

Billings City Administration Weekly Report

April 5, 2019

1) Legislative Update – also see attached Crowley Fleck report

- a. **HB – 325 & 357** - Billings, along with the MLCT, MACo, School Board Superintendents and School Boards opposed HB 325 & 357. Both bills restrict local government's authority to regulate guns in public buildings (schools, courts, city halls etc.) Since both bills sailed through both houses we are working the Governor's office for an amendatory veto. If successful, the bills may be back on the house floor next week.
- b. **SB 160** - the presumptive illness bill passed out of committee unanimously this week and is headed to the house floor for second reading today. Current estimates from the Montana Municipal Inter-local Authority (MMIA) estimate that the bill will increase the City's costs by over \$750,000 annually. Additional amendments have been made proposed to reduce
- c. **SB 147** – the human trafficking bill carried by Sen. Margie MacDonald had its hearing in the House Judiciary Committee on Wednesday. The bill passed the senate 49-1. We expect executive action next week to advance SB 147 to the House floor.
- d. **HB 773** – shifts costs from the State to local government for the Office of Public Defenders. The bill has been amended into a study bill. The bill will be heard Monday in front of the Senate Finance and Claims Committee. We need this bill to pass. Any help contacting local legislators who sit on the committee is appreciated.

2) Budget Presentations – We spent much of the week in budget presentations. All departments have completed their presentations. Our team will spend the next several weeks balancing the budget. Public presentations will take place throughout April and May.

3) Board meetings

- a. **SBURA** – The board approved the amended payback agreement, as recommended by the administration, between Steve Zeier and SBURA. The amended agreement shortens the pay-back timeline from December to June 2019. This matches the current contract period between the two parties.

The board also discussed a proposal, from the administration, to have SBURA pay for the City's law enforcement evidence building. The project is in the design phase and is estimated to cost ~\$3.8 million. Finance, PD and administration will attend the next SBURA meeting to present the project and answer questions. If SBURA and the Council agree to use TIF funds to pay for the project, it will help our public safety fund prepare for anticipated investments in upcoming years.

- b. **North Park** – Superintendent Upham presented the high school levy to the task force and answered questions. Mail ballots go out later in April for the May 7 election. PD presented the police activity report and the task force chair highlighted the City's CIP and recently adopted priorities for 2019.
- 4) **Citizen Police Academy** – I was accepted into the Citizen Police Academy. The 8-week course starts April 16 and runs through June 4. This is a great way to learn about the opportunities and challenges our officer's face. There may still be a slot available if anyone you know (hint/hint) wants to join me.
- 5) **Pryor/Chief Plenty Coups** – Thank you council member Yakawich for introducing me to a number of wonderful people at the Pryor senior center. Lunch was great and the conversations were invaluable. I look forward to building trusting relationships with our neighbors.

Have a great weekend



**CITY OF BILLINGS
2019 Montana Legislature
Weekly Abridged Session Report – April 3, 2019**

WEEKLY ABRIDGED SESSION REPORT

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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) Scheduled for 2nd Reading	04/03/2019	Establish affordable housing loan program	Support
HB 146  	LC1314	Kenneth L Holmlund (R) HD 38	(S) Committee Report-- Bill Concurred -- (S) Judiciary	04/01/2019	Establish laws regarding sanctuary cities in Montana	Oppose
HB 192  	LC2899	Marilyn Ryan (D) HD 99	(H) Returned from Enrolling	04/01/2019	Revise laws related to privacy in communications	Support
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

Bill Type - Number	LC Number	Primary Sponsor	Status	Status Date	Short Title	Position: Support; Monitor; 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) Scheduled for 2nd Reading	04/03/2019	Extend funding to Coal Board	Support
HB 295  	LC1296	Fred Anderson (R) HD 20	(S) 2nd Reading Concurred	04/03/2019	Create grant program to encourage work-based learning	Support
HB 325  	LC2922	Matt Regier (R) HD 4	(S) Returned to House	04/02/2019	Generally revise firearm laws	Oppose
HB 357  	LC2997	Matt Regier (R) HD 4	(S) Returned to House	04/02/2019	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) Committee Report-- Bill Concurred -- (S) Judiciary	04/02/2019	Establish Montana school marshal program	Oppose
SB 2  	LC0125	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) SD 26	Chapter Number Assigned	03/20/2019	Allow government accounting standards to include DOA framework	Support
SB 24  	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
SB 147  	LC1029	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) SD 26	(H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary	04/03/2019; 8:00 AM, Rm 137	Revising laws concerning human trafficking and sex crimes to protect victims	Support

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SB 160  	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
SB 164  	LC1472	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44	(H) Tabled in Committee -- (H) Education	04/01/2019	Generally revise school safety laws	Oppose
SB 254  	LC3240	Diane Sands (D) SD 49	(H) Hearing -- (H) State Administration	04/02/2019; 8:00 AM, Rm 455	Revise laws regarding chief municipal judges	Support
SB 276  	LC0690	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading	04/03/2019	Revise laws related to condos and townhouses	Bill would be acceptable if amendments are added
SB 300  	LC2998	Kenneth Bogner (R) SD 19	(H) Committee Report-- Bill Concurred as Amended -- (H) Judiciary	04/02/2019	Generally revise property laws to protect property rights	Oppose

**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	Chapter Number Assigned	04/01/2019	Generally revising laws related to improvement district bonds	Monitor
SB 48  	LC0440	Tom Richmond (R) SD 28	(H) 2nd Reading Concurred	04/03/2019	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 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

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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	(S) Hearing -- (S) Finance and Claims	04/02/2019; 8:00 AM, Rm 317	Revise the long range building bonding program	
HB 656  	LC1861	Joel G Krautter (R) HD 35	(S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation	04/10/2019; 9:00 AM, Rm 405	Generally revise oil and gas tax and distribution laws	
HB 718  	LC1516	Robert Farris-Olsen (D) HD 79	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	04/01/2019	Generally revise domestic violence protections	
HB 730  	LC1598	Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R) HD 22	(H) Missed Deadline for	04/01/2019	Increase penalties for certain crimes committed against a pregnant woman	

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			Revenue Bill Transmittal*			
HB 749  	LC0043	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45	(S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary	04/11/2019; 9:00 AM, Rm 303	Generally revise human trafficking laws	
SB 307  	LC0518	Jeffrey W Welborn (R) SD 36	(H) Committee Report--Bill Concurred -- (H) Business and Labor	04/03/2019	Generally revising alternative project delivery laws	
SB 324  	LC1219	Tom Jacobson (D) SD 11	(H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary	04/02/2019	Revise definition of elder abuse	