



2019 LEGISLATIVE WRAP-UP

Looking back at the accomplishments
and forward to the work remaining.



Daniel Brooks
Business Advocacy Manager
Billings Chamber of Commerce

Agenda



OVERVIEW

Summing it all up

THEMES

Narratives of the session

CHAMBER WORK

What the Billings Chamber worked on

LAWMAKER DATA

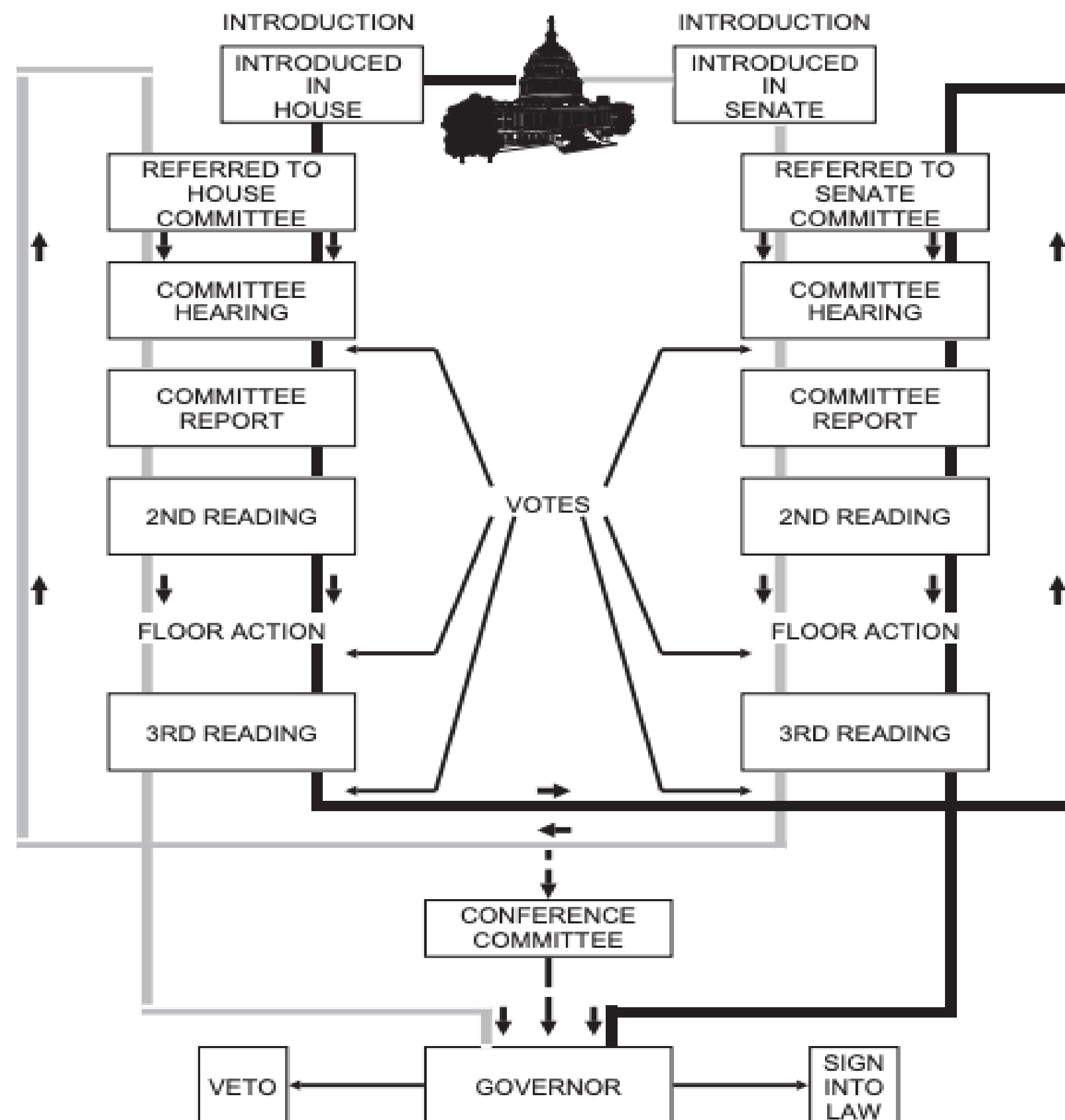
How did our legislators do?

87 Days in under 87 Minutes



Biennial Session

The Montana Legislature is constitutionally mandated to meet once every two years for a maximum of 90 days, starting in January.



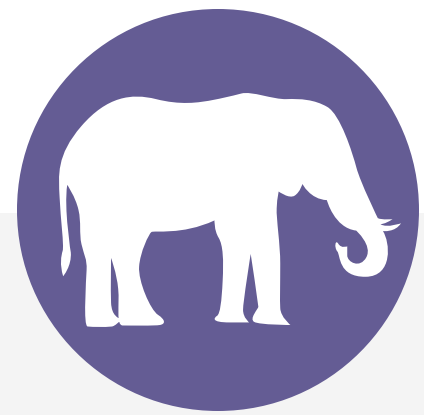
Duties

At a minimum, the legislature must pass an appropriations bill for the biennium.

Process

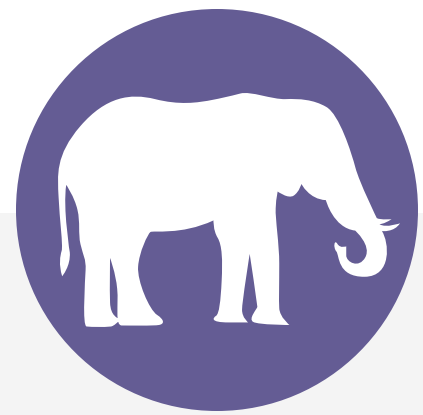
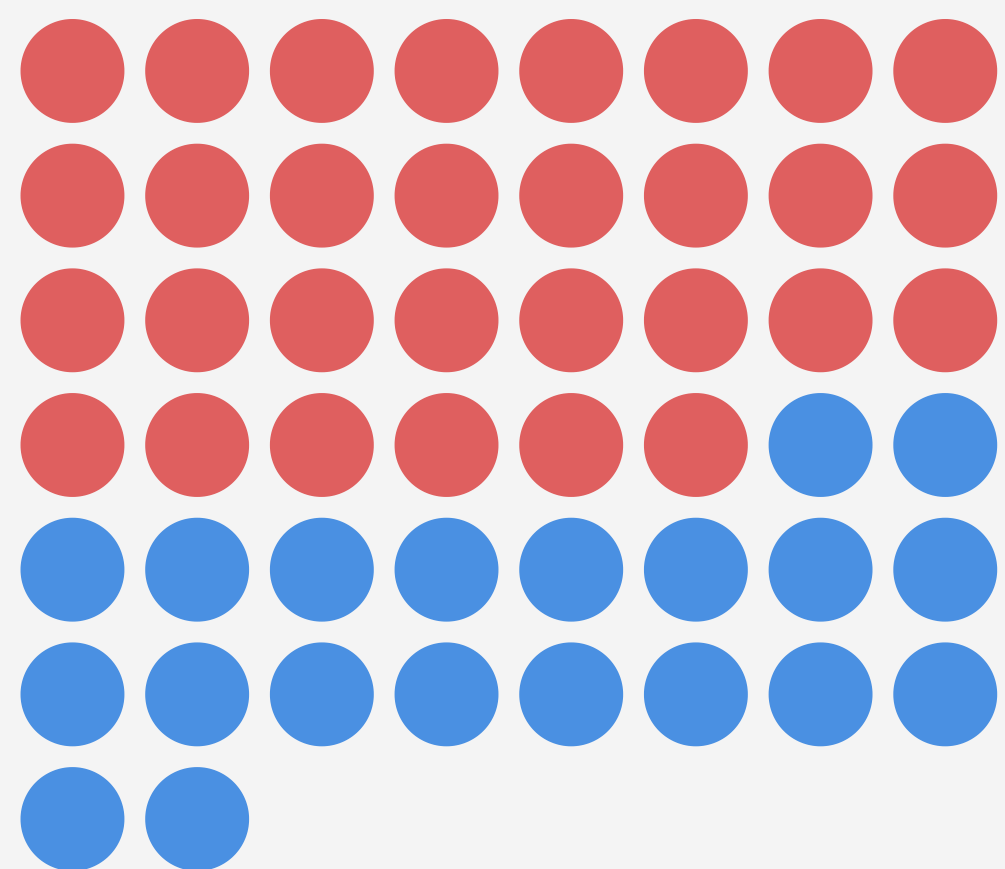
A bill must travel through both houses before getting to the governor's desk. The governor can sign it into law, do nothing and let it become law, or veto the bill.

