



2023 MONTANA STATE LEGISLATURE

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MONTANA LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

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Revenue and Finance

Support

Bill #	Title	Sponsor	Last Action
HB 0012	Montana historic preservation grants	Mike Hopkins	03/01/2023 - (H) Appropriations
HB 0076	Generally revise transportation laws	Jerry Schillinger	02/08/2023 - (S) Committee Report--Bill Concurred (S) Highways and Transportation
HB 0091	Revise laws related to public library state aid	Courtenay Sprunger	03/02/2023 - (S) Referred to Committee (S) Education and Cultural Resources
HB 0128	Generally revise marijuana laws	Joshua Kassmier	02/15/2023 - (H) Rereferred to Committee (H) Business and Labor
HB 0186	Revise dates for special purpose elections	Alice Buckley	02/16/2023 - (S) Referred to Committee (S) State Administration
HB 0188	Extend funding to Coal Board	Gary Parry	02/16/2023 - (S) Referred to Committee (S) Taxation
HB 0189	Revise property tax assistance program	George Nikolakakos	02/16/2023 - (H) Revised Fiscal Note Printed
HB 0222	Provide rebates of property taxes paid on a principal residence	Tom Welch	03/02/2023 - (S) Returned to House
HB 0262	Revise local government financial reporting and audit requirements	Jerry Schillinger	02/20/2023 - (S) First Reading
HB 0291	Revise local government investment laws	Larry Brewster	02/22/2023 - (S) First Reading
HB 0481	Increase rate of inflation limit for calculating property tax levies	Ross Fitzgerald	03/02/2023 - (H) Revised Fiscal Note Requested
SB 0029	Increase and Extend the PERS Supplemental Employer Contribution	Wendy McKamey	02/21/2023 - (H) Hearing (H) State Administration
SB 0145	Provide for local distribution of lodging tax revenue	Keith Regier	01/19/2023 - (S) Fiscal Note Printed
SJ 0004	Provide for interim study of PERS and TRS	Wendy McKamey	02/22/2023 - (S) Filed with Secretary of State

Support - Dead

HB 0020	Appropriation for the MSU Local Government Center	Dave Fern	01/26/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Appropriations
HB 0269	Establish a local disaster resiliency fund	Larry Brewster	02/15/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Appropriations
HB 0370	Revise resort tax eligibility and allow use for workforce housing	Dave Fern	02/10/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Taxation

Oppose

HB 0226	Generally revise pension laws	Terry Moore	02/28/2023 - (S) First Reading
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Opposed - Dead

HB 0206	Generally revise mill levy election laws	Ron Marshall	01/26/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) State Administration
HB 0324	Provide for a local government expenditure limitation	Caleb Hinkle	02/23/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Local Government
HB 0420	Generally revise marijuana laws	Mike Hopkins	02/21/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Taxation
HB 0476	Provide for property tax exemption for certain residential property	Steven Galloway	02/23/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Taxation
HB 0618	Revise laws related to special districts	Lyn Hellegaard	02/28/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Local Government
SB 0125	Limit certain property tax levies to 5 years without reapproval	Greg Hertz	02/23/2023 - (S) Tabled in Committee (S) Taxation
SB 0251	Sunset or reapprove existing voter-approved property tax levies	Greg Hertz	02/28/2023 - (S) Tabled in Committee (S) Taxation
SB 0292	Revising the threshold for approval of a mill levy election	Greg Hertz	02/28/2023 - (S) Tabled in Committee (S) Taxation
SB 0291	Revise threshold for approval for certain bond elections	Greg Hertz	02/28/2023 - (S) Tabled in Committee (S) Taxation

Monitor - Passed

HB 0001	Feed bill to fund 68th legislative session and prepare for 2025	Bob Keenan	02/02/2023 - Chapter Number Assigned
HB 0003	Supplemental Appropriations Bill	Llew Jones	03/10/2023 - (H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 0192	Use surplus revenue for income tax and property tax refunds and payment of bonds	Bill Mercer	03/09/2023 - (H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 0212	Increase business equipment tax exemption	Joshua Kassmier	03/09/2023 - (H)Returned from Enrolling
HB 0251	Provide budget stability through investment and liability reduction	Llew Jones	03/09/2023 - (H) Returned from Enrolling
SB 0018	Add benefit policy statement to pension systems League Mid-Session Report	Mike Cuffe	02/10/2023 - (S) Signed by Governor

