

## Billings City Administration Weekly Report

May 3, 2019

- 1) **Legislative Wrap up Meeting** (also enclosed is the final weekly legislative report from Crowley Fleck.) Our lobbying team of Greg Dorrington and Aimee Grmoljez will be joining us in Billings on Tuesday, May 28 for our City Council meeting. We plan to have our staff team meet late in the afternoon to be followed by a public conversation with the Council during our regular meeting.
- 2) **The 66<sup>th</sup> Legislative Summary (Greg & Aimee)** – The 66th Legislative Session adjourned Thursday, April 25, 2019 on the 87th day of a 90-day session with the Senate voting first to *sine die*, followed by the House. This was one day earlier than the 65th Legislative Session - so they “saved” a few days for a Special Session... but no one expects that to happen this biennium.

The last legislative actions were to pass the constitutionally required state budget bill (HB 2) as well as its two companion bills: SB 352 (Generally revise laws related to the state budget) and HB 715 (Generally revise laws related to state finance and provide for fiscal studies). The state budget has an increase in spending of 3.8% - mostly attributable to inflationary adjustments to K-12 funding and growth in other agencies' spending.

The 2019 Montana Legislature introduced 1,311 bills or resolutions out of 3,324 legislative draft titles, or about 39%. There are approximately 380 bills/resolutions waiting to be sent to the Governor that have passed both chambers and once he receives the bills he has 10 days to decide whether to veto or sign the bill or let it become law without his signature. Additionally, to date, 187 bills have become law, 3 have been vetoed, and 744 bills have died in the process.

The Legislative Session had a respectful tone from the beginning through the end in both chambers with leadership by the Republicans being reported as fair to all parties. The more conservative Republicans held leadership offices, yet, once again, many of the moderate Republicans banded with the Democrats (42 in the House and 20 in the Senate) to pass the big funding bills including: Medicaid Expansion (with a 6-year sunset), funding for the Montana Historical building, and a bonding bill for infrastructure projects, including partially funding the Romney Hall project at Montana State University. Before this session, a bonding bill had not passed since 2013, when Governor Bullock vetoed it. Governor Bullock tried until the last bill standing, SB 352, to get pre-K funded as his legacy bill but was thwarted by the teachers union, MEA-MFT, that wedged the Democrat party.

Tax bills were plentiful in the 66th Legislative Session... including increased taxes on capital gains, rental cars, accommodations, tobacco, liquor, aviation fuel and income earners. Only the aviation fuel and accommodations taxes were increased. There were multiple bills to get rid of tax credits (none prevailed) and increase tax credits (several survived - including a new one on film credits and continuing the endowment tax credit and new growing business tax credits). There was a bill to pass a statewide sales tax - HB 300 - that failed; but several study bills (HB 715 and HJR 30) will spend the Interim looking at Montana's tax structure and changing it based on the economy, nationwide tax policy, and more factors!

We believe the Interim will present an opportunity for the City of Billings to be involved in these broad tax discussions.

- 3) **Mayor's Prayer Breakfast** – Thank you Mayor Cole and Billings for inspiring our community. The guest speaker, Bay Forrest, shared his life story, contrasting winning and losing, as defined by our world and by Christ.
- 4) **Meetings/Task Forces/Presentations etc.**
  - a. Monday I had the opportunity to present to the Downtown Rotary group. They asked me to introduce myself (my family, background etc.) and share my first impressions of Billings.
  - b. Wednesday I used the same presentation from Rotary to present at the Democratic Study Group.
  - c. Thursday I presented the Council's adopted priorities to the North Park Task Force.
  - d. SBURA Board Meeting – Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00 pm 5000 Southgate Drive.
  - e. USS Billings Fundraising event – Tuesday, May 7 at 5:30 pm BNSF reception and train ride to Pompey's Pillar. \$100/ticket to support USS Billings.
  - f. SBURA/Recreation Center Community Conversation – Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 pm at the Red Lion Inn.
  - g. Lean Six Sigma/Billings Clinic – Friday afternoon the Leadership Team is meeting with Billings Clinic leaders to learn how the Clinic has used Lean Six Sigma to save tens of millions of dollars.
- 5) **Citizen Police Academy** – Tuesday's class focused on the bomb squad. Sgt. Gartner and the Bomb Squad members did a great job!

Have a great weekend!



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## END OF SESSION REPORT

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- The asterisked bills indicate that the bill is dead
- The governor must sign or veto a bill within 10 days of transmittal or it becomes law
- All green shaded bills have become law

### City of Billings INTRODUCED BILL DRAFTS

Bill	Title	Sponsor	Status	Position	Summary
HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87	(H) Sent to Enrolling	Monitor	A bill appropriating money to various state agencies for the biennium ending June 30, 2021.
HB 5	Long-Range Building Appropriations	Jim Keane (D) HD 73	(H) Signed by Speaker	Monitor	A bill appropriating money for capital projects for the biennium ending June 30, 2021; providing for other matters relating to the appropriations; providing for a transfer of funds from the state general fund to the long-range building program account.
HB 6	Renewable Resource Grants	Jim Keane (D) HD 73	(H) Signed by Speaker	Monitor	A bill implementing the renewable resource grant and loan program; appropriating money to the Department of Natural Resources and conservation for grants under the renewable resource grant and loan program; prioritizing project grants and amounts.
HB 7	Reclamation & Development Grants	Jim Keane (D) HD 73	(H) Signed by Speaker	Monitor	A bill implementing the reclamation and development grants program; appropriating money to the Department of Natural Resources and conservation for grants under the reclamation and development grants program.

