

Billings City Administration Weekly Report

March 29, 2019

- 1) **SB 340 - 406 Impact District legislation** – SB 340 failed on a tie vote of 6-6 in committee yesterday morning. Yesterday afternoon, Senator Webb attempted to “blast” the bill on the Senate floor and it also failed by a razor thin margin of 24-25. Attempts to reconsider the “blast” today were not successful. Monday is the transmittal deadline.

After the dust settles, the strategy partners will sit down and have a series of candid conversations to discuss what we did well and what we needed to do better to be successful and how do we move forward to implement the OBS Plan. Character is often more clearly distinguished by how we respond to losing rather than winning.

- 2) **Office of Public Defender legislation (OPD)** – Several attempts have been made to shift OPD costs from the State to local governments (SB 315, HB 2, HB 773). Representative Mercer has been helpful steering the discussion to an interim study bill. We support this approach and plan to dedicate resources to this interim committee or risk finding ourselves responsible for significant new costs after the 2021 legislative session. We will continue tracking these issues closely until the session ends.
- 3) **Legislative Update** - Monday’s work session will begin with a conference call with Greg Dorrington and Aimee Grmoljez providing an update on the session. See attached legislative tracking document.
- 4) **Stillwater Building** - Monday Denis Pitman, Katy Easton and I met with Joe Holden to discuss three items; the agreement between Joe and the downtown tax increment finance district (TIF); Joe’s perspective on the OBS Plan and SB 340; and how the city and county can work together to purchase or lease space in the Stillwater Building.

Joe has not signed the agreement approved by the city council to incentivize the redevelopment of the Stillwater Building includes \$1.5 million in incentives from the downtown TIF district. It was clear from the discussion that there are disagreements regarding the conditions that are tied to the \$1.5 million contribution. No money has been distributed. We also discussed Joe’s active work to kill SB 340. Joe believes the One Big Sky Plan and SB 340 create an uncompetitive disadvantage for the Stillwater project. Finally, we began discussion on how the city and county can work together to purchase or lease space in the Stillwater building. None of the issues were resolved and conversations will continue in the upcoming weeks.

- 5) **Budget Presentations** – Budget presentations to Kevin, Andy and I will wrap up next week. We will balance the budget in the upcoming weeks and prepare for public presentations throughout April and May.

6) **Board meetings** – The Heights Task Force spent most of their time discussion issues and opportunities related to the school district (SD2). The high school's critical high school operation levy will be on the ballot this May (Billing's voters haven't passed a high school levy since 2012) We also discussed continued efforts to improve safe routes to Medicine Crow school.

SBURA meets Tuesday at 7:00 and North Park Task Force meets on Thursday @7:00.

Have a great weekend



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PLEASE NOTE: This is an abridged report which includes bills in the following categories: (1) bills which the City of Billings has taken a support or oppose position and which have survived transmittal or not yet reached its transmittal deadline; (2) bills of interest which the City of Billings has specifically requested to be included on this list; and (3) newly introduced bills that we are requesting the City of Billings to review and inform us of a position. A full report of every bill being tracked for the City of Billings is maintained at the offices of Crowley Fleck, PLLP and is available upon request.

City of Billings Bills with positions that have survived or not yet reached transmittal deadline

Bill Type - Number	LC Number	Primary Sponsor	Status	Status Date	Short Title	Position: Support; Monitor; Oppose
HB 16  	LC0131	Dave Fern (D) HD 5	(S) Committee Report-- Bill Concurred as Amended -- (S) Taxation	03/12/2019	Establish affordable housing loan program	Support
HB 146  	LC1314	Kenneth L Holmlund (R) HD 38	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary	03/22/2019; 9:00 AM, Rm 303	Establish laws regarding sanctuary cities in Montana	Oppose
HB 147  	LC1564	Kenneth L Holmlund (R) HD 38	(H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading	02/13/2019	Referendum to establish sanctuary city laws in Montana	Oppose
HB 192  	LC2899	Marilyn Ryan (D) HD 99	(S) Returned to House with Amendments	03/25/2019	Revise laws related to privacy in communications	Support

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HB 218  	LC1297	Sue Vinton (R) HD 56	(S) Hearing -- (S) Education and Cultural Resources	03/22/2019; 3:00 PM, Rm 422	Generally revise laws related to career and technical education	Support
HB 232  	LC2402	Bill Mercer (R) HD 46	(S) Tabled in Committee -- (S) Taxation	03/12/2019	Revise assessment of taxes during condemnation proceedings	Oppose
HB 236  	LC3012	Dave Fern (D) HD 5	(S) Tabled in Committee -- (S) Local Government	03/11/2019	Generally revise building code program laws	Support
HB 292  	LC0232	Barry Usher (R) HD 40	(S) Committee Report-- Bill Concurred -- (S) Taxation	03/19/2019	Extend funding to Coal Board	Support
HB 295  	LC1296	Fred Anderson (R) HD 20	(S) Hearing -- (S) Education and Cultural Resources	03/22/2019; 3:00 PM, Rm 422	Create grant program to encourage work-based learning	Support
HB 325  	LC2922	Matt Regier (R) HD 4	(S) Committee Report-- Bill Concurred -- (S) Judiciary	03/21/2019	Generally revise firearm laws	Oppose
HB 357  	LC2997	Matt Regier (R) HD 4	(S) Committee Report-- Bill Concurred -- (S) Judiciary	03/21/2019	Revise concealed carry laws	Oppose
HB 462  	LC3199	Tom Burnett (R) HD 67	(S) Tabled in Committee -- (S) Taxation	03/25/2019	Revise administration of tax increment financing districts	Oppose
HB 567  	LC1875	Derek Skees (R) HD 11	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary	03/28/2019; 9:00 AM, Rm 303	Establish Montana school marshal program	Oppose