Revenue and Finance - Continued

Monitor

Bill #	Title	Sponsor	Last Action
HB 0002	General Appropriations Act	Llew Jones	02/17/2023 - (H) Hearing (H) Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government
HB 0004	Appropriations by budget amendment	Llew Jones	01/16/2023 - (H) Sponsor List Modified
HB 0005	Long-range building appropriations	Mike Hopkins	02/16/2023 - (H) Hearing (H) Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Long Range Planning
HB 0055	An act establishing a tax on electric vehicle charging stations	Denley Loge	02/27/2023 - (H) Sponsor List Modified
HB 0140	Establishing modernization and risk analysis committee	Llew Jones	02/20/2023 - (S) Hearing (S) Legislative Administration
HB 0390	Provide for homestead exemption for primary residences	Sherry Essmann	02/16/2023 - (C) Amendments Available
HB 0407	Provide for affordable housing abatements	Dave Fern	02/28/2023 - (H) Revised Fiscal Note Signed
HB 0424	Generally revise sustainability of state finance and provide for transfers	Llew Jones	02/14/2023 - (H) Fiscal Note Printed
HB 0462	Revise distribution of marijuana revenues	Marta Bertoglio	02/22/2023 - (C) Amendments Available
HB 0494	Revise property tax assistance program and disabled veteran program	Jim Hamilton	02/28/2023 - (H) Hearing (H) Taxation
HB 0497	Require property tax bill to include comparison with prior year	Fred Anderson	03/02/2023 - (S) First Reading
HB 0543	Revise laws for ballot wording for bonds and levies	Jedediah Hinkle	03/03/2023 - (H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 0569	Generally revise pension laws	Terry Moore	03/03/2023 - (H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 0669	Revise laws related to allocation of marijuana tax revenues	Bill Mercer	02/28/2023 - (C) Amendments Available
HB 0816	Revise distribution of surplus revenue	Joshua Kassmier	02/28/2023 - (H) Referred to Committee (H) Taxation
HJ 0002	Revenue estimating resolution	Becky Beard	01/02/2023 - (H) First Reading
SB 0003	Revise forest land taxation laws	Mike Cuffe	01/27/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0046	Remove new industry property classification	Wendy McKamey	01/18/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0054	Revise centrally assessed property appraisals	Greg Hertz	02/02/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0074	Revise administrative provisions of MPERA	Wendy McKamey	02/21/2023 - (H) Hearing (H) State Administration
SB 0110	Provide property tax assistance to elderly homeowners by fixing appraised value	Keith Regier	01/18/2023 - (C) Amendments Available
SB 0119	Provide tribal property tax exemption to tribal members	Susan Webber	01/27/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0194	Income tax credit for landlords who rent for below market rate	Mary Dunwell	01/31/2023 - (S) Hearing (S) Taxation
SB 0289	Allow tuition waivers for qualified survivors of firefighters and peace officers	Chris Friedel	02/28/2023 - (S) 3rd Reading Passed
SB 0332	Require property tax increase information to be included in budget discussions	Greg Hertz	03/03/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0362	Eliminate property tax statute of limitations on refunds	Shane Morigeau	02/28/2023 - (S) Committee Executive Action--Bill Passed as Amended (S) Taxation