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HB 8	Renewable Resource Bonds & Loans	Jim Keane (D) HD 73	(H) Signed by Speaker	Monitor	A bill approving renewable resource projects and authorizing loans; reauthorizing renewable resource projects previously authorized by the 664 <sup>th</sup> legislature; appropriating money to the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation for loans under the renewable resource grant and loan program.
HB 11	Treasure State Regional Water Program	Jim Keane (D) HD 73	(H) Signed by Speaker	Monitor	A bill appropriating money from the Treasure State Endowment Regional Water System State special revenue account to the Department of natural Resources and Conservation for Financial Assistance to regional water authorities for regional water system projects.
HB 14 *	Long-Range Building Bonding Program	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Appropriations	Monitor	A bill providing funding and authorization for capital and infrastructure projects statewide; creating the delivering local assistance grant program; creating rulemaking authority; creating the delivering local assistance account for grants and the state and local infrastructure account; appropriating money to the Department of Administration for capital projects; appropriating money to the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation for grants under the renewable resource grant and loan program; appropriating money to the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation for grants under the reclamation and development grants program; appropriating money to the department of commerce for authorized projects from the 2019 biennium due to a funds transfer from the treasure state endowment special revenue account to the Department of Commerce for Financial assistance to local government infrastructure projects through the Treasure state endowment program.

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HB 16	Establish affordable housing loan program	Dave Fern (D) HD 5	(H) Signed by Speaker	Support	A bill providing funding for low-income and moderate-income housing loans with money from the permanent coal severance tax trust fund.
HB 18 *	Providing funding for school district programs serving English Learners	Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D) HD 42	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Education	Monitor	A bill providing state funding for school district programs serving English learners.
HB 20	Revising laws related to the report of missing children	Rae Peppers (D) HD 41	Chapter Number Assigned	Monitor	A bill revising laws related to the reporting of missing children; requiring reports to be filed in certain custodial interference cases.
HB 21	Establishing "Hanna's Act"	Rae Peppers (D) HD 41	(H) Signed by Speaker	Monitor	A bill Establishing "Hanna's Act"; authorizing the Department of Justice to assist with the investigation of all missing persons cases; requiring the employment of a missing person specialist; providing duties; providing direction on funding for position.
HB 27 *	Generally revise special education funding	Moffie Funk (D) HD 82	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Appropriations	Monitor	A bill revising funding for special education; increasing and revising the distribution of the special education allowable cost payment' applying the inflation factor calculated under 20-9-326, MCA, to the special education allowable cost payment for determining the present law base calculated under title 17, chapter 7, part 1, MCA.
HB 31 *	Revise fire assessment fees	Willis Curdy (D) HD 98	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	Monitor	A bill revising laws related to fire assessment fees; assessing fees to land outside of municipalities for wildland fire protection preparedness and aviation equipment replacement.
HB 52	Revise funding for various economic development programs	Jim Keane (D) HD 73	(H) Signed by Speaker	Monitor	A bill generally revising certain fund transfers and statutory appropriations related to economic development programs; revising laws related to the food and agricultural development program and the agricultural development council; eliminating research and commercialization program and funding.

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HB 53 *	Revise Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund program	Rae Peppers (D) HD 41	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	Monitor	A bill revising the big sky economic development program by expanding the eligible applicant pool and increasing the funding limits for each job created.
HB 55	Revise Sanitation in Subdivisions Act	Forrest Mandeville (R) HD 57	Chapter Number Assigned	Monitor	A bill generally revising laws related to subdivision sanitation review;
HB 81 *	Eliminate aviation fuel refunds and revise allocations of aircraft reg. account	Willis Curdy (D) HD 98	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	Oppose	A bill revising gasoline tax laws related to aviation fuel; eliminating refunds based on purchase of aviation fuel.
HB 93 *	Revise small water and sewer utility regulation	Derek Skees (R) HD 11	(S) Tabled in Committee*-- (S) Energy and Telecommunications	Monitor	A bill revising the regulation of small sewer or water utilities by the public service commission; providing for standard rate tariffs for small sewer or water utilities by the commission.
HB 105	Revise process for out-of-state licensure for professional licensing boards	Katie Sullivan (D) HD 89	Chapter Number Assigned	Monitor	A bill requiring professional and occupational licensing boards to license out-of-state applicants with equivalent licenses.
HB 109 *	Revise statute of limitations for sex offenses	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	Monitor	A bill revising the statute of limitations for sex offenses; extending the statute of limitations for sex offenses involving victims who are adults; eliminating the statute of limitations for sex offenses involving victims who are children.
HB 118 *	Create grant program to remove lead from school water supplies	Julie Dooling (R) HD 70	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	Monitor	A bill generally revising public water supply laws; creating a grant program to reduce lead in drinking water at public schools and day-care centers; increasing annual fees to a public water supply system.
HB 120 *	Revise local government authority of certain speed limits	Willis Curdy (D) HD 98	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Highways and Transportation	Monitor	A bill revising where a local authority and a county commission may set speed limits.

