be performed at sporting events	Braxton Mitchell (R) HD 3
7:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 774	Generally revise election laws	Mike Hopkins (R) HD 92
7:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 784	Revise laws related to school elections	Fiona Nave (R) HD 57
7:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 794	Move the cowboy hall of fame back to Wolf Point	Frank Smith (D) HD 31
7:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 806	Revise requirements for absentee ballots	Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R) HD 22
7:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 807	Generally revise election laws	Lyn Hellegaard (R) HD 97
7:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HB 812	Revise election laws related to transcribed ballots	Lyn Hellegaard (R) HD 97
7:00 AM	(H) State Administration	455	HJ 14	Acknowledge service of Korean War veterans	Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R) HD 22
8:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	HB 485	Revise tax rates for stripper oil production	Joshua Kassmier (R) HD 27
8:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	HB 494	Revise property tax assistance program and disabled veteran program	Jim Hamilton (D) HD 61
8:00 AM	(H) Taxation	152	HB 496	Provide for health care preceptor individual income tax credit	Kenneth Walsh (R) HD 71
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 380	Generally revise healthcare insurance laws	Jason D Small (R) SD 21
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 386	Revise laws relating to real estate transaction	Mark Noland (R) SD 5
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 415	Revise dental insurance laws	Greg Hertz (R) SD 6
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 421	Generally revise vehicle salvage laws	Chris Friedel (R) SD 26
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 444	Generally revise labor laws related to work-based learning	Jason D Small (R) SD 21
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 451	Revise healthcare contract laws to prohibit certain restrictions	Jason D Small (R) SD 21
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 475	Generally revise indoor vaping laws	Willis Curdy (D) SD 49
8:00 AM	(S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	422	SB 492	Revise insurance laws relating to the duty to defend	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) SD 10
8:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 476	Prohibit housing discrimination based on source of income	Ellie Boldman (D) SD 45
8:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 477	Revise laws related to mental health background checks for gun possession	Ellie Boldman (D) SD 45

TUESDAY (CONCLUDED)

TIME	COMMITTEE	ROOM	BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	SPONSOR
8:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 488	Abolish common law marriage	Daniel Zolnikov (R) SD 22
8:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 490	Generally revising the legislature's investigative powers	Greg Hertz (R) SD 6
8:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 491	Revise liability laws for persons engaging in a felony	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) SD 10
8:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SB 497	Revise property laws relating to easements	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) SD 10
8:00 AM	(S) Judiciary	303	SJ 15	Resolution on Marbury v. Madison	Tom McGillvray (R) SD 23
9:00 AM	(S) Taxation	405	SB 461	Revise irrigation district tax collections	Daniel R Salomon (R) SD 47
11:00 AM	(H) Legislative Administration	472	HB 778	Revise laws related to retention of ballots	Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R) HD 22
11:00 AM	(H) Legislative Administration	472	HB 787	Create a federalism commission	Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R) HD 22
3:00 PM	(H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks	172	HB 757	Consideration of wildlife friendly fencing on public land	Steve Gunderson (R) HD 1
3:00 PM	(H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks	172	HB 765	Remove reimbursement for wolf hunting expenses	Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D) HD 42
3:00 PM	(H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks	172	HB 773	Generally revise fish and wildlife laws	Jonathan Karlen (D) HD 96
3:00 PM	(H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks	172	HB 779	Revise FWP commission powers to regulate wolf harvesting near national parks	Marvin Weatherwax (D) HD 15
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	HB 609	Revising laws related to continuous eligibility for medicaid	SJ Howell (D) HD 95
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	HB 700	Revise laws related to adult foster care homes	Nelly Nicol (R) HD 53
3:00 PM	(H) Human Services	152	HB 740	Revise laws relating to out-of-state placement of youth with mental health needs	Laura Smith (D) HD 79
3:00 PM	(H) Local Government	472	HB 675	Authorize consolidation of county and municipal water and/or sewer districts	Larry Brewster (R) HD 44
3:00 PM	(H) Local Government	472	HB 699	Allow sheriffs to have expenditure control over sheriff's office budget	Steve Gunderson (R) HD 1
3:00 PM	(H) Local Government	472	HB 708	Establish governance requirements for non-profit hospitals	Jane Gillette (R) HD 64
3:00 PM	(H) Local Government	472	HB 789	Revise laws related to the alteration of county boundaries	Lyn Hellegaard (R) HD 97
3:00 PM	(S) Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation	335	SB 375	Remove notice for killing animals running at large	Mike Lang (R) SD 17
3:00 PM	(S) Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation	335	SB 447	Revising agritourism laws	Bruce Gillespie (R) SD 9
3:00 PM	(S) Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation	335	SB 462	Prioritize ag irrigation in RRGL	Mike Lang (R) SD 17
3:00 PM	(S) Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation	335	SB 473	Create food safety panel	Daniel Emrich (R) SD 11
3:00 PM	(S) Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation	335	SJ 13	Resolution for rangeland appreciation month	Mike Lang (R) SD 17
3:00 PM	(S) Fish and Game	422	SB 428	Elect fish and wildlife commissioners	Brad Molnar (R) SD 28
3:00 PM	(S) Fish and Game	422	SJ 14	Resolution opposing bison introduction at Charles M. Russell Wildlife Refuge	Mike Lang (R) SD 17