Monitor - Dead

HB 0119	Provide funding for public safety pension systems	Marta Bertoglio	02/24/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Appropriations
HB 0180	Revise municipal police officers retirement laws	Neil Duram	02/14/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Appropriations
HB 0253	Provide for homestead exemption for primary residences	Ed Stafman	01/31/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Taxation
HB 0258	Providing a one-time refund for occupying a Montana residence	Jonathan Karlen	01/27/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Appropriations
HB 0280	Providing for circuit breaker income tax credit for property taxes paid	Jonathan Karlen	02/15/2023 - (H) 2nd Reading Not Passed as Amended
HB 0307	Provide for tax rebate	Jerry Schillinger	02/08/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Taxation
HB 0319	Revise laws related to FURS membership	Ross Fitzgerald	02/09/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) State Administration
HB 0391	Require local user fee on certain exempt property	Sherry Essmann	02/17/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Taxation
HB 0416	Provide income tax credit for renting dwelling below market rate	Jim Hamilton	02/22/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Taxation
HB 0515	Revise property tax payment procedures	Jennifer Carlson	03/02/2023 - (H) 2nd Reading Not Passed
HB 0613	Using excess revenue to fund local property tax relief	Mark Thane	02/28/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Taxation
HJ 0013	Resolution for Article V Convention for a balanced budget amendment	Jennifer Carlson	02/27/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Energy, Technology and Federal Relations
SB 0015	Provide for all ages homeowner and renter tax credit	Shannon O'Brien	02/02/2023 - (S) Tabled in Committee (S) Taxation
SB 0192	Property tax reform for intangible personal property	Mary Dunwell	01/26/2023 - (S) Bill Not Heard at Sponsor's Request (S) Taxation

Local Control

Support

Bill #	Title	Sponsor	Last Action
HB 0198	Provide for municipal authority regarding encroachments	Julie Dooling	01/30/2023 - (S) First Reading

Support w/ Amendments

HB 0534	Revise collections limit for actions brought before city court	Michael Yakawich	03/03/2023 - (H) Transmitted to Senate
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Support - Dead

HB 0261	Revise e-bike laws	Steve Gunderson	02/24/2023 - (H) 3rd Reading Failed
HB 0300	Revise tobacco, alternative nicotine, and vapor product laws	Frank Smith	02/07/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Business and Labor
HB 0413	Repeal laws on preemption of local government on auxiliary containers	Ed Stafman	02/16/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Local Government
HB 0789	Revise laws related to the alteration of county boundaries	Lyn Hellegaard	03/02/2023 - (H) Fiscal Note Printed

Oppose

HB 0241	Prohibit government from requiring buildings be constructed with solar panels	Joshua Kassmier	02/09/2023 - (S) First Reading
HB 0283	Generally revise rental laws	Steven Galloway	02/08/2023 - (S) Referred to Committee (S) Local Government
HB 0339	Establish laws for autonomous vehicles	Denley Loge	02/28/2023 - (S) First Reading
SB 0105	Prohibit rent control of private property	Steve Fitzpatrick	01/31/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0206	Exempt certain cell phone use from local ordinances	Jeremy Trebas	02/14/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0208	Prohibit local governments from banning or limiting energy choices	Jason Small	03/03/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0228	Prohibit local governments from banning petroleum fuels	Jason Small	03/03/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0262	Generally revise licensing requirements	Daniel Zolnikov	02/17/2023 - (S) 3rd Reading Passed

Opposed - Dead

SB 0404	Generally revise local government laws for fire departments	Jeremy Trebas	02/24/2023 - (S) Hearing (S) Local Government
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Monitor

HB 0215	Revise the definition of the governing body of a local health board	David Bedey	02/01/2023 - (S) First Reading
HB 0356	Establish firearms industry nondiscrimination	Brandon Ler	02/17/2023 - (S) First Reading
SB 0159	Restrict use of eminent domain	Becky Beard	01/26/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0177	Revising allowed local government employer benefits	Daniel Zolnikov	02/03/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0222	Establish the Montana Individual Freedom Act	Jeremy Trebas	02/17/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0270	Prohibit employee termination for legal social media posts	Keith Regier	02/17/2023 - (S) 3rd Reading Passed
SB 0358	Require disclosure of taxpayer funds for lobbying by local governments/schools	Greg Hertz	03/03/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House

Monitor - Dead

SB 0205	Generally revise Montana Indoor Clean Air Act	Jeremy Trebas	02/06/2023 - (S) Tabled in Committee (S) Public Health, Welfare and Safety
HB 0594	Prohibit sales and use of certain autonomous robots	Kelly Kortum	02/27/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Judiciary