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HB 124	Authorize county commissioners to lift agricultural covenants -limited situation	Forrest Mandeville (R) HD 57	Chapter Number Assigned	Monitor	A bill revising provisions concerning agricultural covenants under the subdivision and platting act; clarifying that a change in use subjects certain exemptions to subdivision review; allowing a governing body to revoke certain exemptions if there is a change.
HB 125 *	Limit use of emergency ordinances by local government	Forrest Mandeville (R) HD 57	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	Oppose	A bill revising local government emergency ordinance procedure laws; limiting the use of emergency ordinances by local governments; requiring findings of imminent peril to public health, safety, or welfare.
HB 129	Generally revising local government laws regarding elections	Ross H Fitzgerald (R) HD 17	(H) Signed by Speaker	Monitor	A bill allowing an elected county official government to submit to the electorate a question of changing the type of elections from partisan to nonpartisan or from nonpartisan to partisan; revising the use of party name or symbol.
HB 134 *	Revise prostitution statute to include nonpenetrative sex acts	Kimberly Dudik (D) HD 94	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	Monitor	A bill revising the prostitution statute to include assisted masturbation.
HB 138 *	Include exposure to prostitution in acts constituting child abuse and neglect	Kimberly Dudik (D) HD 94	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	Monitor	A bill providing that exposing a child to prostitution constitutes child abuse or neglect.
HB 144 *	Eliminate certain tax credits	Alan Redfield (R) HD 59	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Taxation	Monitor	A bill repealing certain individual income and corporate income tax credits.
HB 146 *	Establish laws regarding sanctuary cities in Montana	Kenneth L Holmlund (R) HD 38	(H) Signed by Speaker	Oppose	A bill prohibiting state agencies and local governments from enacting or enforcing certain policies concerning citizenship and immigration; requiring the attorney general to investigate and enforce certain provisions.

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HB 147	Referendum to establish sanctuary city laws in Montana	Kenneth L Holmlund (R) HD 38	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	Oppose	A bill prohibiting state agencies and local governments from enacting or enforcing certain policies concerning citizenship and immigration; requiring the attorney general to investigate and enforce certain provisions.
HB 148 *	Require 2/3 of legislature to enact a new tax or fee or a tax or fee increase	Forrest Mandeville (R) HD 57	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Taxation	Monitor	A bill requiring that a new tax or fee or a tax or fee increase may not be enacted unless approved by a supermajority of each house of the legislature.
HB 149 *	Limiting when certain individuals are capable of consenting to sexual activities	Kimberly Dudik (D) HD 94	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	Monitor	A bill revising consent laws limiting when certain individuals are capable of consenting to sexual activities; limiting when an individual involved in a criminal case may provide consent; limiting when an individual receiving services from a licensed social worker may provide consent; limiting when an individual subject to a child abuse or neglect proceeding may provide consent.
HB 155	Generally revise Montana weapons laws	Casey Knudsen (R) HD 33	Chapter Number Assigned	Monitor with amendments	A bill prohibiting local restrictions regarding knives.
HB 169 *	Exempting certain cooperative purchasing agreements from competitive bidding	Marilyn Ryan (D) HD 99	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	Monitor	A bill exempting certain local government cooperative purchasing agreements from competitive bidding requirements; specifying provisions concerning county cooperative purchasing agreements.
HB 173 *	Revise consent laws for elementary or high school students in a school setting	Shane A Morigeau (D) HD 95	(H) Signed by Speaker	Monitor	A bill revising laws related to consent and providing that elementary or high school students are incapable of consent in a school setting.
HB 180 *	Limiting transfers by water rights certificate holders	Bradley Hamlett (D) HD 23	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	Monitor	A bill limiting certain transfers by holders of water rights certificates.

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HB 188 *	Increase statute of limitations in civil liability for crimes against a child	Kimberly Dudik (D) HD 94	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	Monitor	A bill increasing the statute of limitations in civil actions involving injuries suffered as a result of childhood sexual abuse; revising the definition of “childhood sexual abuse” to include additional sex offenses.
HB 190	Revise local government authority to set school zone speed limits	Bruce Grubbs (R) HD 68	Chapter Number Assigned	Monitor	A bill allowing a local authority to set a speed limit in a school zone or near a senior citizen center without an engineering and traffic investigation.
HB 192	Revise laws related to privacy in communications	Marilyn Ryan (D) HD 99	(H) Transmitted to Governor	Support	A bill revising laws related to privacy in communications.
HB 194 *	Revise lodging and rental car taxes including local option	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	Support	A bill generally revising tax laws; increasing the tax rate on accommodations and campgrounds and on the base rental charge for a rental vehicle; providing an income tax credit for a portion of state accommodations and rental vehicle sales taxes paid.
HB 195 *	Provide for local option luxury sales tax to fund infrastructure	Dave Fern (D) HD 5	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	Support	A bill authorizing a municipality, a consolidated city-county, a county, or a local option infrastructure tax district, by vote of the electorate, to adopt a local option infrastructure tax on luxury goods and luxury services; providing that local option infrastructure tax revenue may be used for critical infrastructure projects; defining “luxury goods” and “luxury services” that may be taxed; providing that an existing resort tax imposed by a resort community, resort area, or resort area district may remain in effect or may be discontinued.
HB 199 *	Generally revise laws related to bullying	Barry Usher (R) HD 40	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	Monitor	A bill providing that bullying is a crime; providing a misdemeanor penalty for bullying; providing a felony penalty for bullying that results in death or serious bodily injury to the student being bullied.