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST

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No bill hearings scheduled as of yet.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 2ND

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No bill hearings scheduled as of yet.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 3RD

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No bill hearings scheduled as of yet.

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2023 MACo PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Below is the list of MACo proposed legislation for the 2023 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 during the Association’s 2022 Annual Conference.

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—of course—Montana’s Legislators and Executive Branch.

NOTE: Bills that have died in the legislative process will be highlighted in red.

MACo RESOLUTIONS & ASSOCIATED LEGISLATION

BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	RES. NO.	SPONSOR	STATUS
HB 176	Revising county utility permitting laws	2022-03	Steven Galloway (R) HD 24	(S) Referred to Committee (S) Judiciary - 1/26/23
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO COUNTY UTILITY PERMITTING AUTHORITY; REVISING THE PAYMENT OF DAMAGES; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-13-2101, 7-13-2103, AND 7-13-4101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."				
HB 262	Revise local government financial reporting and audit requirements	2022-08	Jerry Schillinger (R) HD 37	(H) Transmitted to Senate – 2/17/23
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: " AN ACT REVISING LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL REPORTING AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS; ALLOWING A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITY COLLECTING LESS THAN THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT TO FILE A LIMITED FINANCIAL REPORT OR SUBMIT A CURRENT AUDIT; ALLOWING CERTAIN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES TO SUBMIT TO A FINANCIAL REVIEW; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION TO FUND A PORTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUDIT COSTS; ALLOWING FOR AN ALTERNATIVE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITH A POPULATION UNDER 10,000; REMOVING THE REQUIREMENT TO WITHHOLD STATE FINANCIAL AID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES WHO FAIL TO REMIT AUDIT FEES; PROVIDING THAT ADVERSE OPINIONS OR DISCLAIMERS RATHER THAN SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS IN AUDIT REPORTS TRIGGER ADDITIONAL MEASURES; EXTENDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 2-7-503, 2-7-505, 2-7-506, 2-7-513, 2-7-514, 2-7-515, 2-7-516, AND 2-7-517, 2-7-521, 2-7-523, 2-7-524, AND 7-6-4003, MCA. "				
HB 299	Revise resolution and ordinance requirements re: land use regulation enforcement	2022-02	Jedediah Hinkle (R) HD 67	(H) Transmitted to Senate – 2/21/23
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LOCAL GOVERNMENT RESOLUTION AND ORDINANCE REQUIREMENT APPLICABILITY RELATED TO LAND USE REGULATION ENFORCEMENT; REVISING A DEFINITION; AMENDING SECTIONS 7-5-103 AND 7-5-121, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."				
HB 453	Clarifying the authority of the human rights bureau and appeals process	2022-09	Bill Mercer (R) HD 46	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Judiciary - 2/22/23
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT CLARIFYING THE AUTHORITY OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS BUREAU TO INVESTIGATE COMPLAINTS AND EXPANDING PARTIES' DISTRICT COURT ACCESS IN THE APPEALS PROCESS; ESTABLISHING THAT ONLY ALLEGATIONS UNDER TITLE 49, CHAPTERS 2 AND 3, BE INVESTIGATED UPON THE FILING OF A COMPLAINT AND RESPONDENT'S NOTICE OF FILED COMPLAINT; PROVIDING A DIRECT APPEAL TO DISTRICT COURT AND ELIMINATING THE APPEAL TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION UPON A NO CAUSE FINDING; PROVIDING DIRECT APPEALS TO DISTRICT COURT OF HEARINGS OFFICER DECISIONS; CLARIFYING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 49-2-205, 49-2-504, 49-2-505, 49-2-511, AND 49-3-106, MCA."				