Infrastructure

Support

Bill #	Title	Primary Sponsor	Last Action
HB 0006	Renewable resource grants	Mike Hopkins	02/14/2023 - (H) Hearing (H) Joint Appropriations
HB 0007	Reclamation and development grants	Mike Hopkins	02/14/2023 - (H) Hearing (H) Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Long Range Planning
HB 0008	Renewable resource bonds and loans	Mike Hopkins	02/14/2023 - (H) Hearing (H) Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Long Range Planning
HB 0011	Montana coal endowment program	John Fitzpatrick	02/14/2023 - (H) Hearing (H) Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Long Range Planning
HB 0088	Revise third-party permission at state superfund sites	Ross Fitzgerald	02/06/2023 - (S) Hearing (S) Natural Resources
HB 0267	Create SAFER account for federal highway grants	Courtenay Sprunger	03/02/2023 - (S) Returned to House
HB 0321	Generally revise laws related to the coal trust	Linda Reksten	02/28/2023 - (H) Taken from Table in Committee (H) Appropriations
HB 0327	Revise allowed uses of transportation services account	Lyn Hellegaard	02/10/2023 - (S) First Reading
HB 0355	Appropriate funds for local government infrastructure projects	John Fitzpatrick	02/28/2023 - (H) Revised Fiscal Note Printed
SB 0483	Generally revising alternative project delivery laws	Christopher Pope	03/03/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House

Oppose

SB 0462	Prioritize ag irrigation in RRG	Mike Lang	03/03/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0500	Provide uniform duration limit for latecomer agreements	Jeremy Trebas	03/03/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House

Monitor

SB 0442	Allow marijuana tax revenue to be used for county road maintenance	Mike Lang	03/02/2023 - (C) Fiscal Note Unsigned
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Monitor - Dead

HB 0368	Revise shared use path funding	Dave Fern	02/10/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Taxation
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Land Use, Planning and Housing

Support

Bill #	Title	Sponsor	Last Action
HB 0246	Allow for the zoning of tiny dwelling units	Scot Kerns	02/14/2023 - (H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 0299	Revise resolution and ordinance requirements re: land use regulation enforcement	Jedediah Hinkle	02/22/2023 - (S) First Reading
HB 0430	Establish a rent local program funded with tax on short-term rentals	Jane Gillette	02/17/2023 - (H) Hearing (H) Taxation
HB 0465	Revise local government acceptable uses of building permit fees	Jonathan Karlen	03/02/2023 - (S) First Reading
HB 0546	Authorize additional funding for coal trust loan program for housing	Dave Fern	02/28/2023 - (C) Printed - New Version Available
SB 0130	Allow for a county consolidated land use board	Forrest Mandeville	02/21/2023 - (H) Hearing Canceled (H) Local Government
SB 0131	Revise exempt subdivision review timelines	Forrest Mandeville	02/21/2023 - (H) Hearing Canceled (H) Local Government
SB 0170	Allow for administrative minor subdivision process	Forrest Mandeville	02/01/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0382	Create the Montana Land Use Planning Act	Forrest Mandeville	03/03/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House

Support w/ Amendments

HB 0211	Revise the local subdivision review process	Larry Brewster	02/01/2023 - (S) First Reading
SB 0268	Generally revise short-term rental laws	Greg Hertz	03/03/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House

Oppose

SB 0152	Revise minor subdivision laws	Forrest Mandeville	02/17/2023 - (H) First Reading
SB 0245	Revise municipal zoning to allow multifamily and mixed use development	Daniel Zolnikov	02/27/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0301	Revise property laws related to lakeshore regulations	Greg Hertz	03/03/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0323	Allow for duplex, triplex, and fourplex housing in city zoning	Jeremy Trebas	03/03/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0379	Revise zoning laws	Steve Fitzpatrick	03/03/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0406	Revise laws related to local building codes	Jeremy Trebas	03/03/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0407	Revise municipal zoning laws	Shane Morigeau	03/03/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0467	Revise laws regarding local regulation of short-term rentals	Jeremy Trebas	03/02/2023 - (S) 2nd Reading Indefinitely Postponed
SB 0479	Generally revise homeowner association laws	Kenneth Bogner	03/02/2023 - (S) 2nd Reading Indefinitely Postponed