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HB 208 *	Establishing family medical leave insurance	Moffie Funk (D) HD 82	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	Monitor	A bill creating a Montan Family and Medical Leave Insurance Act; creating an enterprise fund with contributions from nonexempt employers and employees; providing criteria for benefit eligibility, duration of benefits, coordination of benefits, and terms for making contributions; immunizing the state from total fund liability in case of insolvency; providing the commissioner of labor and industry with the duty to determine and maintain fund solvency; extending protections for job rights and health information privacy to those using benefits; providing for public outreach and notifications.
HB 215 *	Prohibit incarceration of juveniles in adult prisons	Kimberly Dudik (D) HD 94	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	Monitor	A bill prohibiting incarceration of youth in an adult prison.
HB 218 *	Generally revise laws related to career and technical education	Sue Vinton (R) HD 56	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Education and Cultural Resources	Support	A bill revising laws related to k-12 career and technical education; updating terminology related to career and technical education; providing for funding distributions for middle school career and tech education programs.
HB 223 *	Deter the fraudulent use or theft of taxpayer funded resources	Wendy McKamey (R) HD 19	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	Oppose	A bill revising laws for use of government equipment; prohibiting misuse of government equipment by a public officer or public employee of a local government or special district.
HB 228	Revise privacy in communication law to reflect MT Supreme Court decision	Forrest Mandeville (R) HD 57	Chapter Number Assigned	Monitor	A bill revising privacy in communications; clarifying the intent and statute and removing the <i>prima facie</i> clause.
HB 232 *	Revise assessment of taxes during condemnation proceedings	Bill Mercer (R) HD 46	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Taxation	Oppose	A bill revising the assessment of taxes during condemnation proceedings; establishing tax responsibilities of government entities during condemnation proceedings.

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HB 236 *	Generally revise building code program laws	Dave Fern (D) HD 5	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Local Government	Support	A bill generally revising laws governing certified local government building code programs; allowing a local government to accumulate fees and charges necessary for building code enforcement for an increased period of time.
HB 243	Revise laws related to the off-highway vehicle grant program	Kerry White (R) HD 64	Chapter Number Assigned	Monitor	A bill revising laws related to the off-highway vehicle grant program; reorganizing provisions; allowing the Department of Fish, Wildlife, and parks to require a match; establishing a distribution schedule.
HB 253 *	Adopt a vacant property registration act	Jacob Bachmeier (D) HD 28	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	Monitor	A bill creating a municipal vacant property registration ordinance; allowing a municipality to adopt a vacant property registration ordinance; establishing the authority, requirements, property exemptions, and fee collection allowed in a vacant property registration ordinance; and allowing inspections of vacant property.
HB 258 *	Revise laws for passing emergency vehicles	Jim Hamilton (D) HD 61	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	Support	A bill revising laws for passing emergency vehicles; creating the offense of reckless endangerment of emergency personnel; amending the speeds at which a driver may pass an emergency vehicle; designating reckless endangerment of emergency personnel as a serious traffic violation.
HB 259	Generally revise special district laws	David Bedey (R) HD 86	Chapter Number Assigned	Monitor	A bill generally revising special district laws; providing for the continuing existence of special districts that were in existence on July 1, 2009; repealing section 43, chapter 2866, laws of 2009; and providing an immediate effective date and a retroactive applicability date.
HB 267	Establish metering requirements for utilities	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45	Chapter Number Assigned	Monitor	A bill establishing utility requirements for the use of advanced metering devices; requiring a utility to notify a customer prior to installation of advanced metering devices; providing that data collected

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					through use of metering devices is generally confidential.
HB 269 *	Constitutional amendment for taxpayer protection act to limit tax types	Derek Skees (R) HD 11	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	Monitor	A bill submitting to the qualified electors of Montana and amendment to article VIII of the Montana Constitution to provide a taxpayer protection act to prohibit any taxes other than an income tax, property tax, and a general statewide sales tax; providing that only two of the three allowable tax types may be imposed at the same time.
HB 292	Extend funding to Coal Board	Barry Usher (R) HD 40	(H) Signed by Speaker	Support	A bill temporarily increasing the coal severance tax allocation to the coal natural resource account; establishing the increase until June 30, 2023.
HB 295 *	Create grant program to encourage work-based learning	Fred Anderson (R) HD 20	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Finance and Claims	Support	A bill promoting work-based learning in Montana public schools; creating a temporary work-based learning innovation program; providing an appropriation.
HB 299	Generally revising laws related to improvement district bonds	Jasmine Krotkov (D) HD 25	Chapter Number Assigned	Monitor	A bill revising laws related to rural improvement districts and special districts; revising local government requirements needed to sell variable rate bonds at a privately negotiated sale.
HB 300 *	Generally revise taxes and the distribution of revenue through sales tax	Kerry White (R) HD 64	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	Oppose	The bill generally revises taxation and the distribution of tax revenue while providing for the elimination of property taxes for class 3, class 4, and class 10 property. The bill enacts a general statewide sales tax and use tax. This bill provides for a study on taxes by the revenue and transportation interim committee.
HB 317 *	Generally revise laws related to bill draft requests	Jim Keane (D) HD 73	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	Support	A bill limiting the number of bills and resolutions that may be introduced by a legislator in a session of the legislature; and governing procedures for requesting the preparation of bills and resolutions for introduction in the legislature.