MT LEG WHO THEY ARE



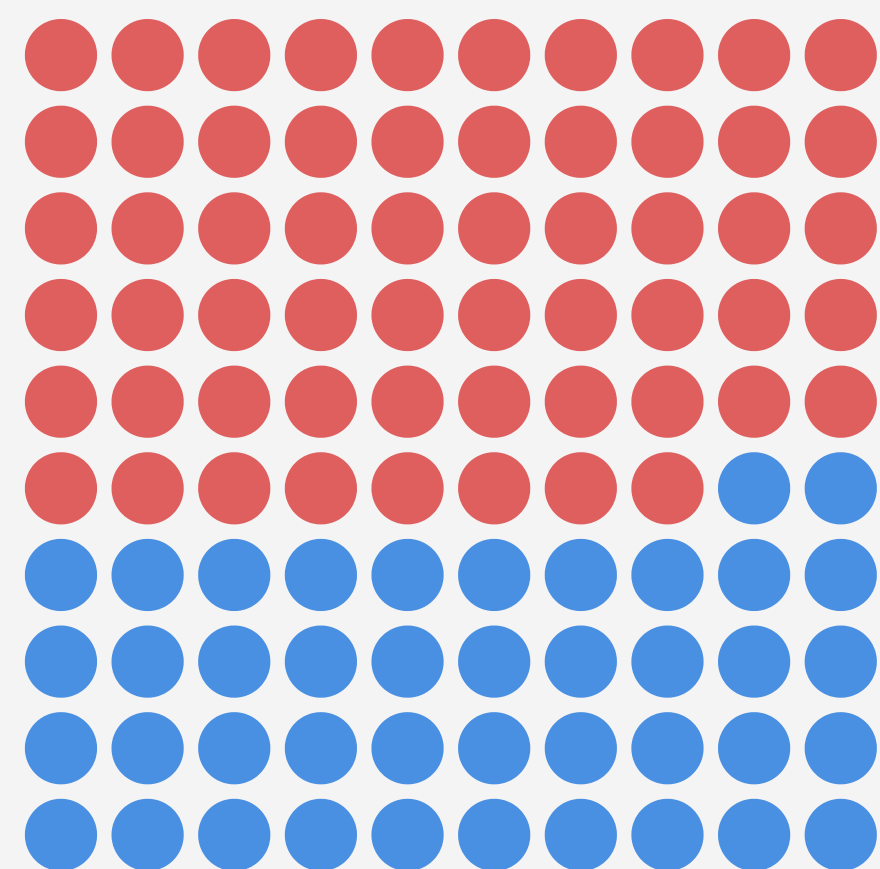
SENATE MAKEUP

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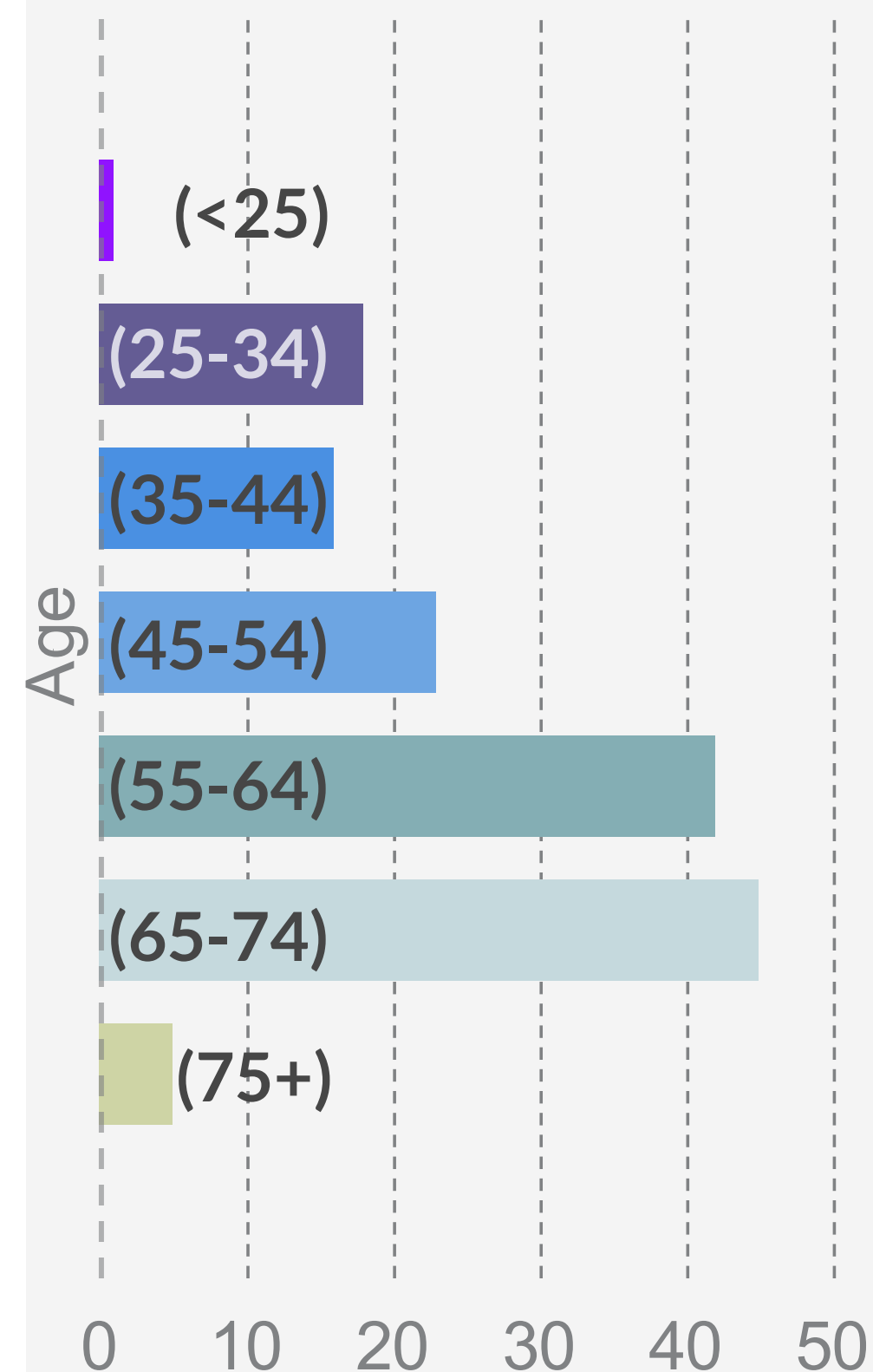


HOUSE MAKEUP

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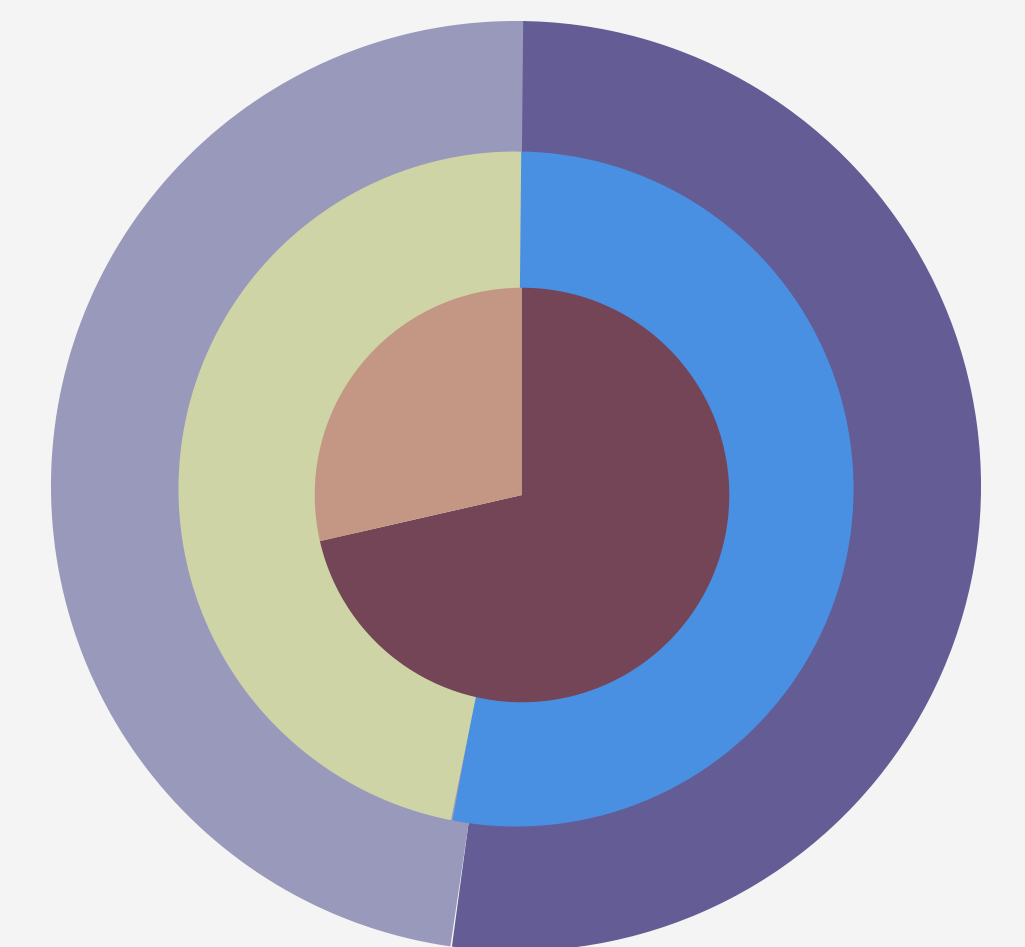


LAWMAKER DEMOGRAPHICS



RURAL & URBAN

RURAL | URBAN



SENATE HOUSE LDRSHP

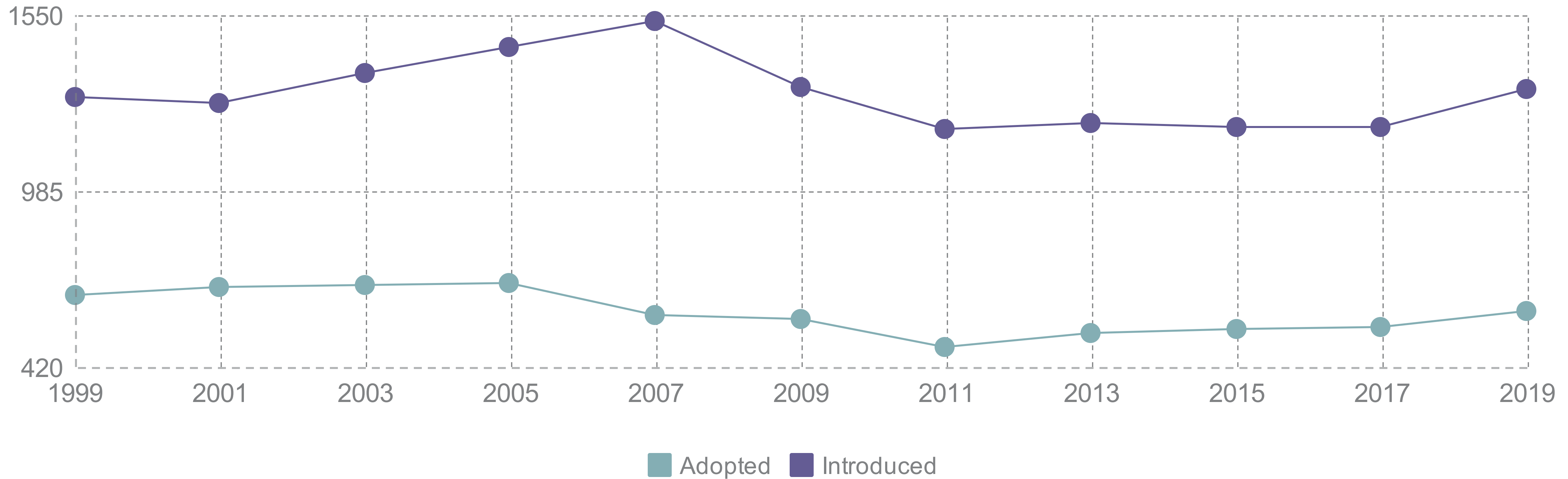
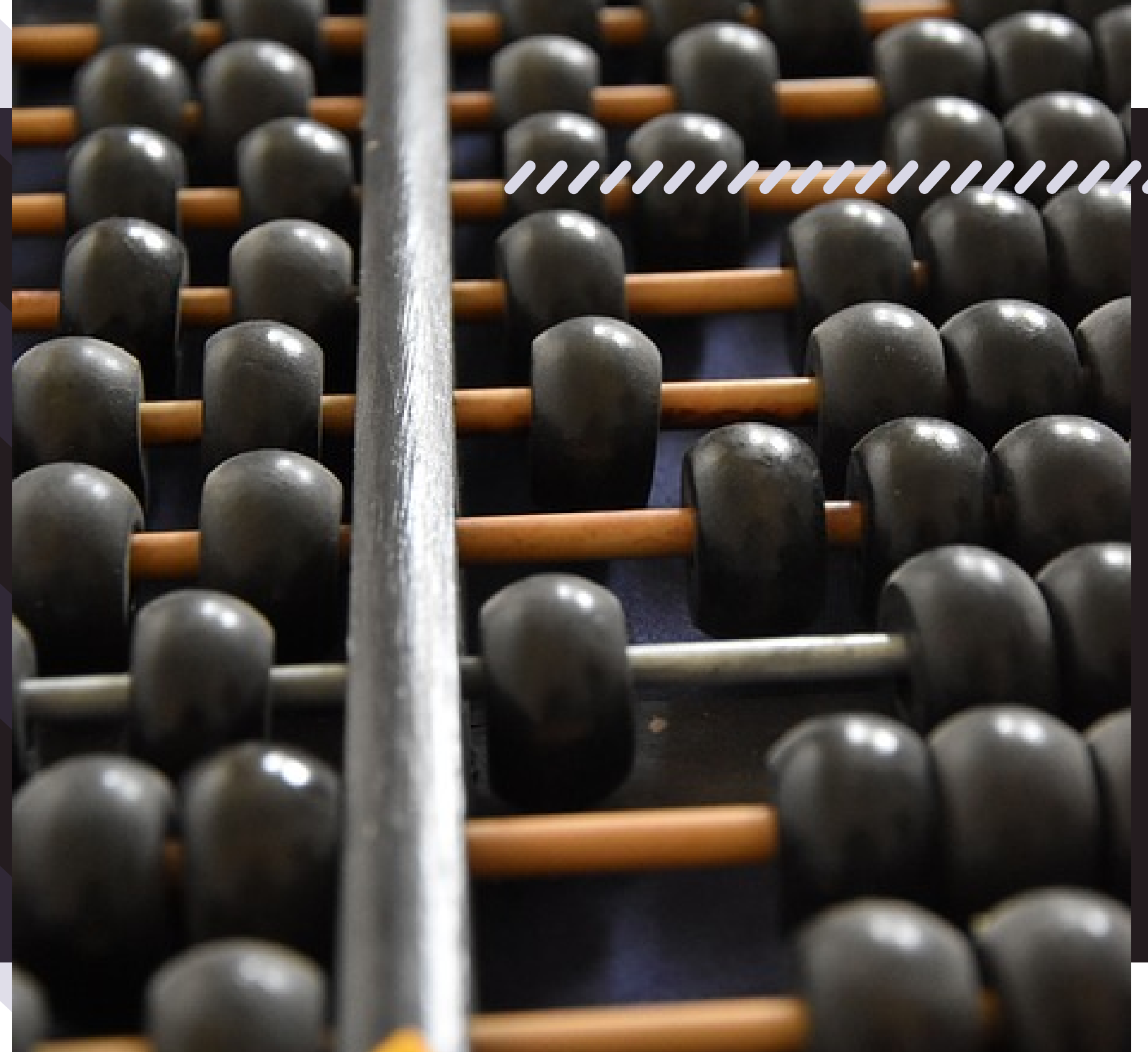
BILL STATS 2019