Opposed - Dead

HB 0337	Revise municipal zoning laws to prohibit certain minimum lot sizes	Katie Zolnikov	02/23/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Local Government
HB 0369	Require referendum to adopt growth policy	Marty Malone	02/16/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Local Government
HB 0483	Generally revise land survey laws	Ross Fitzgerald	02/23/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Local Government
HB 0553	Housing for Montana Families Act	Alice Buckley	02/23/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Local Government
HB 0606	Revise laws related to home-based businesses	Jennifer Carlson	02/23/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Local Government

Monitor

HB 0244	Revise laws governing the housing Montana fund	Dave Fern	02/02/2023 - (S) First Reading
HB 0574	Establish workforce housing trust fund	Kim Abbott	02/27/2023 - (H) Fiscal Note Printed
HB 0641	Allow environmental impact reviews beyond Montana's borders	Katie Zolnikov	03/03/2023 - (H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 0748	Allow zoning for separation of incompatible uses of property	Katie Zolnikov	03/03/2023 - (H) Transmitted to Senate
SB 0023	Require county to approve certain condominiums	Jeremy Trebas	02/21/2023 - (H) Hearing Canceled (H) Local Government
SB 0142	Provide oversight of local impact fee laws	Keith Regier	02/23/2023 - (S) Revised Fiscal Note Printed
SB 0143	Allow for a referendum to terminate citizen initiated zoning district	John Esp	02/17/2023 - (H) First Reading
SB 0158	Revise family transfer law	Jason Ellsworth	01/26/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0178	Generally revise cryptocurrency laws	Daniel Zolnikov	02/27/2023 - (S) 3rd Reading Passed
SB 0195	Exempt certain structures from building code fire sprinkler requirement	Jeremy Trebas	02/02/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House

Land Use, Planning and Housing - Continued

Monitor - Continued

Bill #	Title	Sponsor	Last Action
SB 0220	Include public infrastructure and county-owned parks in municipal annexation	Carl Glimm	02/13/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0247	Revise covenant laws	Steve Fitzpatrick	02/17/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0287	Revise property laws	Steve Fitzpatrick	03/01/2023 - (S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
SB 0319	Revise laws related to tracts of record	Ellie Boldman	03/02/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0335	Allow fraternity or sorority houses near college and university campuses	Chris Friedel	03/03/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0376	Revise covenant laws	Kenneth Bogner	03/03/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0497	Revise property laws relating to easements	Steve Fitzpatrick	03/01/2023 - (S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading

Monitor - Dead

HB 0265	Revise laws related to marijuana dispensaries and licenses	Tanner Smith	01/31/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Human Services
HB 0683	Revise laws relating to homeowners' associations	Steve Gunderson	02/28/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Judiciary

Water and Wastewater

Support

Bill #	Title	Sponsor	Last Action
HB 0034	Exempt certain DNRC grants from MEPA	Steve Gist	01/23/2023 - (S) Referred to Committee (S) Natural Resources
HB 0114	Revise timelines for water right permit and change process	Sue Vinton	03-02/2023 - (S) Referred to Committee (S) Natural Resources
HB 795	Exempt Commerce, Coal Boards grants from MEPA	Paul Russ	03/03/2023 - (H) Transmitted to Senate
SB 0072	Revise judicial administration of water rights	Steve Fitzpatrick	02/27/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House

Support w/ Amendments

HB 0364	Allow for independent subdivision reviews for past due applications	Casey Knudsen	03/02/2023 - (S) First Reading
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Support - Dead

SB 0227	Allow DEQ to pre-certify subdivision applicants	Forrest Mandeville	02/23/2023 - (S) Tabled in Committee (S) Finance and Claims
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Oppose