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HB 319	Revise agency fund terminology	Thomas Winter (D) HD 96	Chapter Number Assigned	Monitor	A bill revising the term "agency fund" to adhere to generally accepted accounting principles; amending the term "agency fund" to reflect custodial funds.
HB 324	Generally revise laws related to county water and/or sewer districts	Walt Sales (R) HD 69	(H) Signed by Speaker	Monitor	A bill generally revising laws related to county water and/or sewer districts; providing additional assessment methods for property annexed into a county water.
HB 325	Generally revise firearm laws	Matt Regier (R) HD 4	(H) Transmitted to Governor	Oppose	A bill revising firearms laws to secure the right to keep and bear arms and to prevent a patchwork of restrictions by local governments across the state and providing that local governments may not regulate the carrying of concealed weapons.
HB 328	Exempt conservation districts from certain fees	Alan Redfield (R) HD 59	(H) Signed by Speaker	Monitor	A bill exempting local governments from certain water quality fees.
HB 329 *	Provide funding for local emergency services	Alan Redfield (R) HD 59	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Local Government	Monitor	A bill providing funding to local governments for emergency services; distributing a portion of lodging facility use tax revenue to counties for emergency services; expanding a statutory appropriation.
HB 353 *	Generally revise laws related to alcohol and drug addiction	Kathy Kelker (D) HD 47	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	Oppose	A bill generally revising laws related to alcohol and drug addiction; revising terms used to describe alcohol and drug addiction; revising the state policy on treatment of alcoholism and drug dependency to state that treatment should be a priority; providing that public incapacitation is not a crime.
HB 354 *	Restrict sexually explicit materials and sexually oriented businesses	Rodney Garcia (R) HD 52	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	Monitor	A bill protecting Montana children and communities; prohibiting sexually explicit materials in schools and libraries that receive state funding; establishing restrictions on the locations of sexually oriented businesses.

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HB 357	Revise concealed carry laws	Matt Regier (R) HD 4	(S) Signed by President	Oppose	A bill revising firearms laws to secure the right to keep and bear arms and to prevent a patchwork of restrictions by local governments across the state and providing that local governments may not regulate the carrying of concealed weapons; providing that the proposed act be submitted to the qualified electors of Montana.
HB 367 *	Require advisory committee for urban renewal districts that use TIF	Rodney Garcia (R) HD 52	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	Oppose	A bill requiring an urban renewal district that approves a tax increment financing provision to create a committee to make recommendations to the municipality about the administration of the district and the tax increment financing provision.
HB 372 *	Increase inflation limitation on government entities for property tax levies	Tom Welch (R) HD 72	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	Support	A bill increasing the rate of inflation limitation imposed on government entities for calculating property tax levies; increasing the rate of inflation limit from one-half the average rate of inflation to the average rate of inflation; allowing a government entity to impose additional mills when there is inflation.
HB 384 *	Establish penalties for assaulting member of press	Tom Woods (D) HD 62	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	Monitor	A bill creating the offense of assault on a member of the press; and providing a penalty.
HB 395 *	Revise bicycle passing laws	Frank Garner (R) HD 7	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	Support	A bill revising laws related to bicycle safety and passing vehicles; requiring a motor vehicle operator overtaking and passing a person riding a bicycle to leave a reasonable and prudent distance between the vehicle and the bicycle.
HB 435 *	Provide for gateway local option tax	Laurie Bishop (D) HD 60	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	Monitor	A bill authorizing a gateway local option tax by a vote of the qualified electors; providing that the gateway local option tax question define the geographic area where the tax is collected, the rate of the tax, and how the revenue will be split within the county; providing the goods and services subject to the tax; providing for

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					a portion of gateway local option tax to be used for property tax relief; providing that a gateway local option tax district may govern a gateway local option tax.
HB 449 *	Revise population limit for resort tax	Dave Fern (D) HD 5	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	Monitor	A bill revising the population limit for resort areas and resort communities for purposes of the resort tax.
HB 462 *	Revise administration of tax increment financing districts	Tom Burnett (R) HD 67	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Taxation	Oppose	A bill revising administration of urban renewal and targeted economic development districts with tax increment financing; providing for reporting on an annual basis by local governments utilizing tax increment provisions; requiring the Department of Revenue to administer reporting requirements and provide information to the public through the internet and the biennial report; requiring an impact analysis if the adoption or expansion of a tax increment financing provision will result in a base taxable value within the taxing jurisdiction of greater than 35% of the jurisdiction's certified taxable value.
HB 494 *	Allow for tiny homes and tiny homes on wheels	Zach Brown (D) HD 63	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	Monitor-Potential Oppose	A bill generally revising travel trailer laws; stating a purpose; allowing a travel trailer to be made into a tiny home on wheels.
HB 543	Revise laws related to misdemeanor expungement	Zach Brown (D) HD 63	(H) Signed by Speaker	Monitor	A bill revising misdemeanor expungement law; clarifying that expungement may cover multiple misdemeanors; clarifying venue; revising notice provisions; revising presumption criteria; specifying procedure; revising provisions for expungement orders.
HB 555	Ensuring transparency in prior authorization	Dennis R Lenz (R) HD 53	(H) Signed by Speaker	Monitor	A bill revising laws related to utilization review; reducing time periods for certain utilization review determinations.