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<u>SB 2</u>  	LC0125	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) SD 26	Chapter Number Assigned	03/20/2019	Allow government accounting standards to include DOA framework	Support
<u>SB 17</u>  	LC0124	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) SD 26	(S) 2nd Reading Passed as Amended	03/25/2019	Authorize creation of regional fire protection service authorities	Oppose
<u>SB 18</u>  	LC0130	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) SD 26	(S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading	03/27/2019	Establish workforce housing tax credits	Support
<u>SB 24</u>  	LC0154	Terry Gauthier (R) SD 40	(H) Hearing -- (H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks	03/28/2019; 3:00 PM, Rm 172	Increase optional light motor vehicle registration fee for parks and recreation	Support
<u>SB 147</u>  	LC1029	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) SD 26	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary	02/28/2019	Revising laws concerning human trafficking and sex crimes to protect victims	Support
<u>SB 160</u>  	LC1077	Nate McConnell (D) SD 48	(H) Hearing -- (H) Business and Labor	03/15/2019; 8:30 AM, Rm 172	Provide workers' compensation for presumptive diseases of firefighters	Support
<u>SB 164</u>  	LC1472	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44	(H) Hearing -- (H) Education	03/11/2019; 3:00 PM, Rm 137	Generally revise school safety laws	Oppose
<u>SB 254</u>  	LC3240	Diane Sands (D) SD 49	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) State Administration	02/28/2019	Revise laws regarding chief municipal judges	Support

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SB 276  	LC0690	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(H) Committee Report-- Bill Concurred as Amended -- (H) Local Government	03/27/2019	Revise laws related to condos and townhouses	Bill would be acceptable if amendments are added
SB 300  	LC2998	Kenneth Bogner (R) SD 19	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary	03/15/2019; 8:00 AM, Rm 137	Generally revise property laws to protect property rights	Oppose
SB 340  	LC1182	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation	03/21/2019; 9:00 AM, Rm 317	Authorize statewide economic opportunity district	Support

**City of Billings
Bills of interest**

Bill Draft No. (LC No.)	Request Date	Primary Sponsor	Status	Status Date	Short Title	Position: Support; Monitor; Oppose
HB 299  	LC2936	Jasmine Krotkov (D) HD 25	(H) Transmitted to Governor	03/23/2019	Generally revising laws related to improvement district bonds	Monitor
SB 48  	LC0440	Tom Richmond (R) SD 28	(H) Hearing -- (H) Natural Resources	03/18/2019; 3:00 PM, Rm 172	Revise variances to water quality standards	Monitor
LC0181	08/24/2018	Terry Gauthier (R) SD 40	(C) Draft On Hold	11/07/2018	Generally revise human trafficking and child exploitation laws	CoB's CM not in favor, but hasn't

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						seen specific language yet
LC1082	11/12/2018	Mary Caferro (D) HD 81	(C) Draft On Hold	03/23/2019	Revise employment leave laws for certain paid, unpaid situations	Monitor
LC1168  	11/13/2018	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42	(C) Draft Delivered to Requester	02/15/2019	Generally revise zoning laws	Oppose
LC1173  	11/13/2018	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42	(C) Draft Ready for Delivery	02/09/2019	Generally revise subdivision and plating laws	Oppose
LC1550	11/26/2018	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45	(C) Draft On Hold	12/06/2018	Generally revise human trafficking laws	Similar to 1029...Billings CM supports this bill
LC1685  	11/28/2018	Janet Ellis (D) SD 41	(C) Draft Delivered to Requester	01/09/2019	Clarify that local governments can issue bonds for street maintenance projects	Support
LC1893	12/03/2018	Derek Skees (R) HD 11	(C) Draft On Hold	12/06/2018	Revise TIF laws regarding use of tax increments	Monitor
LC2417	12/05/2018	Gordon Vance (R) SD 34	(C) Draft On Hold	12/07/2018	Prohibit housing provisions in land use regulations	Monitor
LC3087  	01/07/2019	Jason W Ellsworth (R) SD 43	(C) Draft Ready for Delivery	02/07/2019	Create fairness in subdivision exemption law	Monitor; Oppose as written
LC3088	01/07/2019	Jason W Ellsworth (R) SD 43	(C) Draft On Hold	01/07/2019	Objective review of subdivision exemptions	Monitor; Oppose as written

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Newly introduced bills that we are requesting the City of Billings to review and inform us of a position

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HB 652  	LC2785	Mike Hopkins (R) HD 92	(H) 2nd Reading Passed as Amended	03/27/2019	Revise the long range building bonding program	
HB 656  	LC1861	Joel G Krautter (R) HD 35	(H) Committee Executive Action--Bill Passed as Amended -- (H) Taxation	03/27/2019	Generally revise oil and gas tax and distribution laws	
HB 718  	LC1516	Robert Farris-Olsen (D) HD 79	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Judiciary	03/27/2019	Generally revise domestic violence protections	
HB 730  	LC1598	Lola Sheldon- Galloway (R) HD 22	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Judiciary	03/27/2019	Increase penalties for certain crimes committed against a pregnant woman	
HB 749  	LC0043	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary	03/28/2019; 8:00 AM, Rm 137	Generally revise human trafficking laws	
SB 307  	LC0518	Jeffrey W Welborn (R) SD 36	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Business and Labor	02/28/2019	Generally revising alternative project delivery laws	

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SB 324  	LC1219	Tom Jacobson (D) SD 11	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Judiciary	03/26/2019	Revise definition of elder abuse	