598

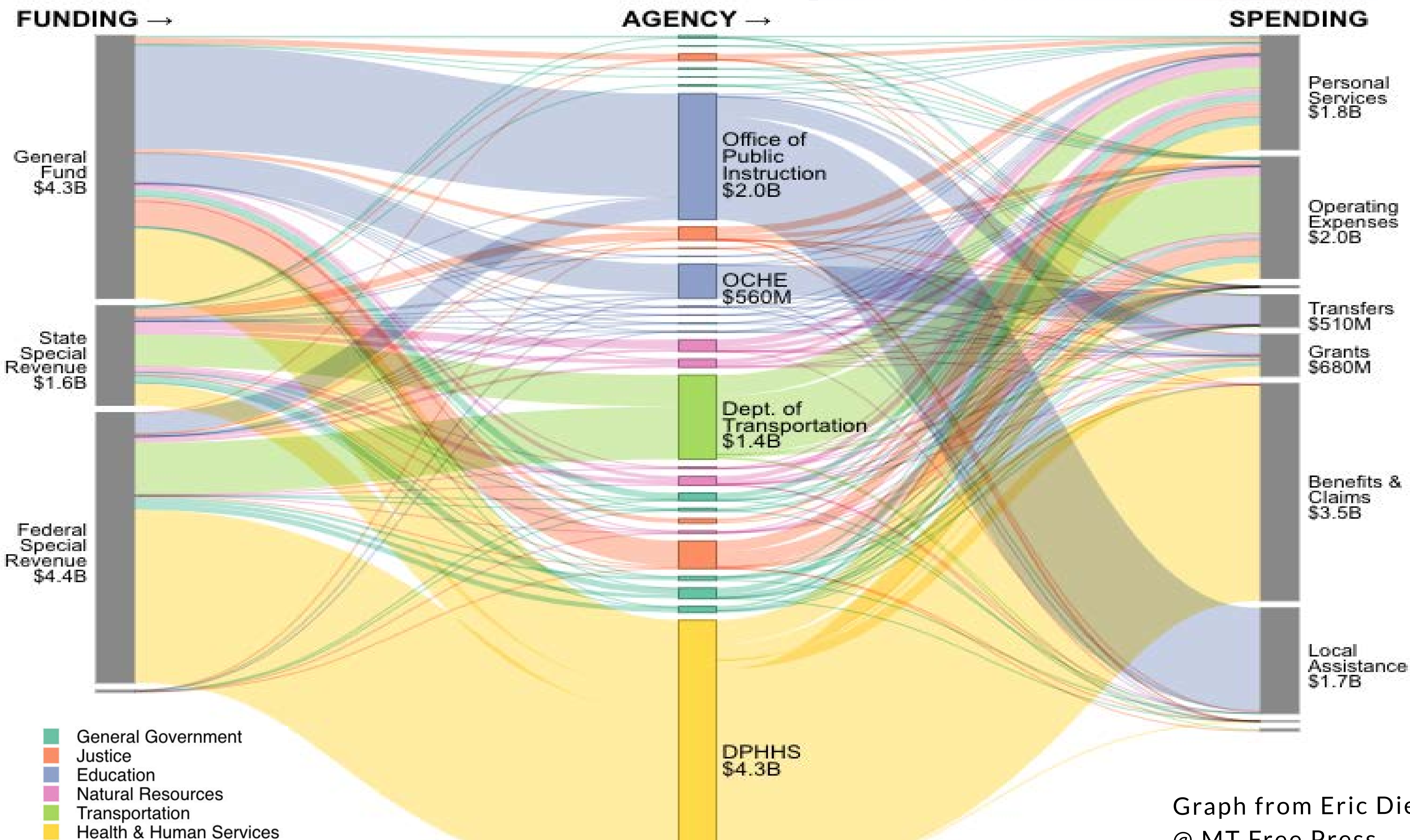
PASSED

1,309

INTRODUCED



FY 2020 - 2021 APPROPRIATIONS



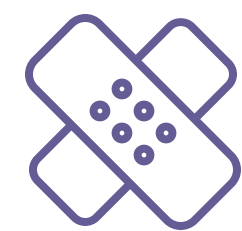
Graph from Eric Dietrich
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2019 THEMES



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Medicaid Expansion

Up for renewal in
2019 Session.

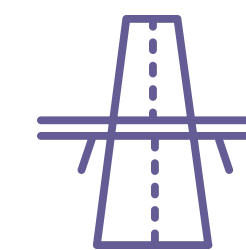
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Workforce

Addressing low
unemployment and
needing higher
skilled labor.

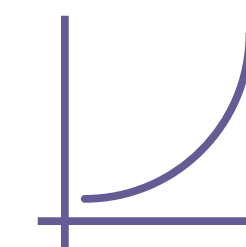
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Infrastructure

Bonding, Public-
Private Partnerships,
and Value Capture.

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Solutions Caucus

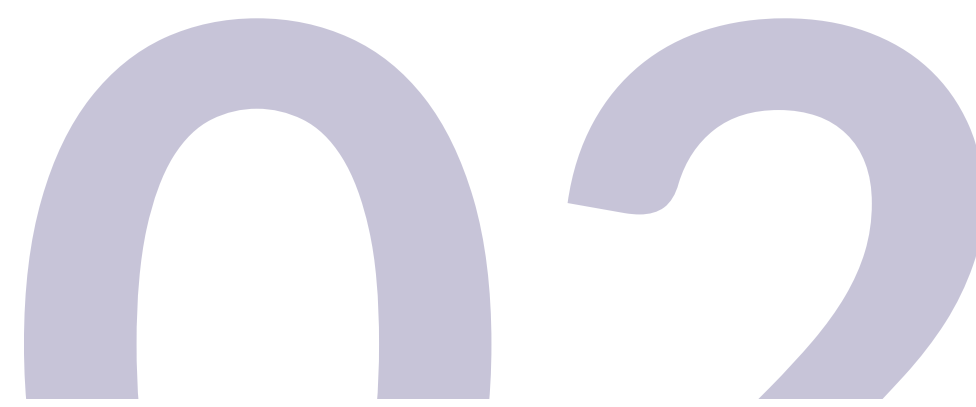
Moderate
Republicans help
pass legislation.

MEDICAID EXPANSION



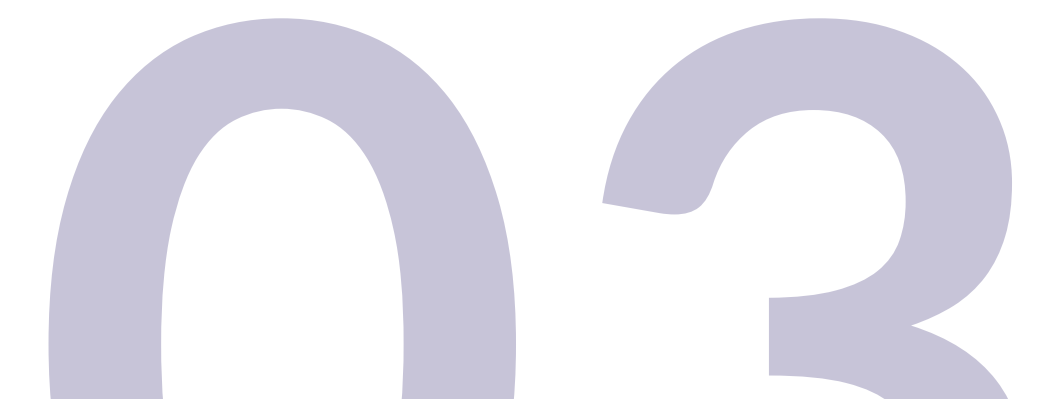
Renewal Needed

Up for renewal in 2019, the first Medicaid expansion was passed in the 2015 Montana Legislature.



Two bill proposals

Two bills were introduced, one from Republican Ed Buttrey, the other from Democrat Mary Caffero, co-sponsors to the 2015 legislation.



Benefits of Expansion

- \$350-\$400 million of new spending in MT
- 5,000 jobs generated
- Reduces crime
- Improves health
- Lowers debt

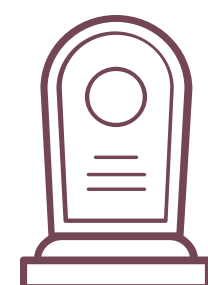
INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING



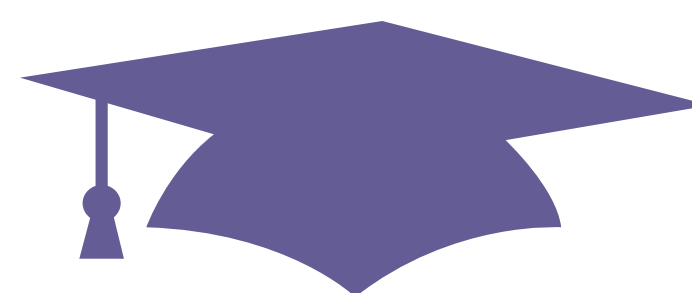
HB 652 The Bonding Bill

Mike Hopkins
PASSED LEGISLATURE

2011

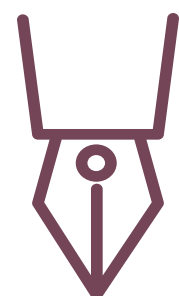


Died in House

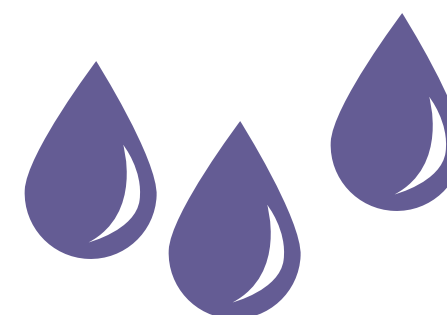


\$16 Million
Romney Hall

2013

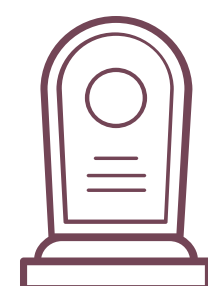


Governor Veto



\$9.6 Million
26 Water/Wastewater

2015

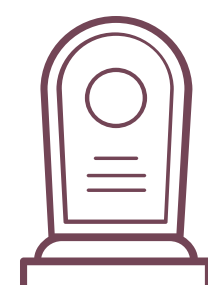


Died in House



\$3 Million
7 Bridge Projects

2017



Died in House



\$1.3 Million
Makoshika Water

Total
\$79.9 Million

INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING

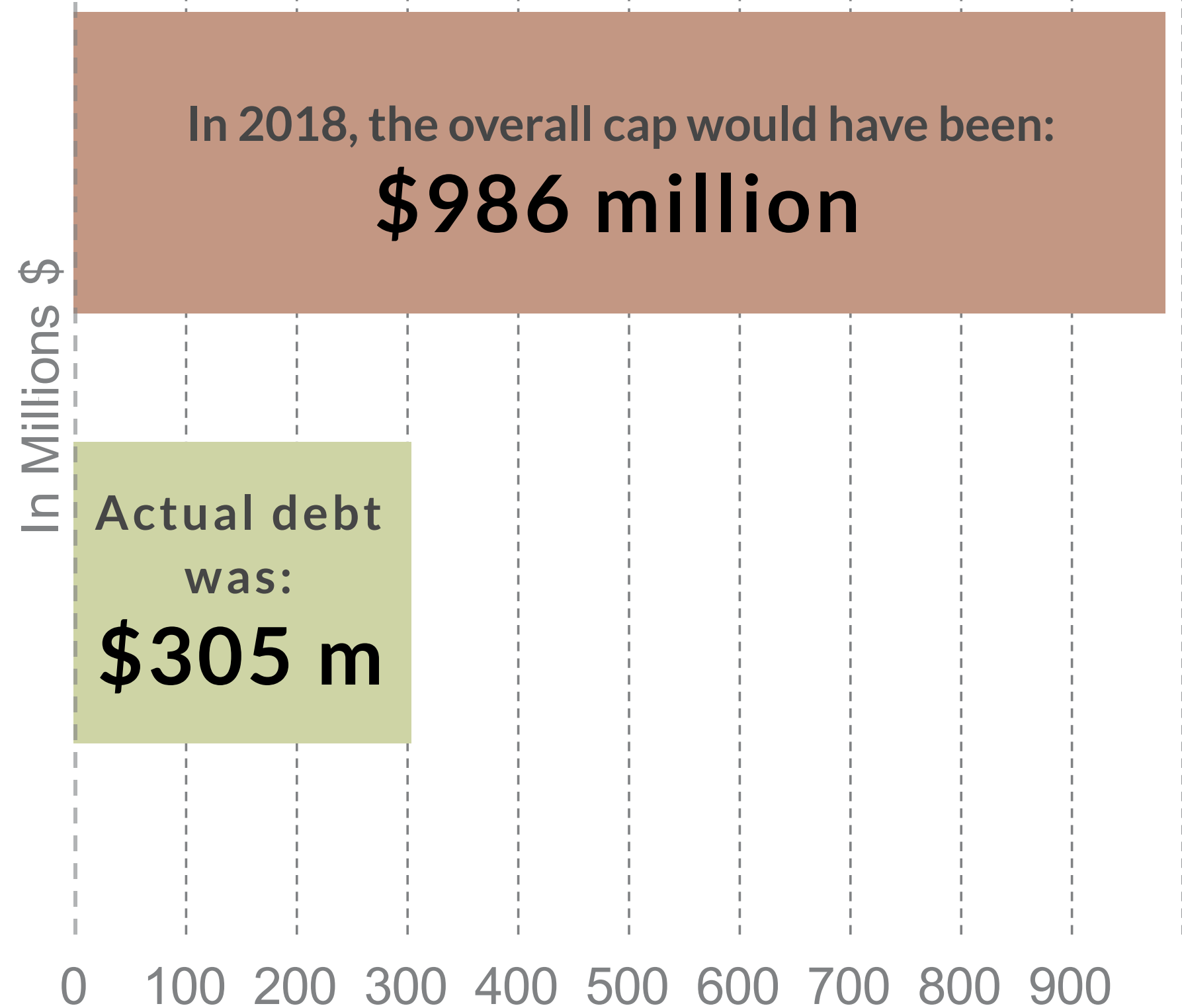


HB 553 Infrastructure Development & Economic Accountability

Eric Moore
PASSED LEGISLATURE

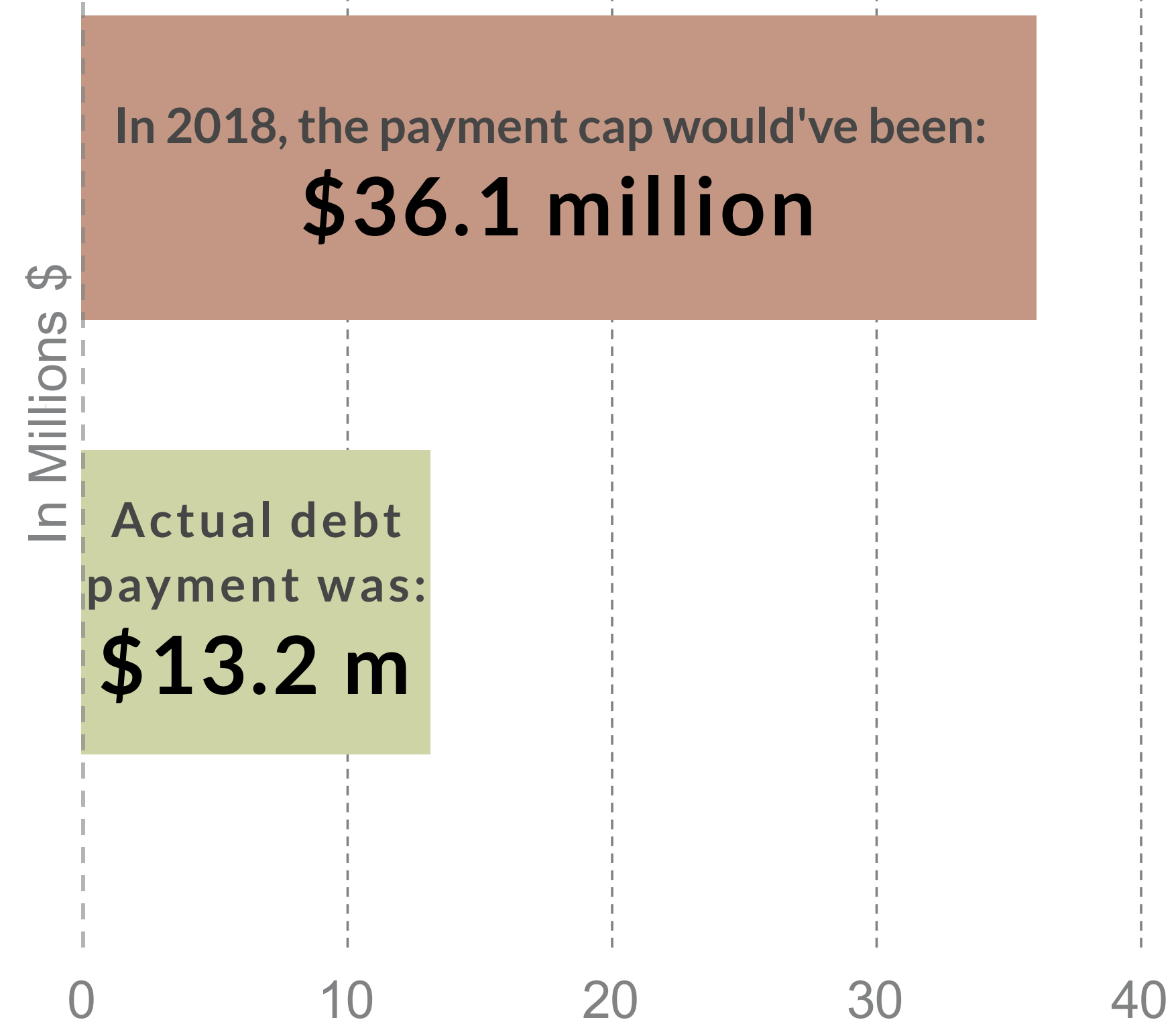
Overall Debt Cap

0.6% of state prop tax base



Debt Payment Cap

1.5% of general fund revenues

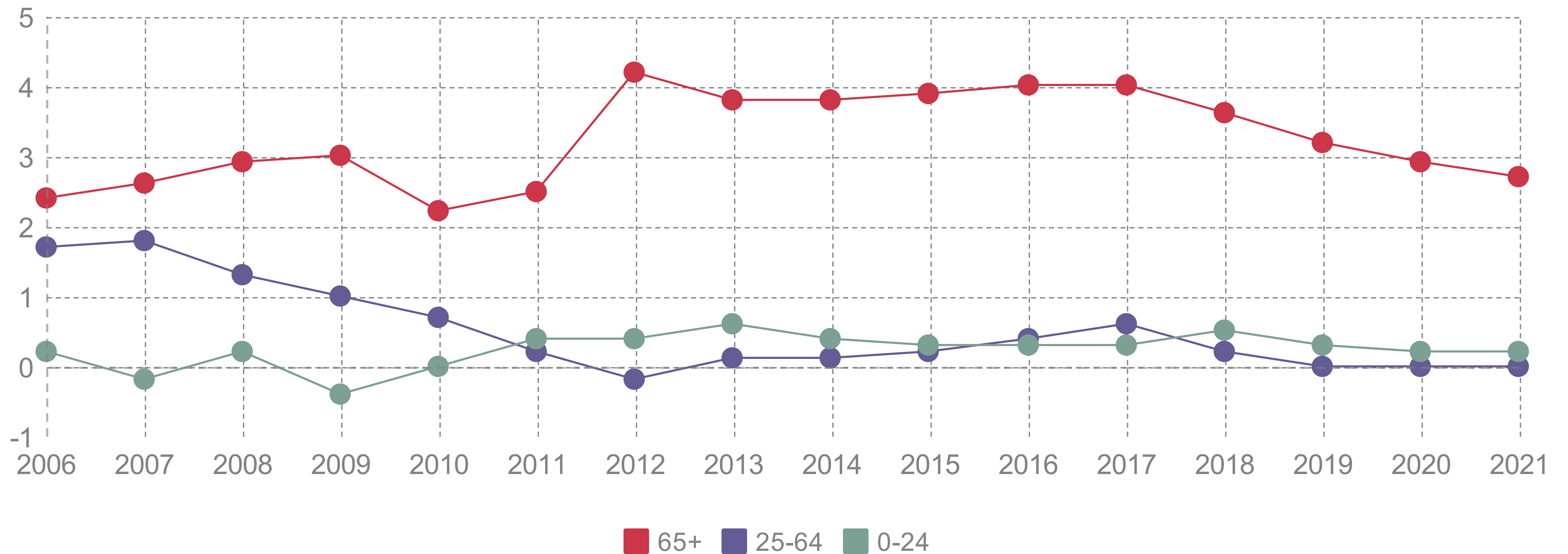


WORKFORCE NEEDS

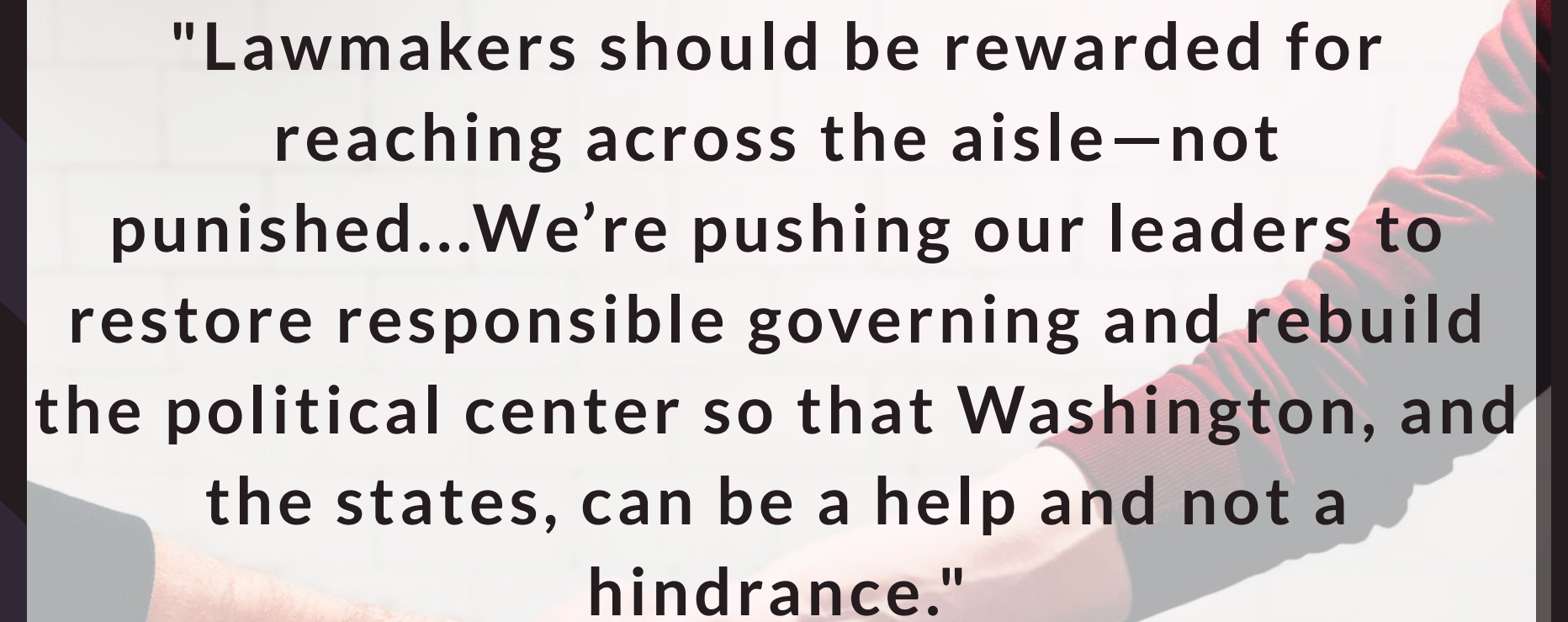


Growth by Age Group by Year

LFD Revenue Estimates 2018



CONSERVATIVE SOLUTIONS CAUCUS



"Lawmakers should be rewarded for reaching across the aisle—not punished...We're pushing our leaders to restore responsible governing and rebuild the political center so that Washington, and the states, can be a help and not a hindrance."