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HB 556 *	Provide for innovative sewage disposal technology	Joel G Krautter (R) HD 35	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	Monitor	A bill providing for the installation and use of new and innovative sewage disposal technologies and equipment; revising department rulemaking authority for sanitation in subdivisions.
HB 567	Establish Montana school marshal program	Derek Skees (R) HD 11	(H) Signed by Speaker	Oppose	A bill creating the Montana School Marshal Program; providing qualifications to be appointed as a school marshal; providing training and certification requirements; providing school marshal duties; providing duties for school district boards of trustees.
HB 587 *	Generally revise laws related to the insanity plea	Mary Caferro (D) HD 81	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	Monitor	A bill generally revising laws relating to the mental competency of a person accused of a crime; providing for the affirmative defense of insanity; revising the burden of proof for release and discharge of a person from commitment.
HB 616 *	Provide renewable resource bonds and loans laws	Mike Hopkins (R) HD 92	(H) 3rd Reading Failed*	Monitor	A bill approving renewable resource projects and authorizing loans; reauthorizing renewable resource projects previously authorized by the 64 <sup>th</sup> legislature; appropriating money to the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation for loans under the renewable resource grant and loan program.
HB 641 *	Revise laws related to false arrest and imprisonment	Joe Read (R) HD 93	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	Oppose	A bill generally revising criminal procedure; providing for compensation for victims of injurious criminal procedure; creating a defense for nonviolently resisting false arrest; creating a defense for nonviolently obstructing a peace officer who is acting illegally; revising official misconduct to include a new offense for which fines may be assessed.
HB 652	Revise the long range building bonding program	Mike Hopkins (R) HD 92	(H) Signed by Speaker	Monitor	A bill providing funding and authorization for capital and infrastructure projects statewide; providing funding and authorization for school facility projects

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					statewide; creating the delivering local assistance grant program.
HB 656	Generally revise oil and gas tax and distribution laws	Joel G Krautter (R) HD 35	(H) Signed by Speaker	Monitor	A bill revising oil and gas taxation laws; providing a fixed tax rate for the privilege and license tax and the tax for the oil and gas natural resource distribution account; providing for the allocation of privilege and license tax revenue and revenue from the tax for the oil and gas natural resource distribution account.
HB 661	Revise aviation fuel taxation	Geraldine Custer (R) HD 39	(H) Signed by Speaker	Monitor	A bill revising aeronautics funding laws; increasing the aviation fuel tax; repealing the aviation fuel tax refund for scheduled airlines; revising the distribution of aviation fuel taxes; revising the distribution of aircraft registration fees; increasing aircraft registration fees.
HB 718 *	Generally revise domestic violence protections	Robert Farris-Olsen (D) HD 79	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	Monitor	A bill generally revising protection order laws; providing a procedure for obtaining an extreme risk order of protection and ex parte extreme risk order of protection; providing definitions; providing that firearms in the possession of a person against whom an extreme risk protective order is issued must be surrendered and a permit for carrying a concealed weapon must be terminated providing penalties.
HB 730 *	Increase penalties for certain crimes committed against a pregnant woman	Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R) HD 22	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	Monitor	A bill increasing penalties for certain crimes committed against a pregnant woman.
HB 740 *	Provide for local option sales tax	Christopher Pope (D) HD 65	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	Support	A bill authorizing a municipality or a consolidated city-county government, by vote of the electorate to adopt a local option sales tax; providing that a portion of the revenue be used for property tax relief for class four property taxpayers and for rebates for adults who do not own property.

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HB 749	Generally revise human trafficking laws	Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45	(H) Signed by Speaker	Monitor	A bill generally revising human trafficking laws; providing requirements for massage therapy businesses.
HJ 9 *	Interim study on maintaining public safety while offering addiction treatment	Kathy Kelker (D) HD 47	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Human Services	Monitor	A joint resolution requesting an interim study of services for individuals experiencing homelessness and untreated substance use and mental health disorders.
SB 2	Allow government accounting standards to include DOA framework	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) SD 26	Chapter Number Assigned	Support	A bill allowing government accounting standards to include a financial reporting framework as defined by the department of administration.
SB 15 *	Allow certain state funds to be used for affordable housing infrastructure	Carlie Boland (D) SD 12	(S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	Monitor	A bill providing funding for infrastructure costs for affordable housing projects; providing that Big Sky Economic Development program funds may be used for infrastructure costs of affordable housing projects; providing that treasure state endowment program funds may be used for infrastructure costs of affordable housing projects.
SB 17 *	Authorize creation of regional fire protection service authorities	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) SD 26	(S) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	Oppose	A bill authorizing creation of regional fire protection service authorities; requiring a regional fire protection service authority plan; requiring a public hearing and election to establish an authority.
SB 18 *	Establish workforce housing tax credits	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) SD 26	(S) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	Support	A bill providing for workforce housing tax credits; providing that the credits may be taken against the income tax or insurance premium taxes.
SB 19 *	Revise laws related to local government budgeting and accounting	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	Oppose	A bill revising laws related to budgeting and accounting by local government entities; requiring the attorney general to perform investigations and bring actions against local government entities under certain circumstances; revising the duties of the department of administration and auditors with respect to audits; requiring special audits under certain circumstances;