HB 0642	Revise exempt wells laws	Casey Knudsen	02/24/2023 - (C) Amendments Available
SB 0285	Revise subdivision sanitation laws	Carl Glimm	02/27/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0327	Allow water well at any location within setbacks	Carl Glimm	03/03/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House

Opposed - Dead

HB 0726	Assign oversight of water compacts and management to Public Service Commission	Joe Read	02/27/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Energy, Technology and Federal Relations
SB 0207	Clarify final decree process for compacts	Bob Brown	02/17/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Natural Resources

Monitor

HB 0435	Revise water right laws related to exempt wells	John Fitzpatrick	02/28/2023 - (S) First Reading
HB 0576	Revise laws related to water and coal mining	Rhonda Knudsen	03/03/2023 - (H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 0592	Direct DEQ to allow the installation of certain new septic systems	Jedediah Hinkle	03/03/2023 - (H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 0672	Generally revise environmental protection laws	John Fitzpatrick	02/28/2023 - (H) Revised Fiscal Note Requested
HB 0675	Authorize consolidation of county and municipal water and/or sewer districts	Larry Brewster	03/03/2023 - (H) Transmitted to Senate
SB 0083	Create western Montana conservation commission	Mike Cuffe	02/17/2023 - (H) First Reading
SB 0215	Revise DEQ rule ARM 17.36.328 to require connection from proposed subdivision	Steve Fitzpatrick	02/13/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0237	Require development plans for public water and wastewater system connections	Shelley Vance	02/22/2023 - (S) 3rd Reading Passed
SB 0240	Exempt certain subdivisions from environmental review	Jason Small	02/24/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0275	Revise definition of proposed mixing zone & well isolation zone	Forrest Mandeville	02/27/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0304	Revise FWP instream water rights	Mike Cuffe	02/20/2023 - (S) Fiscal Note Printed
SB 0383	Require DEQ to study septic	Greg Hertz	03/01/2023 - (S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
SB 0457	Repeal board of sanitarians	Terry Vermeire	03/03/2023 - (H) Transmitted to House

Monitor - Dead

HB 0415	Require septic system disclosure	Dave Fern	02/15/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Judiciary
HB 0537	Provide exception for use of oil/gas water	John Fitzpatrick	02/24/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Natural Resources
HB 0671	Generally revise environmental protection laws	John Fitzpatrick	02/27/2023 - (H) Fiscal Note Printed
SB 0082	Increase public water supply connection fees	Chris Friedel	02/20/2023 - (S) Tabled in Committee (S) Natural Resources
SB 0226	Allow for subdivision reviews by independent reviewing entities	Forrest Mandeville	02/23/2023 - (S) Tabled in Committee (S) Finance and Claims
SB 0261	Revise objections to water rights application	Keith Regier	02/24/2023 - (S) Tabled in Committee (S) Natural Resources

Public Safety and Criminal Justice

Support

Bill #	Title	Sponsor	Last Action
HB 0747	Revise laws relating to disability parking	Julie Dooling	03/03/2023 - (H) Transmitted to Senate
SB 0089	Create pretrial diversion pilot program	Ryan Lynch	03/03/2023 - (H) Hearing Canceled (H) Judiciary
SB 0294	Establish the end of watch trust	Barry Usher	03/03/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House

Oppose

HB 0692	Revising laws related to appointment of counsel	Bill Mercer	03/03/2023 - (H) Transmitted to Senate
SB 0012	Revising laws on public defender representation related to local ordinances	Ryan Lynch	02/14/2023 - (H) First Reading
SB 0272	Constitutional amendment to secure the office of county sheriff	Theresa Manzella	02/06/2023 - (S) First Reading

Opposed - Dead

HB 0699	Allow sheriffs to have expenditure control over sheriff's office budget	Steve Gunderson	02/28/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Local Government
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Monitor