THOMAS J. DONOHUE
President/CEO U.S. CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE

Rep. Jeri Custer (Forsyth)

"We all represent the same number of people. **I still represent the Democrats in my district** just as I do the Republicans. Their livelihoods matter just as much."

Rep. Nancy Ballance (Hamilton)

"We come from the Republican side of the House and we look for the solutions that are **the most conservative we can make them, but still know that we can get the votes we need** both in the House and in the Senate, and can also be signed by the Governor."

Rep. Ed Buttrey (Great Falls)

"The only requirement is to come with an open mind, ready to work, and **instead of defending the status quo, to say, hey, can we make it better?**"

Rep. Eric Moore (Miles City)

"Our caucus is **more about methodology than it is ideology.**"

Rep. Llew Jones (Conrad)

"What we found was that we had a passion for **actually solving problems.**"



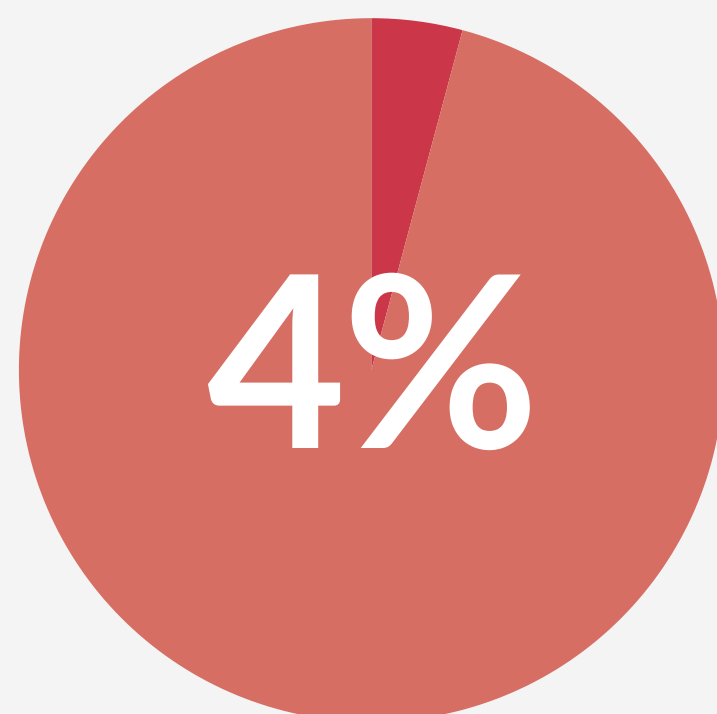
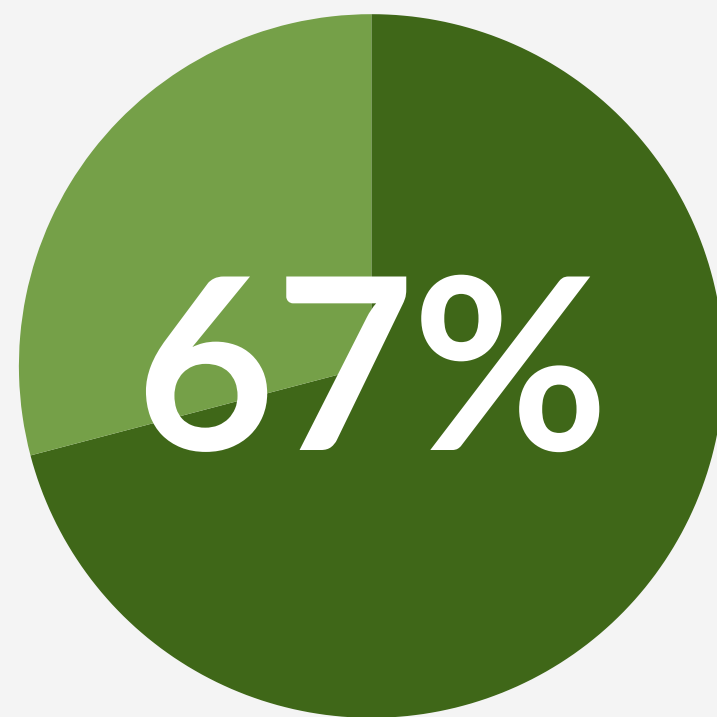
BILLINGS CHAMBER ADVOCACY EFFORTS