MACo BILLS (CONTINUED)

BILL NO.	SHORT TITLE	RES. NO.	SPONSOR	STATUS
SB 98	Revise the jurisdiction area of municipal health boards	2022-06	Keith Regier (R) SD 3	(H) Committee Report— Bill Concurred – (H) Local Government – 2/17/23
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING THE JURISDICTIONAL AREA OF A MUNICIPAL BOARD OF HEALTH; AND AMENDING SECTION 7-31-4101, MCA."				
SB 143	Allow for a referendum to terminate citizen initiated zoning district	2022-11	John Esp (R) SD 30	(H) Referred to Committee (H) Local Gov – 2/17/23
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A REFERENDUM TO TERMINATE A CITIZEN-INITIATED ZONING DISTRICT; REMOVING CERTAIN PROTEST PROVISIONS THAT HAVE BEEN INVALIDATED BY DISTRICT COURT; AMENDING SECTION 76-2-101, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."				
SB 173	Revise county road abandonment process laws	2022-10	Kenneth Bogner (R) SD 19	(S) Transmitted to House 1/26/23
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO COUNTY ROAD ABANDONMENT; CLARIFYING THE PETITION PROCESS BY WHICH A COUNTY MAY ABANDON OR VACATE A COUNTY ROAD; UPDATING REFERENCES FROM "FREEHOLDER" TO "REAL PROPERTY OWNER"; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-14-2101, 7-14-2103, 7-14-2107, 7-14-2601, 7-14-2603, 7-14-2611, 7-14-2614, AND 7-14-2615, MCA."				
SB 174	Allow counties funding for broadband infrastructure	2022-01	Wendy McKamey (R) SD 12	(S) Transmitted to House 2/8/23
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING AN AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS; AND AMENDING SECTION 2-17-603, MCA."				
SB 220	Include public infrastructure and county-owned parks in municipal annexation	2022-05	Carl Glimm (R) SD 2	(S) Transmitted to House – 2/13/23
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION; CLARIFYING THAT COUNTY PARKS AND CERTAIN PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE ARE INCLUDED IN ANNEXATION; AND AMENDING SECTION 7-2-4211, MCA."				
SB 229	Reimburse counties for actual witness costs	2022-07	Barry Usher (R) SD 20	(S) 3rd Reading Passed – 2/24/23
A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REIMBURSE COUNTIES FOR ACTUAL WITNESS COSTS IN CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS; <u>PROVIDING RULEMAKING AUTHORITY</u> ; AMENDING SECTION 26-2-506, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."				

THE STATUS OF ALL OTHER BILLS WILL BE PROVIDED AFTER THE GENERAL BILL TRANSMITTAL DATE, MARCH 3, 2023.