HB 0083	Revise administration of Family Violence Prevention Services Act grants	Amy Regier	02/27/2023 - (H) Returned from Enrolling
HB 0293	Generally revise alternative nicotine and vapor product laws relating to tobacco	Ron Marshall	02/14/2023 - (H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 0351	Generally revise marijuana laws	Kerri Seekins-Crowe	03/03/2023 - (H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 0362	Revise laws related to the crisis intervention team training program	Denise Baum	02/24/2023 - (C) Printed - New Version Available
HB 0439	Create a GVW fee for electric vehicles and hybrids being permanently registered	Denley Loge	02/28/2023 - (S) First Reading
HB 0500	Eliminating youth court fees, costs, and certain fines and financial obligations	Kerri Seekins-Crowe	02/28/2023 - (C) Printed - New Version Available
HB 0551	Implement constitutional carry into the Montana Constitution	Casey Knudsen	02/16/2023 - (H) First Reading
HB 0597	Generally revising laws related to reallocation of 911 fees	Neil Duram	03/01/2023 - (H) Scheduled for 2nd Reading
HB 0631	Bill for gun owners access to justice act	Jedediah Hinkle	03/03/2023 - (H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 0770	Generally revise regulation of electronic and social media communications	Matt Regier	03/03/2023 - (H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 0790	Generally revise electronic monitoring and victim notification laws	Courtenay Sprunger	03/03/2023 - (H) Transmitted to Senate
SB 0011	Generally revise criminal justice system laws	Barry Usher	03-01/2023 - (S) 2nd Reading Passed
SB 0094	Generally revise laws related to recovery residences	Barry Usher	02/24/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0127	Require Montana to provide funding for enforcement of PL280	Greg Hertz	03/03/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0397	Generally revise laws related to privacy and facial recognition technology	Kenneth Bogner	03/03/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SJ 0003	Joint resolution related to the Justice Counts Initiative	Ryan Lynch	02/15/2023 - (C) Introduced Bill Text Available Electronically

Monitor - Passed

HB 0077	Revise laws related to public safety officer appointing authorities	Steven Galloway	02/16/2023 - (H) Signed by Governor
HB 0078	Revise laws related to public safety officer appointing authorities	Steven Galloway	02/16/2023 - (H) Signed by Governor
HB 0149	Generally revise laws related to 9-1-1 program	Michele Binkley	03/02/2023 - (H) Signed by Governor

Monitor - Dead

HB 0725	Create contempt of constitution law	Joe Read	02/28/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Judiciary
HB 0732	Generally revise landlord tenant law	Steven Galloway	02/28/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Judiciary
SB 0489	Revise capital gains tax law to support first responders and law enforcement	Shannon O'Brien	02/27/2023 - (S) Tabled in Committee (S) Finance and Claims

Broadband

Monitor

Bill #	Title	Primary Sponsor	Last Action
HB 0176	Revising county utility permitting laws	Steven Galloway	01/26/2023 - (S) First Reading
HB 0484	Establish broadband advisory commission	Katie Sullivan	03/03/2023 - (H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 0804	Providing broadband funding review requirements	Tyson Running Wolf	03/03/2023 - (H) Transmitted to Senate
SB 0174	Allow counties funding for broadband infrastructure	Wendy McKamey	02/08/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House

Natural Resource Communities

Support - Dead

Bill #	Title	Sponsor	Last Action
HB 0737	Revise laws related to coal fired generating unit remediation	Gary Parry	02/27/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Energy, Technology and Federal Relations

Other

Support

Bill #	Title	Sponsor	Last Action
HB 0012	Montana historic preservation grants	Mike Hopkins	03/01/2023 - (H) Appropriations
HB 0032	Allow additional local government entity board training by petition	Steve Gist	01/25/2023 - (S) Hearing (S) Local Government
HB 0033	Allow county commissioners to initiate certain civil proceedings	Steve Gist	01/25/2023 - (S) Hearing (S) Local Government
HB 0035	Remove appointed members & allow ex officio members on county water/sewer board	Larry Brewster	01/18/2023 - (S) First Reading
SB 0334	Revise petroleum storage tank cleanup definitions	John Esp	02/28/2023 - (S) Rereferred to Committee (S) Finance and Claims
SB 0374	Revise local government public document retention	Willis Curdy	03/03/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House

Oppose

SB 0381	Require one council member per ward of first-class cities	Chris Friedel	03/03/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
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Opposed - Dead