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					requiring notification of the city or county attorney if a shortage is found by an independent auditor.
SB 20	Allow certain municipalities to annex onto a rural fire district	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	Chapter Number Assigned	Monitor	A bill allowing certain municipalities to annex onto a rural fire district for fire protection services and dissolve an existing municipal fire department; allowing a municipality that has annexed onto a rural fire district to remain part of the district upon reclassification of the municipality.
SB 22 *	Increasing the victim and witness program surcharge	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(S) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	Support	A bill increasing the victim and witness surcharge.
SB 24	Increase optional light motor vehicle registration fee for parks and recreation	Terry Gauthier (R) SD 40	(S) Signed by President	Support	A bill increasing the light motor vehicle registration fee for state parks, fishing access sites, and trails and recreational facilities; creating the trails and recreational facilities account and grant program.
SB 29 *	Require workers' comp for all volunteer firefighters	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Judiciary	Monitor	A bill requiring workers' comp coverage for all volunteer firefighters; clarifying that the disability and pension fund's uses include paying workers' compensation premiums plus administrative expenses; delaying implementation.
SB 31 *	Revising the big sky economic development program re: high unemployment counties	Jason D Small (R) SD 21	(S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	Monitor	A bill revising the Big Sky economic Development program to provide additional grant funds for high unemployment counties.
SB 33 *	Revise subdivision laws	Tom Richmond (R) SD 28	(S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	Oppose	A bill revising the phased development subdivision review process; limiting public hearing requirements prior to the commencement of each development phase; requiring government bodies to complete phase reviews within 20 working days.

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SB 46	Revise laws related to distribution lists	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42	Chapter Number Assigned	Monitor	A bill allowing public agencies to use distribution lists.
SB 48	Revise variances to water quality standards	Tom Richmond (R) SD 28	(S) Signed by President	Monitor	A bill generally revising variances to water quality standards for pollution discharges.
SB 53 *	Revise meal reimbursement for public employees	Jon C Sesso (D) SD 37	(H) 2nd Reading Not Concurred*	Monitor	A bill revising travel reimbursement rates for state and local public employees; increasing in-state meal reimbursement rates for state employees; clarifying meal, lodging, and foreign travel rates for state and local public employees.
SB 65 *	Generally revise drug and alcohol laws	Keith Regier (R) SD 3	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Judiciary	Monitor	A bill generally revising laws regarding driving under the influence; providing definitions, a description of driving under the influence crimes, treatment requirements, sobriety monitoring program, implied consent and admin license suspension, appeal process, conditions of admissibility, process for administration of tests, conditions for receiving a probationary driver's license, open container violating, revocation and suspension of license procedures.
SB 76	Regulate encroachments in highway right of way	Brian Hoven (R) SD 13	(S) Returned from Enrolling	Monitor	A bill generally revising the laws relating to occupancy of and encroachment on transportation commission designated highway system or state highway rights-of-way.
SB 88	Generally revise laws related to term "crime of violence"	Diane Sands (D) SD 49	Chapter Number Assigned	Monitor	A bill revising laws related to the crimes of violence and including the crimes of aggravated sexual intercourse without consent and strangulation in the definition of "crime of violence".
SB 103 *	Revise laws on PSC regulation of municipalities	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	Oppose	A bill generally revising procedures and oversight of certain municipal utility rates; providing for the regulation of certain municipal utility rates by the public service commission.

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SB 114	Generally revise stalking and orders of protection laws	Jen Gross (D) SD 25	(S) Returned from Enrolling	Monitor	A bill generally revising laws related to domestic violence, including stalking and orders of protection.
SB 121 *	Establish a fee for disposable carryout bags	Sue Malek (D) SD 46	(S) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	Monitor	A bill generally revising disposable carry-out bag laws; establishing requirements for disposable carry-out bags; levying a fee collected by retail establishments for use of disposable carry-out bags; allowing for a carry-out bag credit program.
SB 132	Creating a student safety accountability act	Keith Regier (R) SD 3	(S) Returned from Enrolling	Monitor	A bill protecting students from sexual misconduct; providing that a student cannot provide consent to any employee, contractor, or volunteer of a school; prohibiting job assistance for school employees, contractors, and agents who have engaged in sexual misconduct with students or children.
SB 135 *	Remove school levies from calculation of tax increment after 15th year	Tom Jacobson (D) SD 11	(S) Tabled in Committee* -- (S) Taxation	Monitor	A bill revising tax increment financing laws to exclude school district mill levies from the calculation of the tax increment after the 15 <sup>th</sup> year following adoption of the tax increment provision.
SB 136 *	Revise laws related to intimidation crimes	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Judiciary	Monitor	A bill clarifying the criminality of terroristic threats against schools, congregations, events, gatherings, venues, businesses, or agencies.
SB 138 *	Revise fair market valuation with respect to eminent domain	Steve Hinebauch (R) SD 18	(S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	Monitor	A bill revising the criteria for determining the value of easements in eminent domain proceedings; providing that the price paid for other comparable easements or leases be considered in valuation.
SB 147	Revising laws concerning human trafficking and sex crimes to protect victims	Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) SD 26	(S) Returned from Enrolling	Support	A bill generally revising laws related to human trafficking and sex crimes to protect victims; revising the offense of prostitution to include direct sexual contact; revising penalties for prostitution to include direct sexual contact.

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SB 151	Clarify notice procedures for exempt right claims	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) SD 10	(S) Signed by President	Monitor	A bill clarifying notice procedures for exempt water right claims filed in basins with temporary preliminary decrees in effect.
SB 160	Provide workers' compensation for presumptive diseases of firefighters	Nate McConnell (D) SD 48	Chapter Number Assigned	Oppose	A bill establishing the Firefighter Protection Act by creating presumptive coverage under workers' comp for certain diseases associated with firefighting activities; providing conditions; providing a rebuttal option for insurers; providing opt-in choice for volunteer firefighting entities; including presumptive occupational disease within the state's public policy provisions for workers' comp.
SB 161 *	Allow concurrent service as water/sewer director and rural fire district trustee	Tom Jacobson (D) SD 11	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) State Administration	Monitor	A bill allowing a person to file for, be elected to, and concurrently serve as a director for a water and sewer district and as a trustee of a rural fire district under certain circumstances.
SB 163	Generally revise lighting improvement district laws	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) SD 10	Chapter Number Assigned	Monitor	A bill generally revising lighting improvement district laws; removing contract requirements for street lighting improvement districts.
SB 164 *	Generally revise school safety laws	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Education	Oppose	A bill creating an exception to the fire code in relation to threats to student safety.
SB 179	Prohibit expansion of prohibitions under Clean Air Act w/o approval by local gov	Douglas (Doug) Kary (R) SD 22	(H) Tabled in Committee -- (H) Local Government	Monitor	A bill prohibiting the expansion of prohibitions under the Montana Clean Indoor Air Act without approval by certain elected officials.
SB 195	Generally revise energy performance contracting laws	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42	(S) Signed by President	Monitor	A bill generally revising laws related to energy performance contracting; revising the Department of Environmental Quality's related duties and rulemaking.

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SB 249 *	Generally revise transportation laws related to bicycling	Steve Fitzpatrick (R) SD 10	(S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	Support	A bill generally revising bicycle right-of-way laws; revising laws for overtaking and passing a bicycle laws for opening vehicle doors.
SB 254	Revise laws regarding chief municipal judges	Diane Sands (D) SD 49	(S) Signed by President	Support	A bill revising the procedure for selecting a chief municipal court judge in a multi judge city.
SB 263 *	Allow exemptions for certain divisions in a subdivision	Jason W Ellsworth (R) SD 43	(S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	Monitor	A bill allowing exemptions for certain types of divisions within a platted subdivision.
SB 276	Revise laws related to condos and townhouses	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(S) Signed by President	Bill would be acceptable if amendments are added	A bill generally revising condominium and townhouse laws; providing requirements for and effects of a conversion of a condominium to a townhouse under the unit ownership act; requiring that notice of the conversion and an opportunity for objection be given to certain parties; exempting certain conversions of a condominium to a townhouse from state and local subdivision review.
SB 300	Generally revise property laws to protect property rights	Kenneth Bogner (R) SD 19	(S) Signed by President	Oppose	A bill generally revising real property laws to protect real property rights; preventing homeowners' associations from imposing more onerous restrictions on a property owner than those restriction that existed when the property owner acquired the real property.
SB 307 *	Generally revising alternative project delivery laws	Jeffrey W Welborn (R) SD 36	(H) 2nd Reading Concur Motion Failed*	Monitor	A bill generally revising alternative project delivery laws; revising and providing definitions; providing requirements for awarding a comprehensive agreement; providing stipends to qualified unsuccessful respondents to a request for proposal; setting basic minimum requirements for a solicited proposal under an innovative financing delivery option; providing additional criteria for selecting and awarding innovative financing delivery options.

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SB 315 *	Revise laws on public defender assignments related to local ordinances	Scott Sales (R) SD 35	(H) Tabled in Committee* -- (H) Local Government	Monitor	A bill revising laws on public defender representation related to local ordinances; requiring a local government to provide counsel to a defendant charged solely with a violation of an ordinance adopted by the local government if the ordinance includes the possibility of incarceration upon conviction for the violation; prohibiting the office of state public defender from providing assistance of counsel to a defendant charged with a violation of a local ordinance.
SB 321	Revise laws pertaining to targeted economic development districts	Brian Hoven (R) SD 13	(S) Signed by President	Monitor	A bill revising targeted economic development district laws; providing that the tax increment that is not utilized to pay costs or bonds by a targeted economic district that has issued bonds must be remitted to taxing jurisdictions in the same manner as it would have been distributed without tax increment financing.
SB 324	Revise definition of elder abuse	Tom Jacobson (D) SD 11	(S) Signed by President	Monitor	A bill revising the definition of “abuse” in the Montana Elder and Persons with Developmental Disabilities Abuse Prevention Act to include causing personal degradation by publishing or distributing certain photographs or videos; defining “personal degradation”.
SB 340 *	Authorize statewide economic opportunity district	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(S) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	Support	A bill creating the statewide economic impact districts act; providing for the formation of statewide economic impact districts by local and tribal governments; providing for the creation of districts in more than one county; allowing a property tax exemption for certain civic infrastructure projects that are approved by a local government; providing for development plan requirements; providing that civic infrastructure projects are exempted from state procurement laws; providing for resident contractor preference; providing for state grants to cover civic infrastructure

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					costs when a district has certain levels of development costs; requiring a local funding math of civic infrastructure costs a as a condition to receive state grants.
SJ 3	Interim study on optional septic drain fields	Fred Thomas (R) SD 44	(S) Returned from Enrolling	Monitor	A joint resolution requesting an interim study of alternative septic systems and the impacts of aging septic systems on Montana water bodies; and requiring that the final results of the study be reported to the 67 <sup>th</sup> legislature.