SUPPORT/
OPPOSE



PASSED/
DIED



VIDEO
CONFERENCES

SIX
Videoconferences

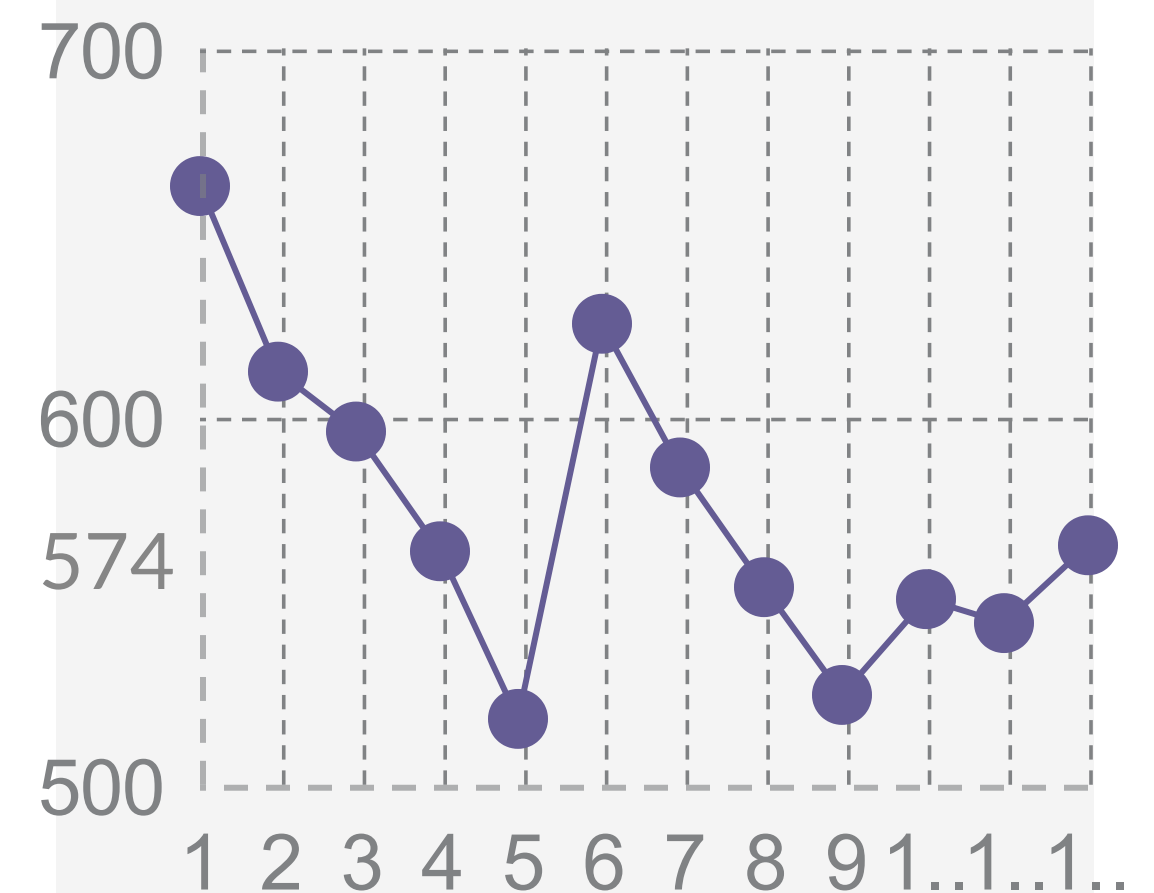
THIRTY
Avg Billings Attendance

TEN
Avg Legislator Attendance



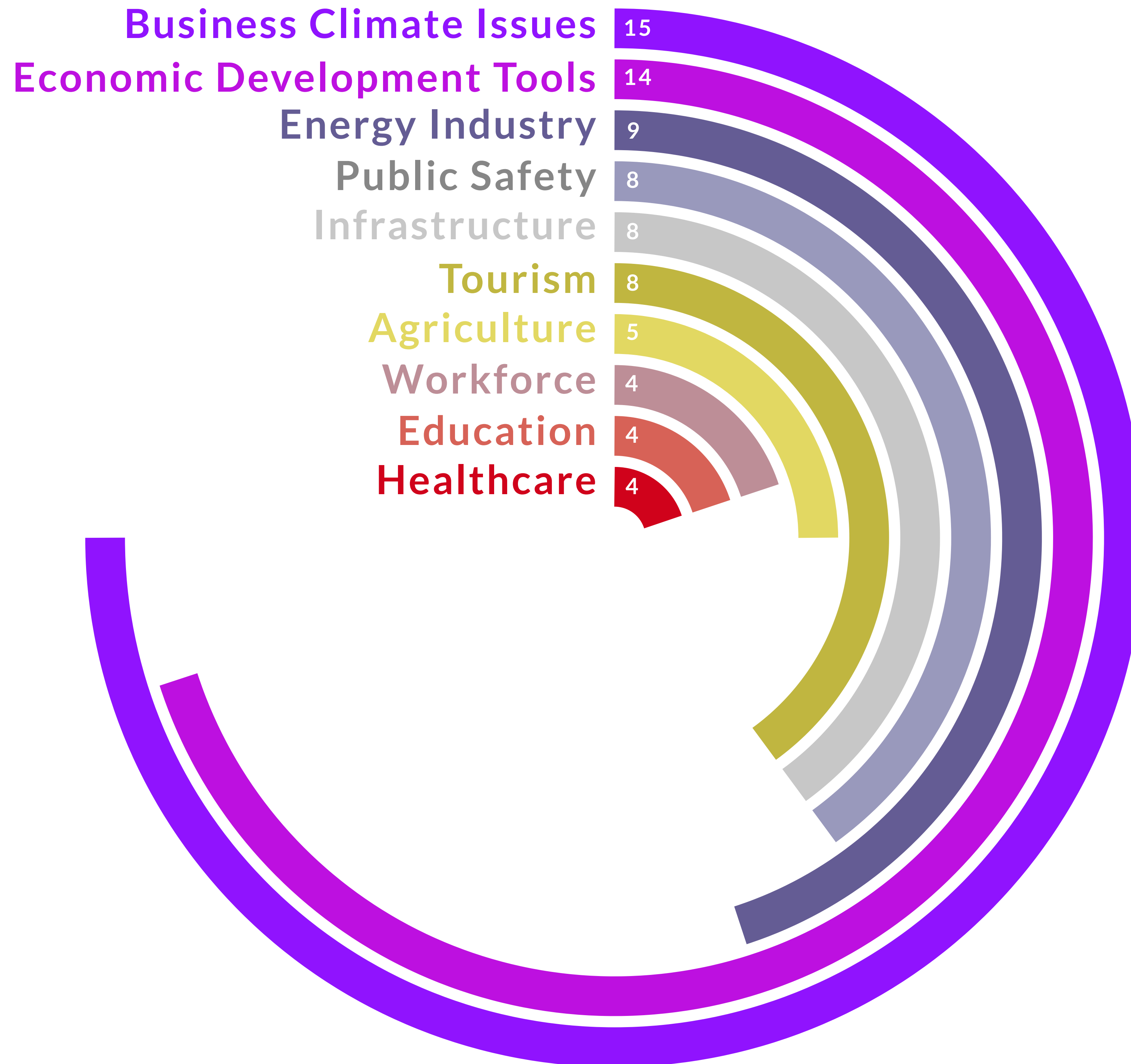
COMMUNICATION
REACH

12
Weekly email/blogs



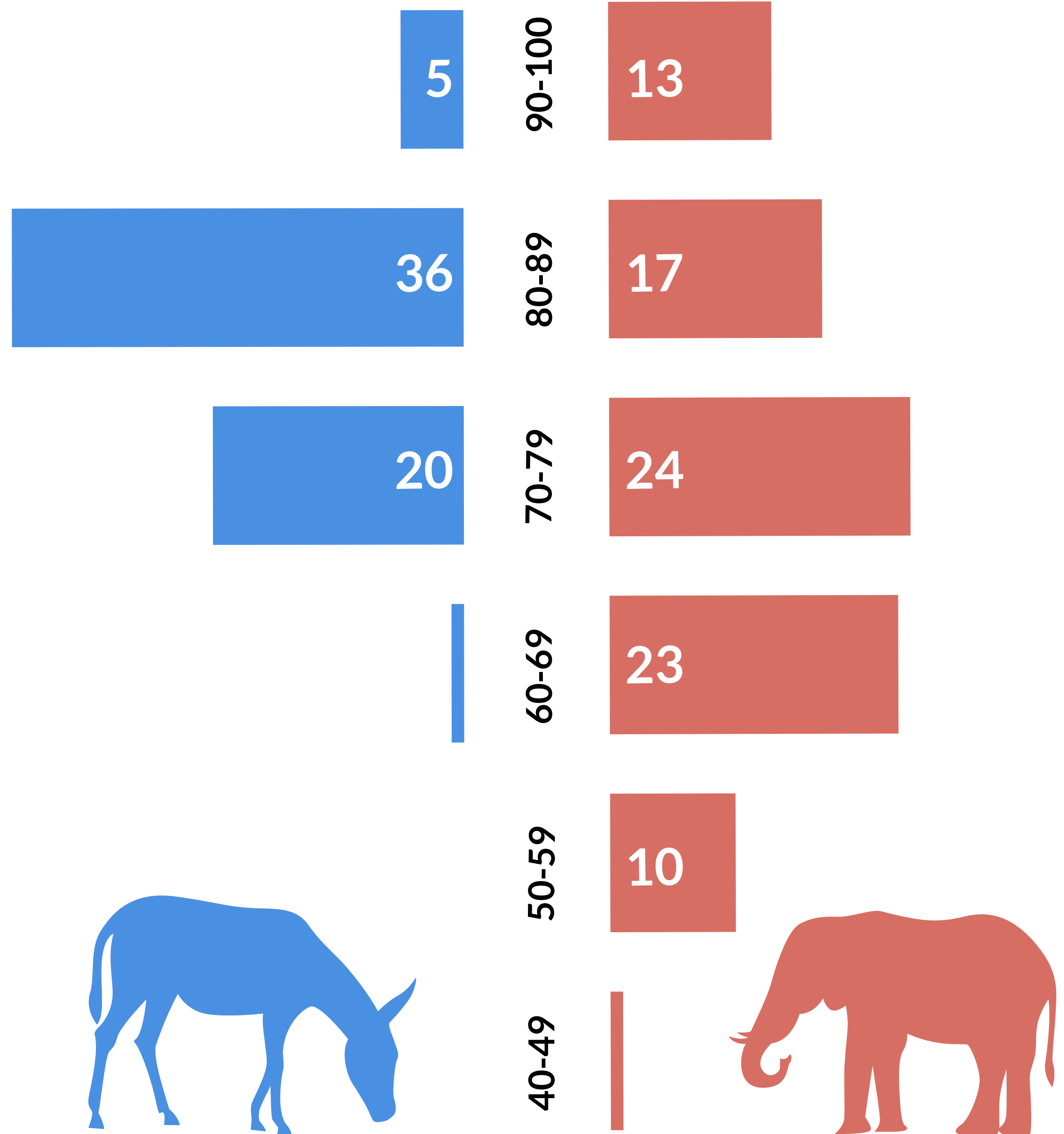


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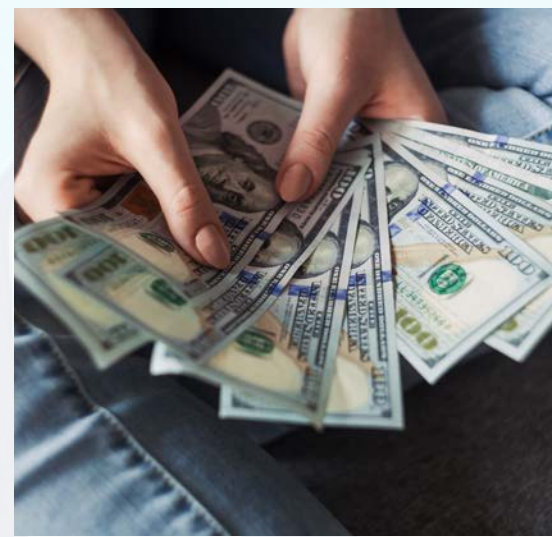
VOTE ALIGNMENT DISTRIBUTION

3rd Reading Votes on Chamber Support/Oppose List



BUSINESS ISSUES

Helping businesses grow and our community prosper.



HB 345
Mary Dunwell

Tabled (H)
Biz/Labor

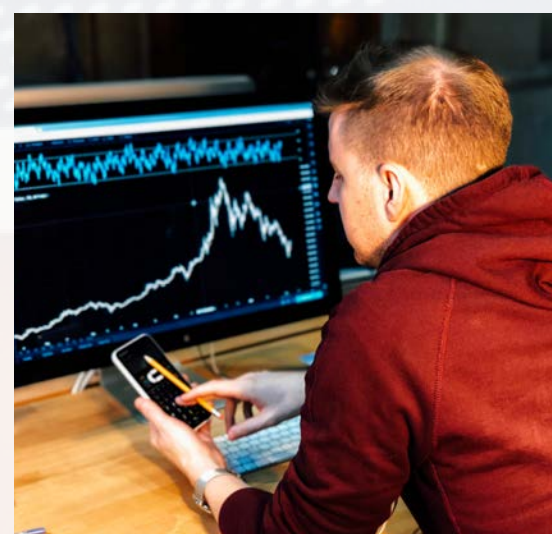
Increases Montana minimum wage from \$8.50 to \$15 per hour.



HB 581
Casey Knudsen

Became Law

Mandates timely licensure by professional and occupational boards. 45 day max, or 10 days to inform of application deficiencies.



SB 266
Mark Blasdel

VETO

Tax credit to business for net job growth associated with a project in MT & within certain industries.



HB 702
Joel Krautter

Tabled (H) Tax

Provides a tax credit for a cash investor and borrower with a minimum investment of \$25,000 and engaged in innovation.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TOOLKIT



HB 52 Jim Keane

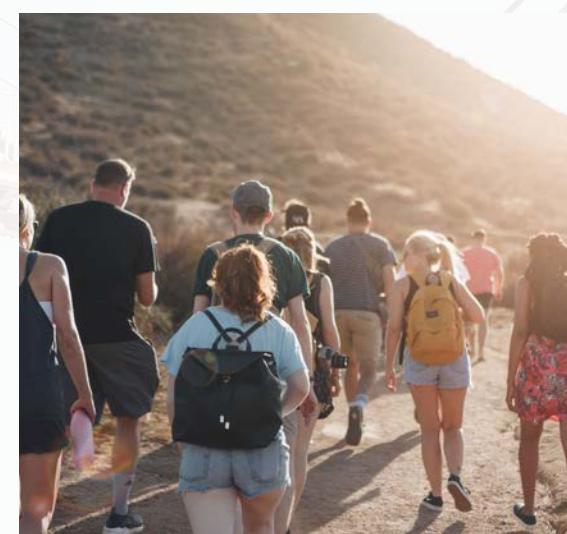
Became Law

Reauthorize 2019 Econ Dev Programs: SBDC, MT Manufacturing Center, CRDC, etc.



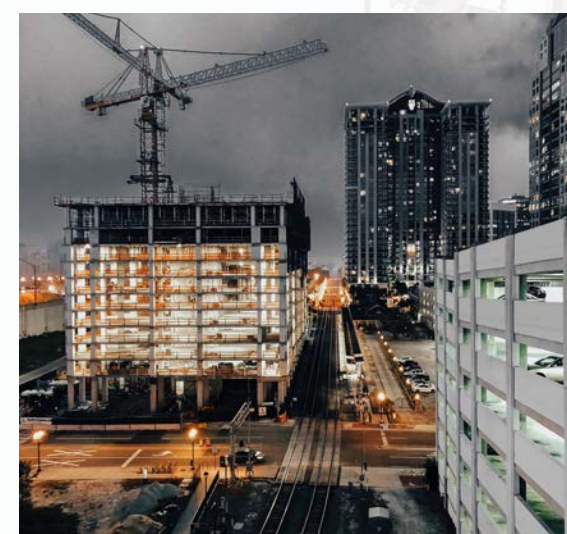
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Garcia	HB 367 Add Cmte	Tabled (H) Tax
Burnett	HB 462 15% Ceiling	Tabled (S) Tax
Jacobson	SB 135 School Levy	No Hearing



LOA

Fern	HB 195 LOA	Tabled (H) Tax
Bishop	HB 435 Gateway	Tabled (H) Tax
Fern	HB 449 Pop limits	Tabled (H) Tax
Welborn	SB 241 1% Infra	Became Law



SB 340 Roger Webb

Tabled (S) Tax	406 Impact Districts: authorize local communities to create impact districts, incentivize private investment, and partner to build civic infra w/o increasing tax rates.
Failed (S) Blast	

Adding options to fund needed economic development in MT.



SUPPORT SB340

406 IMPACT DISTRICTS

A STATEWIDE ECONOMIC TOOL



Hearing Proponents

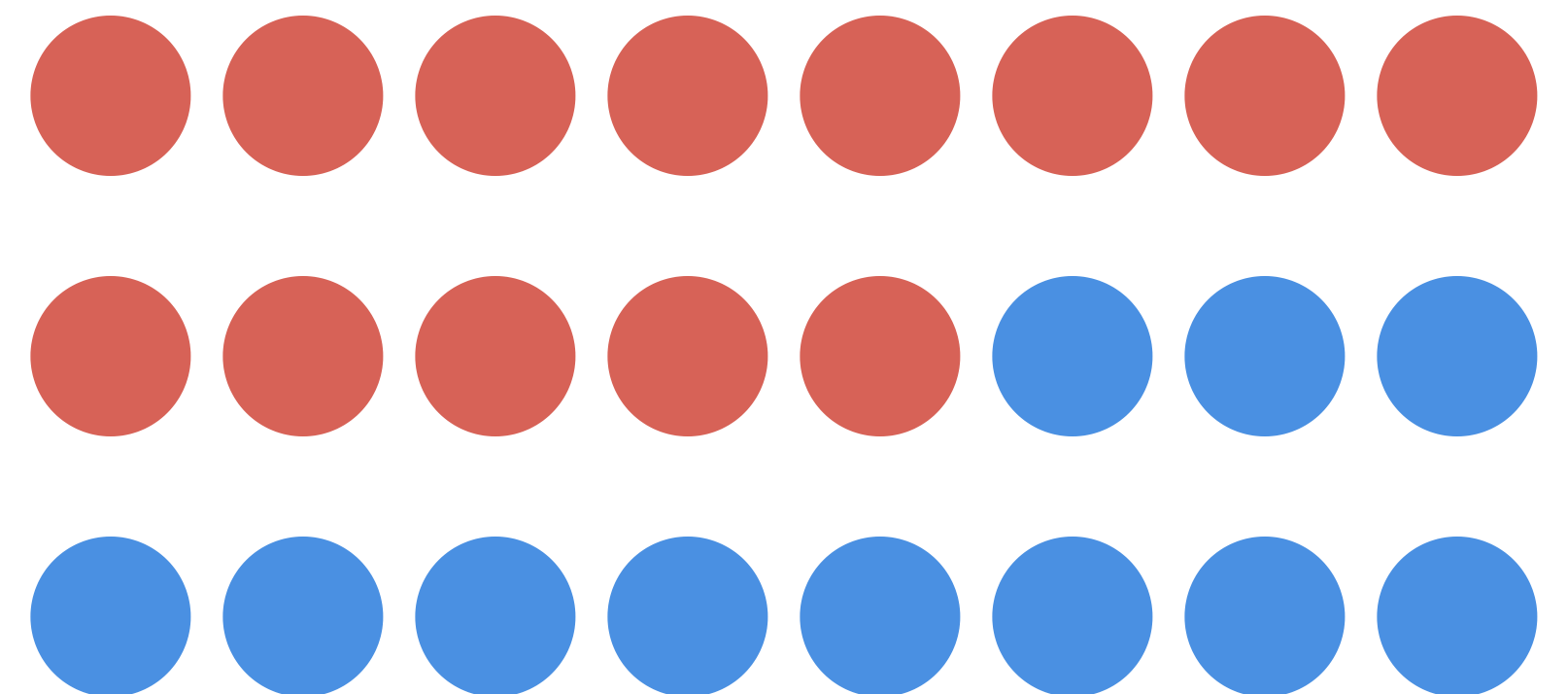
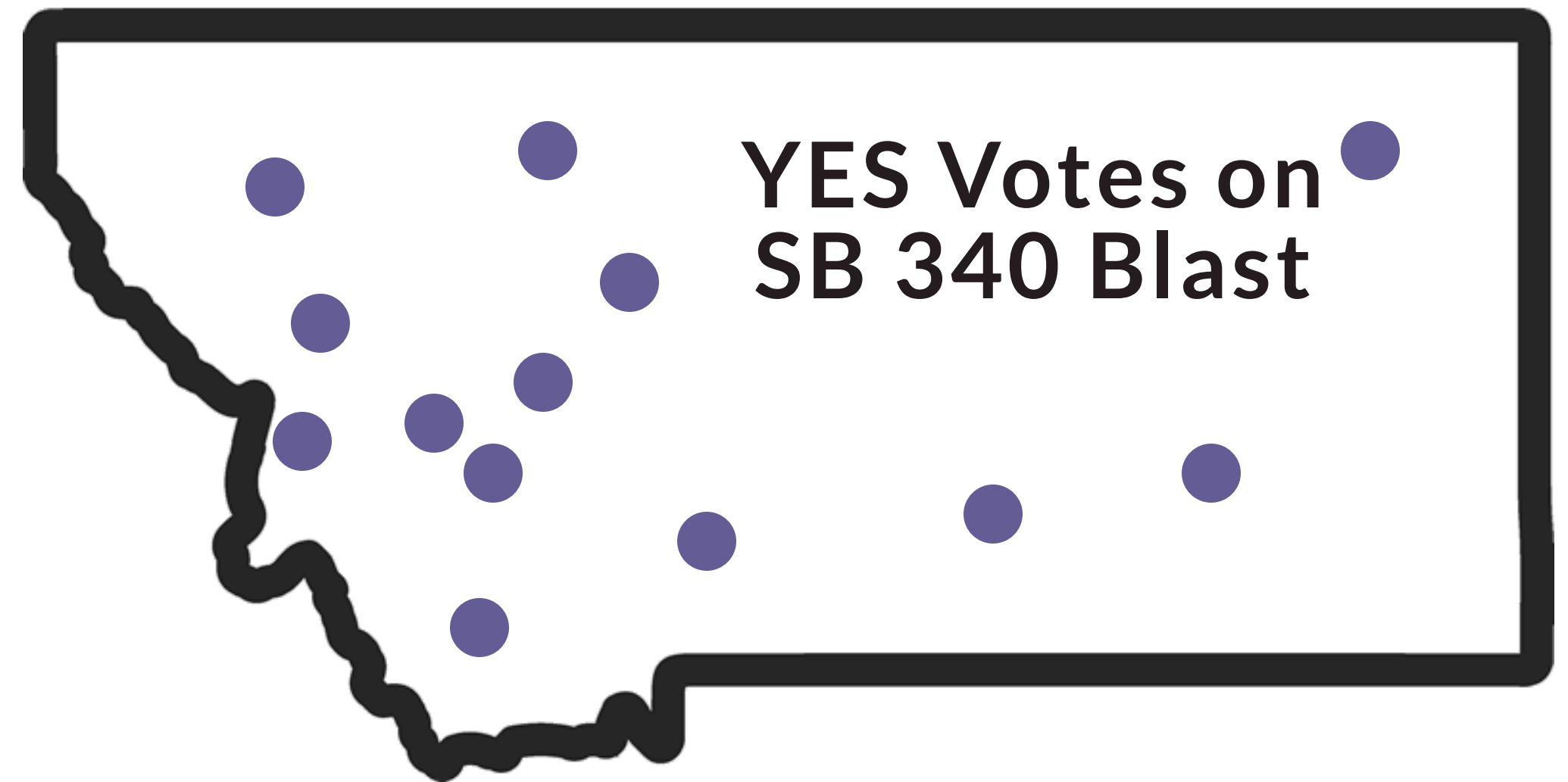


BOZEMAN^{MT}

CITY OF
MISSOULA



Blast Motion (24-25)



■ Republicans (54.17%)
 ■ Democrats (45.83%)



SUPPORT SB340

406 IMPACT DISTRICTS

A STATEWIDE ECONOMIC TOOL



Senators voting YES on SB 340 Blast Motion



Roger Webb



Duane Ankney



Tom Richmond



Jason Small



Margie MacDonald

THANK YOU!!!



Mary McNally



Jen Gross



PUBLIC SAFETY

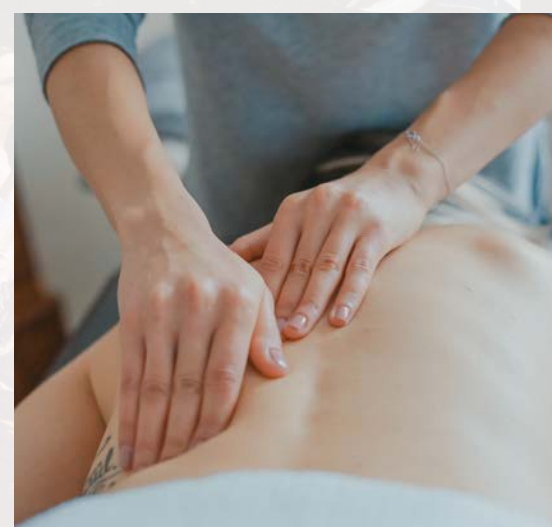
Ensuring our residents are safe and commerce can thrive.



SB 147
Margie MacDonald

Became Law

Revising the definition of prostitution, increase penalties if trafficking is known, and protecting victims.



HB 749
Daniel Zolnikov

Became Law

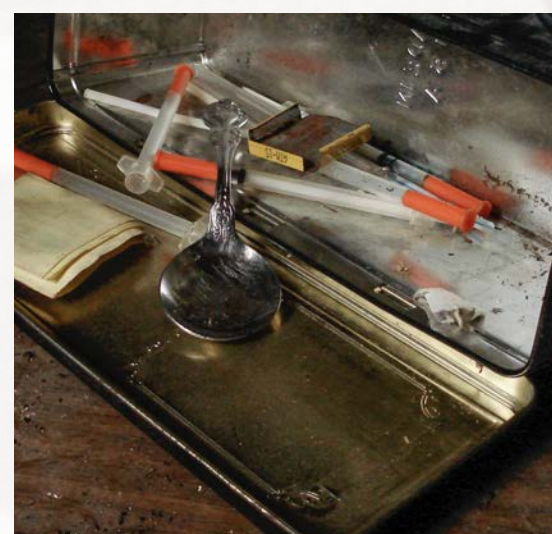
Require massage licenses be displayed, allow LE to inspect, and funding two human trafficking enforcement agents from DOJ.



HB 190
Bruce Grubbs

Became Law

Strikes the 80% floor for reducing speeds in a school zone or near a senior center. Can go no lower than 15 mph.



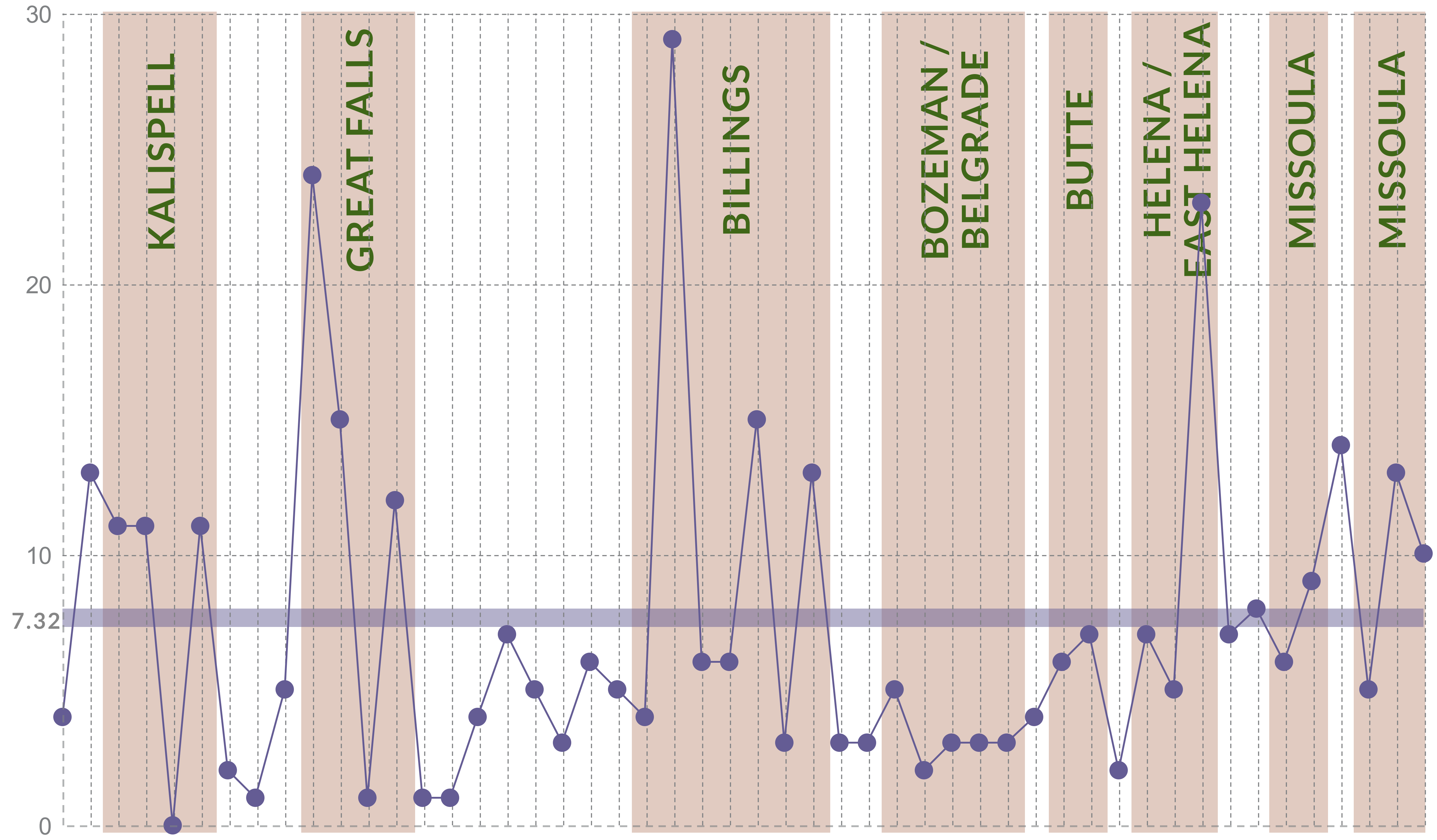
HJ 9
Kathy Kelker

Tabled (H) Jud

Study to review the direct and indirect costs local governments and businesses incur for individuals with substance use and mental health disorders.

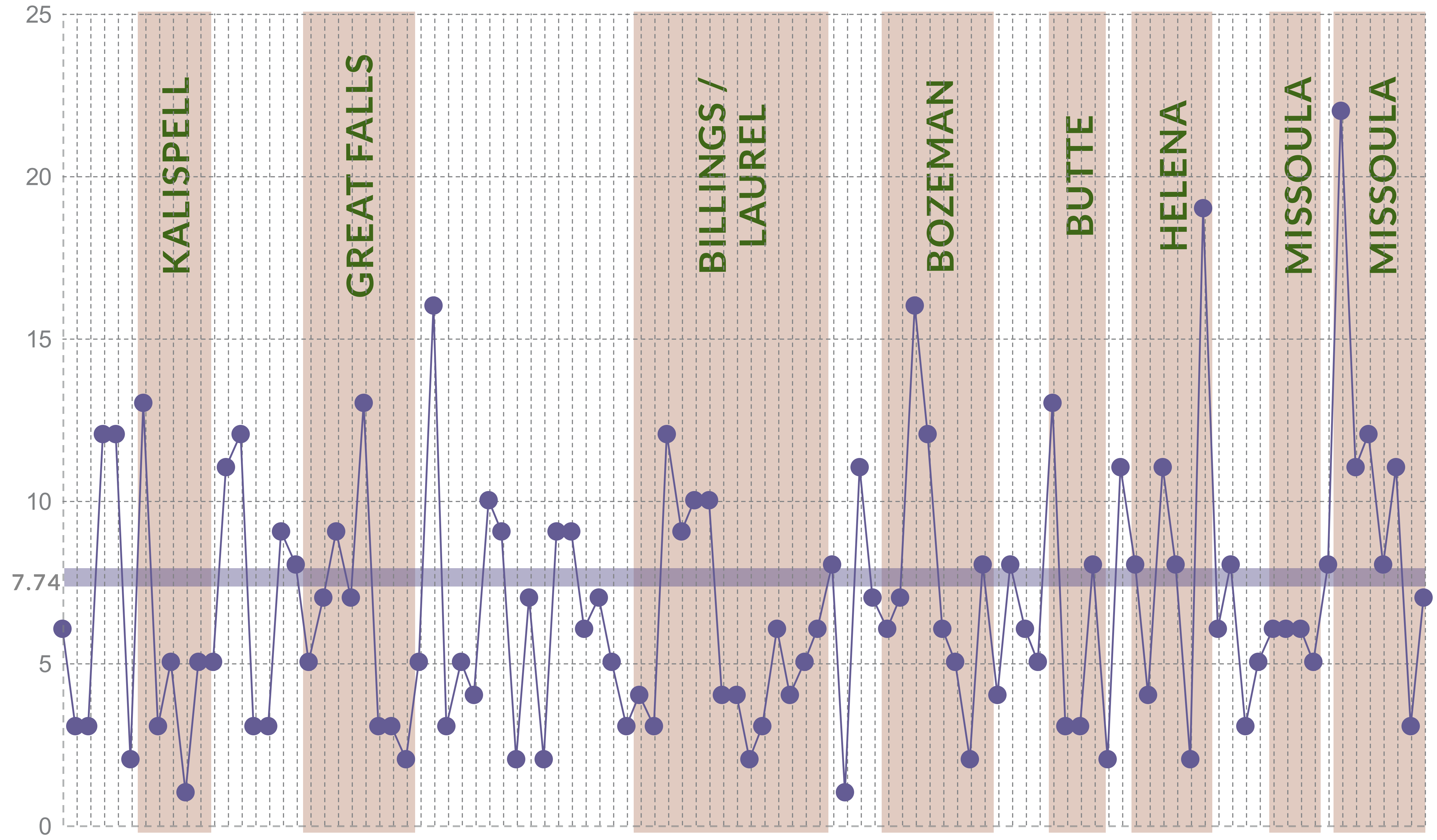
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Bills Sponsored (Senate)



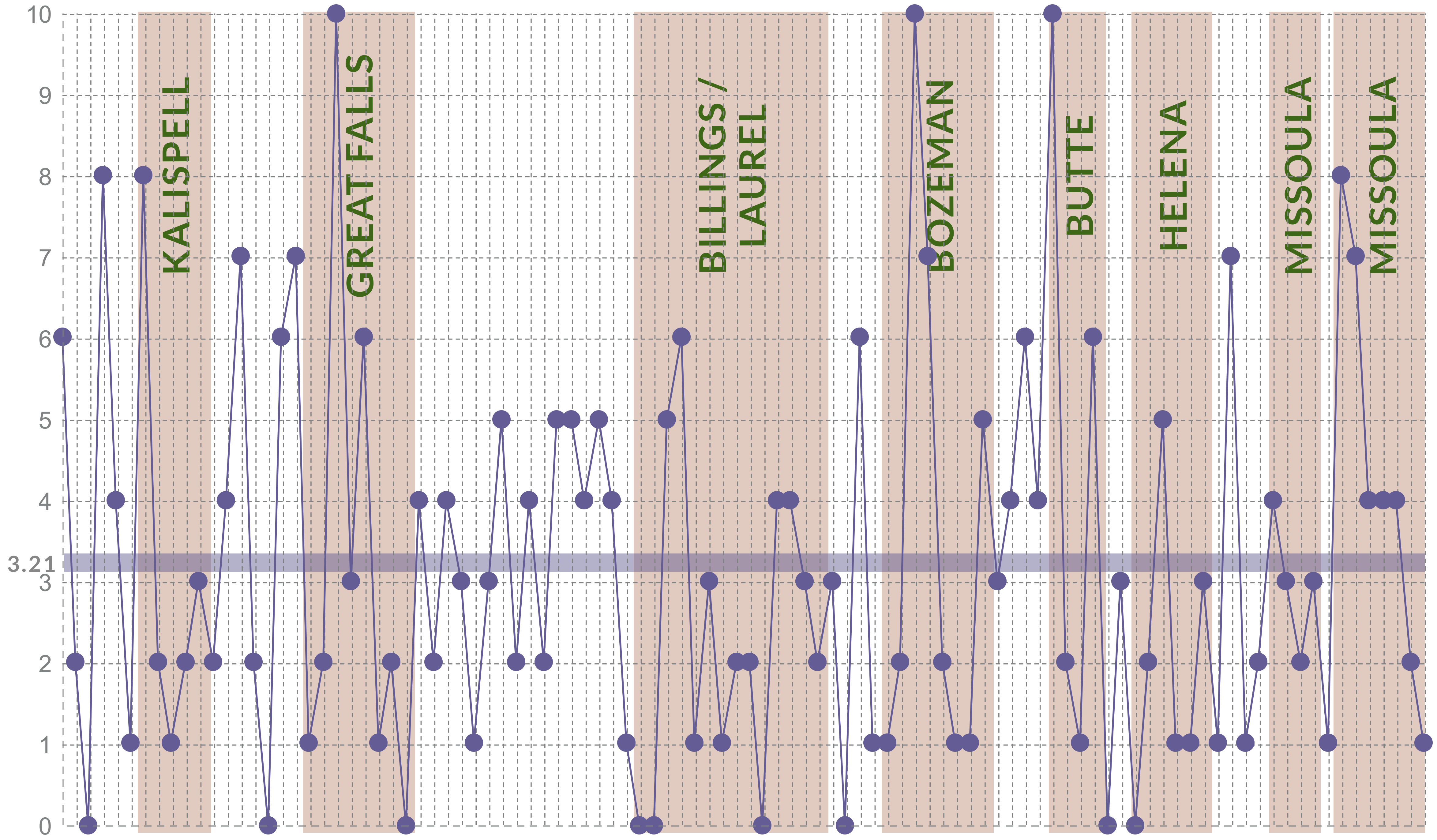
LAWMAKER DATA

Bills Sponsored (House)



LAWMAKER DATA

Bills Passed (House)



2019 LEGISLATIVE VOTING REVIEW



01

// BILL SELECTION

Bills were selected with consideration for our policy issues, and an emphasis on bills with floor votes from both House and Senate. This allows you to see how legislators voted and compare their votes to the rest of our delegation.

02

// COMMITTEE VOTES

A few committee votes were selected as well. While those only show a few votes taken by our delegation, rather than our entire body of legislators, we think they are important issues our members should be aware of.

03

// FAVORING BIPARTISANSHIP

While the selected bills appear to favor Republican sponsorship, a conscious effort was made to select bills that garnered bipartisan support. Besides the chosen committee votes, all of the bills used for scoring were bipartisan.

04

// CALCULATING SCORES

Voting Scores were calculated by taking the number of Business Positive votes and dividing by the total number of votes. Instances where legislators were excused or absent were not factored in to the final Voting Score.

2019 LEGISLATIVE VOTING REVIEW



LEGISLATOR SCORECARD

Strategic Priorities

Economic Prosperity

SENATE

Chamber Position	Bill #; Sponsor (Party) Description	Economic Development Tools			Tourism Industry Support			Public Safety			Business Climate			Education			Natural Resources		Health Care	VOTING SCORE	
		SB 340* 406 Impact Districts	HB 652 Mike Hopkins (R) Bonding Bill	HB 52 Jim Keane (D) Econ Dev Programs	HB 293 Wylie Galt (R) Film Tax Credits	SB 24 Terry Gauthier (R) Opt-out Increase for Trails	SB 338 Terry Gauthier (R) Constructing MHC	SB 147 M. MacDonald (D) Human Trafficking	HB 190 Bruce Grubbs (R) Speed Limit Authority	HB 749 D. Zolnikov (R) Human Trafficking	HB 345 Mary Dunwell (D) Increase Minimum Wage	SB 266 Mark Blasdel (R) Business Tax Credits	HB 581 Casey Knudsen (R) Require Timely Licensure	HB 218 Sue Vinton (R) Career & Technical Ed	SB 152 Dick Barrett (D) 6-mill Sunset Repeal	HB 351 W. McKamey (R) Transformational Learning	SB 189 Dick Barrett (D) Establish Carbon Tax	HB 286 Alan Redfield (R) Revise Water Right Laws	HB 403 Barry Usher (R) Revise Coal Tax Laws		HB 658 Ed Buttrey (R) Medicaid Expansion
// Duane Ankney		👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	NV	👍	👍	NV	👎	👍	NV	👍	👍	👍	94%	
// Jason Small		👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	NV	👍	👍	NV	👍	👍	NV	👍	👍	👍	100%	
// Doug Kary		👎	👍	👍	👍	👎	👎	👍	👍	👍	NV	👍	👍	NV	👎	👍	NV	👍	👍	👎	69%
// Roger Webb		👍	👎	👎	👎	👎	👎	👍	👍	👍	NV	👍	👍	NV	👎	👍	👎	👍	👍	👎	53%
// Mary McNally		👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	NV	👎	👍	NV	👍	👍	NV	👍	👍	👍	94%
// Jen Gross		👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	NV	👍	👍	NV	👍	👍	NV	👎	👍	👍	94%
// Margie MacDonald		👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	NV	👍	👍	NV	👍	👍	NV	👍	👎	👍	94%
// Cary Smith		👎	👍	👍	👎	👎	👎	👍	👍	👍	NV	👍	👍	NV	👎	👍	NV	👍	👍	👎	63%
// Tom Richmond		👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	NV	👍	👍	NV	👍	👍	👎	👍	👍	👎	94%
// David Howard		AB	👎	👍	👎	👎	EX	👍	👎	👎	NV	👍	AB	NV	👎	AB	NV	👍	👍	👎	42%

Vote Key: 👍 Business Positive, 👎 Business Negative, NV No Vote Taken, EX Excused, AB Absent, * - Blast Motion



THANK YOU!