HB 0278	Revise motor carrier rate regulation laws	Brad Barker	02/06/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Energy, Technology and Federal Relations
HB 0328	Require certain govt boards to record public meetings in audio and video format	Brad Barker	02/16/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Local Government
HB 0651	Establish the Montana family and medical leave insurance act	Derek Harvey	03/02/2023 - (H) Fiscal Note Printed

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HB 0107	Generally revise the duties of SERC	Brad Barker	01/27/2023 - (S) First Reading
HB 0295	Revise nepotism laws relating to small communities	James Bergstrom	02/22/2023 - (S) First Reading
HB 0412	Generally revise code of ethics for public officials and government employees	David Bedey	02/24/2023 - (S) First Reading
HB 0702	Repeal termination date relating to certain Workers' Compensation Programs	Derek Harvey	03/03/2023 - (H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 0703	Revise housing laws related to emotional support animals	Denley Loge	03/03/2023 - (H) Transmitted to Senate
HB 0724	Generally revise public notice requirements	Brad Barker	03/03/2023 - (H) Transmitted to Senate
SB 0232	Provide for deadlines to respond to public information requests	Janet Ellis	03/03/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0310	Revise presumptive occupational disease laws	Jason Small	02/28/2023 - (S) 3rd Reading Passed
SB 0361	Prohibit discrimination by any person or entity because of firearms	John Fuller	03/03/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0369	Provide worker's comp coverage of injury caused by employer-mandated vaccine	Jeremy Trebas	03/03/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0420	Require the election of city officials on even years	Chris Friedel	03/03/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House
SB 0450	Personal Freedom /Right of Conscience Act related to immunizations and drugs	Daniel Emrich	03/03/2023 - (S) Transmitted to House

Monitor - Dead

HB 0126	Generally revise laws related to Montana facility finance authority	Fred Anderson	01/24/2023 - (H) Bill Withdrawn per House Rule H30-50(3)(b)
HB 0191	Eliminating class D motor carrier regulation	Brad Barker	02/06/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Energy, Technology and Federal Relations
HB 0216	Generally revise laws related to public employees and labor organizations	Bill Mercer	02/06/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) State Administration
HB 0448	Revise laws related to right to work	James Bergstrom	02/22/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Business and Labor
HB 0453	Clarifying the authority of the human rights bureau and appeals process	Bill Mercer	02/22/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Judiciary
HB 0638	Phase out use of styrofoam in food-related businesses	Marilyn Marler	03/01/2023 - (H) Fiscal Note Printed
HB 0686	Revise laws related to job descriptions for elected officials	Lola Sheldon-Galloway	02/24/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) State Administration
HB 0719	Revise workers' compensation laws relating to designation of treating physician	Greg Oblander	02/28/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Human Services
HB 0723	Revising class D motor carrier regulation	Brad Barker	02/24/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Energy, Technology and Federal Relations

Other - Continued

Monitor - Dead - Continued

Bill #	Title	Sponsor	Last Action
HB 0787	Create a federalism commission	Lola Sheldon-Galloway	02/28/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Legislative Administration
HB 0813	Allow for the creation of fire protection authorities	Tony Brockman	02/28/2023 - (H) Tabled in Committee (H) Local Government
SB 0146	Revise laws relating to wage transparency	Shane Morigeau	02/01/2023 - (S) Tabled in Committee (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs
SB 0175	Generally revise economic laws related to public works contracts	Mary Dunwell	02/03/2023 - (S) Tabled in Committee (S) State Administration
SB 0276	Revise laws related to prevailing wage	Steve Hinebauch	02/27/2023 - (S) Motion Failed
SB 0317	Require partisan elections of certain city officials	Chris Friedel	03/01/2023 - (S) 2nd Reading Indefinitely Postponed
SB 0336	Allow for the creation of ambulance districts	Forrest Mandeville	03/02/2023 - (S) 3rd Reading Failed
SB 0371	Generally revising the Montana Clean Indoor Air Act	Jeremy Trebas	02/24/2023 - (S) Tabled in Committee (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs