



MONTANA LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

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The 2019 legislative session adjourned on Thursday, April 25, 2019. The League tracked and actively lobbied more than 150 bills that affected Montana municipalities.

In last few weeks of the legislative session, there were multiple attempts to raid entitlement share payments and shift other costs to cities and towns that would have resulted in cuts to local general fund revenues. Together with our partners and the help of many local elected officials and municipal staff, we were successful in stopping these pieces of legislation.

REVENUE AND FINANCE

Tracking Level - Support Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0052	Revise funding for various economic development programs	Jim Keane	Chapter Number Assigned
<p>Staff Summary: This is the administration's economic development funding bill. It reauthorizes several OTO and sunseting EcoDevo programs at Commerce. As amended, it defunds the Board of Research and Commercialization and repeals the program entirely, and transfers those funds directly to Dept of Agriculture's marketing program, increases funding to Ag's Growth through Agriculture program, and increases Commerce's appropriations for the small business development center, the regional CRDCs, and the MSU manufacturing extension center. As amended, the sunset on the programs is 8 years. The League joined MEDA, Governor's Office, the Department of Commerce, and MACo in support.</p>			
HB 0411	Revise laws related to AIS expenditures and funding	Willis Curdy	Chapter Number Assigned
<p>Staff Summary: As amended, this bill requires a \$10 AIS prevention pass on nonmotorized boats and \$30 on motorized boats operating in Montana for funding the state's aquatic invasive species (AIS) prevention program. This bill also allocates 1.4% of the state's lodging facilities tax, extends and revises hydroelectric facility fees, and increases boat registration fees to fund the program. The bill reduces nonresident fishing license fees. The bill appropriates portions of the revenues to FWP and DNRC for AIS prevention programs and to FWP for specific improvements at Tiber and Canyon Ferry reservoirs for AIS prevention. The bill's provisions have varying effective dates.</p>			
HB 0636	Revise laws related to protested taxes	Llew Jones	Chapter Number Assigned
<p>Staff Summary: This bill allows local governments to use the taxes on 75% of assessed value of centrally assessed or industrial property taxes protested by the owner. If the final determination of the protest finds that the Department of Revenue's original assessed value was off by more than 75%, the state has to repay the local taxing jurisdictions for the difference.</p>			
HB 0656	Generally revise oil and gas tax and distribution laws	Joel Krautter	Chapter Number Assigned
<p>Staff Summary: This is the League's bill to restore the flow of Privilege and License tax to cities and towns. Under this bill, the rate of the privilege and license tax will remain statutorily set at .03%. By rule, the Board of Oil and Gas will establish what portion of the tax revenues are necessary to fund the Board's activities; the next .08% of the tax will go to the fund for distribution for cities and towns; and any remaining revenues will remain in the Board's reserve fund for use or appropriation by the Legislature for programs related to oil and gas development.</p>			
HB 0661	Revise aviation fuel taxation	Geraldine Custer	Chapter Number Assigned
<p>Staff Summary: This bill increases the state aviation fuel tax from 4 cents to 5 cents per gallon. The bill also eliminates the current refund of fuel taxes to commercial airlines, redirects those revenues as grants to local governments for airport improvements, and increases airplane registration fees.</p>			
HJ 0035	Interim study of state and local tax policy	Alan Redfield	House - (H) Filed with Secretary of State
<p>Staff Summary: This House Joint resolution calls for an interim study of Montana's state and local tax structure and policy by the Revenue Interim Committee (previously Revenue and Transportation Interim Committee). This tax study was the top ranked study for the 2019-2020 interim, and has been assigned to the Revenue Interim Committee.</p>			

Tracking Level - Opposed Dead

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0118	Create grant program to remove lead from school water supplies	Julie Dooling	House - (H) Died in Process
<p>Staff Summary: This bill proposed to create a grant program to reduce lead in drinking water at public schools and day-care centers. As introduced, the bill proposed to double the public water supply system annual service connection fees to fund the program. The League opposed the bill as introduced and worked with DNRC and the sponsor on an amendment to remove the fee increase to pay for the program. The bill was tabled in House Natural Resources Committee.</p>			
HB 0148	Require 2/3 of legislature to enact a new tax or fee or a tax or fee increase	Forrest Mandeville	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Taxation

Tracking Level - Opposed Dead (Continued)

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0208	Establishing family medical leave insurance	Moffie Funk	House - (H) Died in Process
<p>Staff Summary: This bill proposed to create a compulsory state paid family medical leave program. Unlike the federal FMLA (only employers with more than 50 employees), it would apply to all public employers in Montana. It would require both employer payment into a leave fund and guaranteed leave. The League opposed the bill as introduced, but approached the sponsor about working on an amendment to create a voluntary buy-in program. The bill was tabled by House Business and Labor Committee.</p>			
HB 0232	Revise assessment of taxes during condemnation proceedings	Bill Mercer	Senate - (S) Died in Standing
<p>Staff Summary: This bill sought to require government entities to pay the taxes due on property they are condemning as of the date of the summons through the entirety of the condemnation proceedings. The bill would have also removed the exemption for payment of property taxes by state and local government during condemnation.</p>			
HB 0269	Constitutional amendment for taxpayer protection act to limit tax types	Derek Skees	House - (H) Died in Process
<p>Staff Summary: This is bill proposed a legislative referendum to amend the Montana constitution to prohibit any taxes in Montana except property tax, income tax, and a statewide sales tax. The bill would also limit tax types at any one time (including any tax local governments impose) to any two out of three choices - property, income, or sales.</p>			
HB 0300	Generally revise taxes and the distribution of revenue through sales tax	Kerry White	House - (H) Died in Process
<p>Staff Summary: This bill proposed to remove all local government authority to levy property taxes, eliminating property taxes statewide and replacing with a 2.5% statewide sales tax. A portion of the revenues from the sales tax would have been used to cover existing local infrastructure debt. Also established a local government critical facilities commission (new elected statewide body) that would review future local government infrastructure projects and award funds to local governments.</p>			
HB 0674	Increase state gas tax distribution to recreation-related programs	Kerry White	House - (H) Died in Process
<p>Staff Summary: This bill proposed to increase the gas tax allocation to the snowmobile account and the off-highway vehicle account.</p>			
HB 0773	Modifying entitlement share payments	Matt Regier	Senate - (S) Died in Process
<p>Staff Summary: As introduced, this bill proposed to study the increasing costs of OPD and take entitlement share beginning in 2023 biennium to help fund the program. The League and MACo were successful in getting a slim majority of House Appropriations to remove the appropriation of entitlement share, leaving just a study of OPD costs. When the bill transmitted to the Senate, the Senate Finance and Claims committee amended the study bill to again steal entitlement share. The League and MACo lobbied the full Senate to successfully kill the bill in its entirety on 2nd reading. This issue will likely be discussed during the interim by the Law and Justice, Local Government, and/or Legislative Finance Committees and we will need to remain vigilant about protecting the Local Government Reimbursement Program.</p>			
SB 0239	Provide for moratorium on property taxes for broadband fiber and cable	Jason Ellsworth	Senate - (S) Veto Override Vote Mail
<p>Staff Summary: This bill proposed to exempt fiber optic or coaxial cable, including all capitalized costs associated with construction and deployment of the cable, and other property that is normally operated in the installation and deployment of such cable, from taxation during installation and for a period of 5 years starting from the date of deployment. After 5 years, the exemption would have been phased out at 20% per year to full taxation after 10 years. Neither the terms "during installation" nor "date of deployment" were defined. Vetoed by Governor.</p>			
SB 0315	Revise laws on public defender assignments related to local ordinances	Scott Sales	House - (H) Died in Standing
<p>Staff Summary: 'This bill would have required local governments to assign, screen, and pay for a public defender on a charge under a local government ordinance when incarceration is a potential penalty for the offense. The League and MACo successfully proposed an amendment to the bill to clarify that the responsibility would only inure if the defendant was not concurrently charged with any state crime for which incarceration is a potential penalty. This bill was part of the larger discussion on stealing entitlement share to pay for the increasing costs of OPD.</p>			

Tracking Level - Support Dead

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0372	Increase inflation limitation on government entities for property tax levies	Tom Welch	House - (H) Died in Process
Staff Summary: This bill proposed to remove the 1/2% rate of inflation cap on local government mill levies.			
SB 0340	Authorize statewide economic opportunity district	Roger Webb	Senate - (S) Died in Standing
Staff Summary: This bill created the One Big Sky economic development tool proposed by the City of Billings.			

Tracking Level - Opposed Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0217	Remove suspension of driver's license as punishment for certain crimes	Casey Knudsen	Chapter Number Assigned
Staff Summary: This bill prohibits judges from suspending driver's licenses for nonpayment of fines, fees, or restitution. The bill has an immediate effective date and applies retroactively, allowing anyone whose driver's license is currently suspended to petition the court to reinstate the license. If the license was suspended solely for failure to pay fines, fees, or restitution, the court must reinstate the license and may not impose a reinstatement fee.			

Tracking Level - Monitor Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0002	General Appropriations Act	Nancy Ballance	Chapter Number Assigned
Staff Summary: HB 2 contains most appropriations for state agencies and their programs. The sections of the bill are handled by various joint subcommittees during the first half of the session, which then make recommendations to House Appropriations for approval. The final version of HB 2 must be approved by both houses of the Legislature. There is a line item in the final version of HB 2 for a "local government contribution" to the Office of Public Defender, but this line item had no corresponding companion bill to take the appropriation from the entitlement share.			
HB 0243	Revise laws related to the off-highway vehicle grant program	Kerry White	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 0328	Exempt conservation districts from certain fees	Alan Redfield	Chapter Number Assigned
Staff Summary: This bill exempts municipalities and other government entities from paying fees for certain water quality permits.			
HB 0694	Revise certain licensing fees for investment-related advisors	Jim Hamilton	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 0715	Generally revise laws related to state finance and provide for fiscal studies	Llew Jones	Chapter Number Assigned
Staff Summary: This bill contained updates to the 2017 session budget stabilization law. In addition, the bill proposed a study that was duplicative of HJ 35 study but to be conducted by the (fiscal focused) Legislative Fiscal Division and Legislative Finance Committee. The League and its strategic partners supported HJ 35, to be conducted by the (policy focused) Legislative Services Division and Revenue Interim Committee.			
SB 0160	Provide workers' compensation for presumptive diseases of firefighters	Nate McConnell	Chapter Number Assigned
Staff Summary: This bill creates a presumption that certain diseases were caused by the occupation of firefighting if they after a certain number of years of employment as a firefighter and within 10 years of the last day after which the firefighter last engaged in firefighting activities. The MMIA obtained an actuarial to estimate increased costs to its W/C members, and the Board approved those increases beginning FY 2020. The League supported an amendment to SB 126 to authorize a permissive levy to pay for increased W/C costs related to preemptive coverage, which did not pass.			
SB 0200	Provide for equal classification of homes on a foundation	Roger Webb	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0204	Revise tax exemption laws for certain mobile homes	Margaret MacDonald	Chapter Number Assigned

Tracking Level - Monitor Dead

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0031	Revise fire assessment fees	Willis Curdy	House - (H) Died in Process
Staff Summary: This bill reflects the EQC's interim proposal to assess fees to land outside of municipalities for wildland fire protection preparedness and aviation equipment replacement.			
HB 0032	Revise laws related to aquatic invasive species programs	Willis Curdy	House - (H) Died in Process
Staff Summary: This bill reflects the EQC's interim proposal to assess fees on boats for funding the state's aquatic invasive species (AIS) prevention program.			
HB 0053	Revise Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund program	Patricia Peppers	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0329	Provide funding for local emergency services	Alan Redfield	House - (H) Died in Standing Committee (H) Local Government
Staff Summary: This bill proposed to transfer \$14 million from the lodging facility tax account to counties for emergency services.			
HB 0458	Revise tax laws related to opportunity zones	Connie Keogh	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0673	Constitutional amendment to prohibit or limit tax increases on appeal	Daniel Zolnikov	Senate - (S) Died in Standing
HB 0675	Provide for tax on secondary housing and property tax relief for homesteads	Thomas Winter	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0691	Eliminate oil and gas tax holiday	Tom Woods	House - (H) Died in Process
SB 0121	Establish a fee for disposable carryout bags	Sue Malek	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs
SB 0138	Revise fair market valuation with respect to eminent domain	Steve Hinebauch	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Judiciary
SB 0211	Require holding period for certain property tax exemptions	Russel Tempel	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Taxation
SB 0272	Revise zone pay and dispatch cities for prevailing wages	Steve Hinebauch	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs

INFRASTRUCTURE

Tracking Level - Support Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0005	Long-Range Building Appropriations	Jim Keane	Chapter Number Assigned
<p>Staff Summary: This bill provides cash appropriations (general fund, state special revenues, and federal special revenues) for 2021 biennium state long-range building projects.</p>			
HB 0006	Renewable Resource Grants	Jim Keane	Chapter Number Assigned
<p>Staff Summary: This bill provides cash appropriations (state special revenues) for the renewable resources grant and loan program housed at DNRC. The bill contains just over \$2 million for emergency, planning, irrigation and watershed grants during the 2021 biennium, including funding for 4 local infrastructure projects placed "on hold" after the 2017 special session. The bill contains approximately \$3.125 million in funding for 28 municipal infrastructure projects.</p>			
HB 0007	Reclamation & Development Grants	Jim Keane	Chapter Number Assigned
<p>Staff Summary: This bill provides cash appropriations (state special revenues) for the reclamation and development grant program housed at DNRC. The bill contains just over \$2 million for planning grants, the AIS program, and funding for 2 local infrastructure projects placed "on hold" after the 2017 special session. The bill contains approximately \$850,000 in funding for 3 municipal infrastructure projects.</p>			
HB 0008	Renewable Resource Bonds & Loans	Jim Keane	Chapter Number Assigned
<p>Staff Summary: This is the state's biennial regional water project bonding bill. The bill includes the state match for federal funds on the Central Montana, Dry-Redwater, Dry Prairie, North Central, and St. Mary's Diversion project through the issuance of bonds against the coal severance tax bond fund.</p>			
HB 0011	Treasure State Regional Water Program	Jim Keane	Chapter Number Assigned
<p>Staff Summary: This bill provides cash appropriations (state special revenues) for the treasure state endowment (TSEP) grant program housed at Commerce. The bill contains \$7.5 million for 14 local infrastructure projects placed "on hold" after the 2017 special session. The bill also provides \$1 million for emergency and planning grants during the 2021 biennium. The bill contains approximately \$7.1 million in funding for 11 municipal infrastructure projects.</p>			
HB 0259	Generally revise special district laws	David Bedey	Chapter Number Assigned
<p>Staff Summary: This bill addresses the transition provision for special purpose districts in effect when the consolidated statute went into effect in 2009.</p>			
HB 0292	Extend funding to Coal Board	Barry Usher	Chapter Number Assigned
<p>Staff Summary: This bill continues the current funding allocation of 5.8% (of the first 50%) of the coal severance tax revenues to the Coal Board for grants to local and tribal governments. The 5.8% allocation was slated to decrease to 2.9% on June 30, 2019; now it will remain at 5.8% until June 30, 2023.</p>			
HB 0652	Revise the long range building bonding program	Mike Hopkins	Chapter Number Assigned
<p>Staff Summary: This bill is the first state and local infrastructure bonding bill to be passed by the Legislature in several legislative sessions. The bill authorizes just under \$40 million in bonds to fund additional long-range building (state facilities), \$19 million in bonds to fund local infrastructure projects through the TSEP, RRGL, and RDGP programs, and just under \$22 million in bonds to fund a new "delivering local assistance" infrastructure grant program for cities, towns, counties, tribes, and school districts. The bill contains approximately \$11.4 million in bond funds for 31 municipal infrastructure projects and \$10.75 million in new local infrastructure grants that municipalities are eligible for.</p>			
SB 0024	Increase optional light motor vehicle registration fee for parks and recreation	Terry Gauthier	Chapter Number Assigned
<p>Staff Summary: This bill provides an increase in motor vehicle registration to create and fund a new grant program for trails, shared use paths, and trail-related facilities. Municipalities are eligible applicants.</p>			

Tracking Level - Support Passed (Continued)

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 0191	Allow counties to establish a coal trust fund	Duane Ankney	Chapter Number Assigned
Staff Summary: This bill allows counties to establish a reserve fund to hold coal trust distributions over time to address needs when they arise.			
SB 0241	Allow increased resort tax for infrastructure	Jeffrey Welborn	Chapter Number Assigned
Staff Summary: This bill allows Red Lodge, West Yellowstone, and Virginia City to ask their voters to add a 1% tax to their existing resort tax to pay for infrastructure.			
SB 0243	Generally revise laws related to maintenance districts	Janet Ellis	Chapter Number Assigned
Staff Summary: This is the League's bill to allow for additional methods of assessment (same list as currently available to all special purpose districts) and private sector financing for street maintenance districts.			
SB 0318	Provide for pre-approval of property tax abatement for new or expanding industry	Roger Webb	Chapter Number Assigned
Staff Summary: This bill authorizes a local government to approve a tax abatement for a new or expanding industry prior to commencement of			
SB 0338	Provide for construction of the Montana Heritage Center and create museum grants	Terry Gauthier	Chapter Number Assigned
Staff Summary: This bill increases the lodging facility tax by 1% (from 3% to 4%) to pay for reconstruction of the Montana Historical Society museum and create a historic preservation grant program at Commerce. The first biennium the historic preservation grants are split \$400,000 each to the Moss Mansion and Daly Museum.			

Tracking Level - Support Dead

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0014	Long-Range Building Bonding Program	Ryan Lynch	House - (H) Died in Standing Committee (H) Appropriations
Staff Summary: This was the Governor's proposed infrastructure bonding bill. (See HB 652.)			
HB 0195	Provide for local option luxury sales tax to fund infrastructure	Dave Fern	House - (H) Died in Process
Staff Summary: This bill proposed the same type of local option sales tax as proposed by the Infrastructure Coalition in the 2017 Legislative Session. Tabled by House Taxation Committee.			
HB 0315	Provide funding for rehabilitation of St. Mary Water Project	Jim Keane	House - (H) Died in Standing Committee (H) Appropriations
Staff Summary: This bill proposed bonding authority for the state to issue and sell up to \$15 million in general obligation bonds for the St. Mary water project rehabilitation account.			
HB 0435	Provide for gateway local option tax	Laurie Bishop	House - (H) Died in Process
Staff Summary: This bill proposed to authorize a Gateway County local option tax. The bill would have allowed municipalities in a "tourist impact zone" the option to put the question of a maximum 4% local option tax to their voters to help pay for the impacts of tourist visitation on their communities. Tabled by House Taxation Committee.			
HB 0449	Revise population limit for resort tax	Dave Fern	House - (H) Died in Process
Staff Summary: This bill proposed to increase the resort area population ceiling to 2,500 and resort community to 5,000.			
HB 0740	Provide for local option sales tax	Christopher Pope	House - (H) Died in Process
Staff Summary: This bill proposed another local option sales tax.			

Tracking Level - Support Dead (Continued)

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 0015	Allow certain state funds to be used for affordable housing infrastructure	Carlie Boland	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs
<p>Staff Summary: This bill was originally proposed by Rep. Adam Hertz to the Local Government Interim Committee without input by the League or MACo. As originally written, the bill would have added affordable housing to the types of local projects eligible for TSEP grants. The League asked Rep. Hertz to modify the proposal to provide that currently eligible infrastructure projects could obtain additional ranking points by serving affordable housing. The League then worked with Sen Boland to make these same modifications. Sen Boland chose instead to pursue an interim housing study, which the League and others supported. Unfortunately, the study came too late for consideration by the House and died in process. The League will continue to work with the Housing Coalition in the interim on solutions to the housing crisis in Montana.</p>			
SB 0307	Generally revising alternative project delivery laws	Jeffrey Welborn	House - (H) Died in Process
<p>Staff Summary: This is the Infrastructure Coalition's alternative project financing bill.</p>			

Tracking Level - Monitor Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0299	Generally revising laws related to improvement district bonds	Jasmine Krotkov	Chapter Number Assigned
<p>Staff Summary: This bill removes the current \$250,000 monetary restriction on private negotiated bond sales on SIDs; allows more flexibility to have a private negotiated sale for variable rate bonds at an amount higher than \$250,000.</p>			
HB 0553	Generally revise infrastructure funding laws	Frederick Moore	Chapter Number Assigned
<p>Staff Summary: This bill creates a "structure" for future legislative funding of infrastructure: 1) provides a minimum level of funding for major state facility repair projects for each fiscal year; 2) provides annual minimum general fund transfers to fund new major state facility construction projects for each fiscal year; 3) authorizes future legislatures to issue GO bonds up to an amount equal to 0.6% of the fair market value of all taxable property within the state and 1.5% of general fund revenues to pay the debt and debt service; and 4) directs the Governor's Budget Director to prepare and submit to the legislative fiscal analyst on or before September 1 recommendations for state facility and local infrastructure projects to be funded in the next legislative session. There are no appropriations or projects in the bill - these must be funded in a companion bill (see HB 652).</p>			

Tracking Level - Monitor Dead

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0194	Revise lodging and rental car taxes including local option	Mary Dunwell	House - (H) Died in Process
<p>Staff Summary: This bill proposed a new 3% local option sales and use tax on accommodations and campgrounds and on the base rental charge for rental vehicles within a "tourist impact area" along an approach corridor to a national park or national monument, a state park, a major Montana tourist attraction, or a Montana airport. The voter-approved tax could be spent on affordable housing, emergency services, public health and safety, and administrative costs, and was required to provide 5% property tax relief. The bill also defined short term rentals and required them to register with DOR and pay the accommodations tax. The sponsor indicated she was going to move an amendment to remove the local option sales and use tax portion of the bill, so the League was only going to monitor the bill. The bill was then tabled by House Taxation Committee.</p>			
HB 0616	Provide renewable resource bonds and loans laws	Mike Hopkins	House - (H) Died in Process
<p>Staff Summary: This bill is the same as HB 8, the biennial regional water project bonding bill.</p>			

Tax Increment Financing

Tracking Level - Support Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 0321	Revise laws pertaining to targeted economic development districts	Brian Hoven	Chapter Number Assigned
<p>Staff Summary: This bill requires TEDD districts to remit any TIF revenues after sufficient funds are available for redevelopment activities and bond payments are made. The League worked with Senator Hoven on amendments to apply the bill only to new TEDD districts created after the effective date of the act that have bonded (thereby extending the timeframe of the district) and to clarify that the bill only requires remittance when no further projects have been planned for.</p>			

Tracking Level - Opposed Dead

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0367	Require advisory committee for urban renewal districts that use TIF	Rodney Garcia	House - (H) Died in Process
<p>Staff Summary: This bill proposed to require all local governing bodies to appoint an advisory committee for expenditure of TIF funds.</p>			
HB 0462	Revise administration of tax increment financing districts	Tom Burnett	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Taxation
<p>Staff Summary: This bill proposed numerous duplicative reporting requirements for urban renewal and targeted economic development districts that have adopted a TIF provision. These requirements would have placed additional administrative burdens on districts with TIF with no additional benefit to the public.</p>			
SB 0135	Remove school levies from calculation of tax increment after 15th year	Tom Jacobson	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Taxation
<p>Staff Summary: This bill proposed to exclude school district mill levies from the calculation of the tax increment after the 15th year following adoption of the tax increment provision. The sponsor pulled the bill from consideration prior to the committee hearing.</p>			

Land Use, Planning and Housing

Tracking Level - Support Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0016	Establish affordable housing loan program	Dave Fern	Chapter Number Assigned
<p>Staff Summary: This bill authorizes up to \$15 million against the coal tax trust fund for low-income housing development loans. Amendments in the House require the projects to be multi-family housing for low- and moderate-income units for no more than 95% of total development project costs and subject the project to property taxes. The loan rate cannot be less than .5% below the regular Housing Montana fund loan rate, and servicing fees are split between the Board of Housing and the loan recipient.</p>			
HB 0124	Authorize county commissioners to lift agricultural covenants -limited situation	Forrest Mandeville	Chapter Number Assigned
<p>Staff Summary: This bill allows a parcel created with an ag covenant exemption to be reaggregated back together with the original parcel without subdivision review. It also allows local governments to lift the covenant without subdivision review if the use of the property switches from ag to a public use.</p>			

Tracking Level - Opposed Dead

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0354	Restrict sexually explicit materials and sexually oriented businesses	Rodney Garcia	House - (H) Died in Process
<p>Staff Summary: Section 4 of the bill proposed placing statewide spacing requirements on sexually oriented businesses that would have conflicted with and preempted the existing local zoning for these businesses in many of our cities; it also would have required existing business licenses to be revoked by the city, putting the liability on the city.</p>			
SB 0033	Revise subdivision laws	Tom Richmond	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Local Government
<p>Staff Summary: Removes language from subdivision phasing passed in last session.</p>			
SB 0263	Allow exemptions for certain divisions in a subdivision	Jason Ellsworth	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Local Government
<p>Staff Summary: This bill proposed to allow family transfer exemptions within a platted subdivision. As proposed, it would have created a major loophole in subdivision law.</p>			

Tracking Level - Support Dead

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0236	Generally revise building code program laws	Dave Fern	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Local Government
<p>Staff Summary: This is the League's bill to allow local governments to hold building code fee reserves necessary to cover costs for 24 months, based on previous 3 years of expenses. MBIA supported. Bill passed the House but was tabled in Senate Local Government.</p>			
SB 0018	Establish workforce housing tax credits	Margaret MacDonald	Senate - (S) Died in Process
<p>Staff Summary: This is 2nd of Housing Coalition bills. This bill would have created a higher low income housing state tax credit.</p>			

Tracking Level - Opposed Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 0300	Generally revise property laws to protect property rights	Kenneth Bogner	Chapter Number Assigned
<p>Staff Summary: This bill prohibits an HOA from restricting uses that were allowed or not regulated within the HOA at the time a landowner purchase the property governed by an HOA. As originally introduced, the bill contained broad language that defined property rights generally in state statute contrary to existing statutory and constitutional law. The League worked with the sponsor and his contituent on an amendment to remove this language. After the amendment was put on the bill in House Judiciary on 4/3/19, the League moved from opposing to monitoring the bill.</p>			

Tracking Level - Monitor Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 0276	Revise laws related to condos and townhouses	Roger Webb	Chapter Number Assigned
<p>Staff Summary: This bill attempts to streamline the conversion of condominiums to townhomes. The League worked with the sponsor and his constituents on an amendment that clarified such conversion does not exempt the application of local zoning codes or state building code requirements for townhomes. After this amendment, the League monitored the bill.</p>			

Tracking Level - Monitor Dead

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0253	Adopt a vacant property registration act	Jacob Bachmeier	House - (H) Died in Process
<p>Staff Summary: This bill proposed to authorizes a local government to establish a vacant property registration list and charge fees for cleanup of vacant sites.</p>			
HB 0494	Allow for tiny homes and tiny homes on wheels	Zach Brown	House - (H) Died in Process
<p>Staff Summary: As introduced, this bill would have exempted "tiny homes" (less than 320 sf) from the state building code but clarified that local governments could regulate them. The League worked with the sponsor and his constituents on amendments that would have instead allowed local government building codes to apply the existing IBC Appendix on tiny homes to such buildings, which has not yet been adopted by the state. The bill was tabled before any amendments were moved.</p>			
SB 0198	Providing legal access to parcels exempt from subdivision review	Jason Ellsworth	House - (H) Died in Standing
<p>Staff Summary: This was MACo's bill to authorize local governments to require legal access for a division of land exempt from subdivision review.</p>			

Water and Wastewater

Tracking Level - Support Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0055	Revise Sanitation in Subdivisions Act	Forrest Mandeville	Chapter Number Assigned
Staff Summary: This bill is the global clean-up to the SISA law, mostly does not concern municipalities.			
SB 0048	Revise variances to water quality standards	Tom Richmond	Chapter Number Assigned
Staff Summary: This bill authorizes the DEQ to create variances to water quality standards through rulemaking.			
SB 0296	Private right of action for waste of water	Steve Fitzpatrick	Chapter Number Assigned
Staff Summary: This bill would clarify that private entities or individuals have the right to bring a lawsuit to protect against the unlawful use of water.			

Tracking Level - Monitor Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HJ 0014	Study of future of the Water Court	Bradley Hamlett	House - (H) Filed with Secretary of State
Staff Summary: This Joint Resolution directs a study of the Water Court to review the court's future role in the administration of water rights in Montana. The study will be conducted by the Water Policy Interim committee during the 2019-2020 interim.			
SB 0151	Clarify notice procedures for exempt right claims	Steve Fitzpatrick	Chapter Number Assigned
SJ 0003	Interim study on optional septic drain fields	Fred Thomas	Senate - (S) Filed with Secretary of State
Staff Summary: This Joint Resolution directs a review of septic system regulations in Montana and other states that includes an examination of alternative septic systems would benefit public health, the environment, and residents in rural communities. The whereas appear to provide a foregone conclusion that septic systems protect public health and safety and provide for a cost effective and equally effective way of treating wastewater as municipal and public systems. The study will be conducted by the Local Government Interim Committee.			

Tracking Level - Monitor Dead

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0180	Limiting transfers by water rights certificate holders	Bradley Hamlett	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0556	Provide for innovative sewage disposal technology	Joel Krautter	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0600	Prohibit sale or marketing of exempt groundwater	Bradley Hamlett	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0625	Eliminate numeric nutrient standards for water quality laws	Bill Mercer	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Natural Resources
Staff Summary: This bill would put DEQ back to the narrative nutrient standards.			
HB 0708	Revise volume for groundwater exemption	Bradley Hamlett	House - (H) Died in Process

Colstrip-Related Legislation

Tracking Level - Monitor Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0467	Authorize securitization for energy infrastructure	Denise Hayman	Chapter Number Assigned
<p>Staff Summary: This bill authorizes electric utilities to apply to the public service commission for the issuance of bonds to lower costs (refinance debt) when retiring or replacing electric infrastructure or facilities. In summary, NWE's customers are on the hook to pay off the costs of the Colstrip facilities, irrespective of when they close, which may be sooner than planned or financed for. NWE ratepayers are currently paying more than 8% interest as they pay down the \$407 million plant until 2042; HB 467 provides NWE with the ability to obtain refinancing at rates as low as 2-3%.</p>			

Tracking Level - Monitor Dead

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 0331	Establish the Montana energy security act	Tom Richmond	House - (H) Died in Process

Local Control and Other

Tracking Level - Support Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0105	Revise process for out-of-state licensure for professional licensing boards	Katie Sullivan	Chapter Number Assigned
Staff Summary: This bill creates mandatory system of reciprocity for licensing professionals that are licensed by other states.			
HB 0331	Allow cities to collect waste fees	Ross Fitzgerald	Chapter Number Assigned
Staff Summary: This is the League's bill to create statutory authority for municipalities to establish, charge, and collect rates, rentals, and charges for solid waste services, similar to current statutory authority for establishing, charging, and collecting rates for water and sewer services. Current law allows local municipalities only to levy for solid waste services.			
SB 0002	Allow government accounting standards to include DOA framework	Margaret MacDonald	Chapter Number Assigned
Staff Summary: This bill was proposed during the interim by the Local Government Services division of DOA. The bill provides DOA authority to adopt rules that would allow smaller local governments to use an alternative financial reporting framework from GAAP. The League will remain involved as this proposal undergoes the rulemaking process during the interim.			
SB 0020	Allow certain municipalities to annex onto a rural fire district	Roger Webb	Chapter Number Assigned
Staff Summary: This bill allows 2nd class cities to remain contracted with an existing rural fire district or other fire protection agency rather than require the creation of a municipal fire department.			
SB 0163	Generally revise lighting improvement district laws	Steve Fitzpatrick	Chapter Number Assigned
Staff Summary: This is the League's street lighting district bill with NWE. The bill cleans up outdated statutory language and provides that if lighting district installation or maintenance is provided by agreement with a public utility, the provision of services are bound by the terms of the utility's approved tariff schedules.			
SB 0195	Generally revise energy performance contracting laws	Jill Cohenour	Chapter Number Assigned
Staff Summary: This is the League's bill to fix the energy performance contracting statutes to maximize local autonomy and authority in negotiating and entering into contracts with private sector energy performance contractors (ESCO). The bill clarified DEQ's role as providing resources and technical assistance when local governments wish to work with an ESCo to upgrade existing facilities with energy efficient improvements without an initial capital outlay.			
SB 0254	Revise laws regarding chief municipal judges	Diane Sands	Chapter Number Assigned
Staff Summary: This bill provides a statutory process for assigning and rotating chief municipal judges.			
SB 0302	Generally revise laws related to local government budgeting and accounting	John Esp	Chapter Number Assigned
Staff Summary: The bill creates an administrative review and exhaustion procedure for a local government entity's failure to meet budgeting, reporting, and auditing requirements, and creates a limited cause of action for violation after those administrative remedies are exhausted. The League worked with MACo on this version of the bill and it was introduced as a Senate Judiciary committee bill.			

Tracking Level - Support with Amendment Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0155	Generally revise Montana weapons laws	Casey Knudsen	Chapter Number Assigned
Staff Summary: This bill removes remaining restrictions on the carrying of switchblades and other knives. The League worked with MACo and the sponsor to retain the authority of local governments to regulate the carrying of knives on public property and within public buildings. After the amendment was put on the bill, the League monitored.			

Tracking Level - Opposed Dead

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0125	Limit use of emergency ordinances by local government	Forrest Mandeville	House - (H) Died in Process
Staff Summary: This bill proposed to restrict a local government's use of emergency ordinances, requiring findings of imminent peril to public health safety and welfare, and allowing judicial review by anyone aggrieved by an emergency ordinance.			
HB 0146	Establish laws regarding sanctuary cities in Montana	Kenneth Holmlund	House - (H) Vetoed by Governor
Staff Summary: This bill was essentially the same as the one proposed in the 2017 session. It would have prohibited a local government from enacting, adopting, implementing, enforcing, or referring to the electorate any policy that prohibits or restricts providing immigration information to the federal government. The bill would have also required local governments to detain individuals at the request of federal immigration authorities. The League requested the Governor veto the bill.			
HB 0147	Referendum to establish sanctuary city laws in Montana	Kenneth Holmlund	House - (H) Died in Process
Staff Summary: This bill was the same as HB 146, but as a referendum. If both bills passed the legislature, and the Governor vetoed HB 146, this bill would have placed the question on the general election ballot in 2020. This bill died on the House floor on a tied 50-50 vote.			
HB 0325	Generally revise firearm laws	Matt Regier	House - (H) Vetoed by Governor
Staff Summary: This bill as amended would prohibit local governments from regulating the carrying of permitted concealed weapons, and would limit local government regulation of open carry to only a "publicly owned and occupied building." State law would still prohibit the carrying of permitted concealed weapons in "portions of a building used for local government offices." The bill would also prohibit local governments from regulating in the area of firearms, generally, removing the language in the statute that the City of Missoula relied on to pass a universal background check ordinance. The League, MACo, the Montana School Boards Association, the School Administrators of Montana, and the Montana Federation of Public Employees requested the Governor issue an amendatory veto retaining the ability of local governments and schools to regulate the carrying of concealed and open weapons to public assemblies, public parks, and public schools. The Governor issued a full veto of the bill, which automatically puts its referendum companion bill on the ballot in the fall of 2020.			
HB 0379	Establish working animal protection act	Theresa Manzella	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Local Government
Staff Summary: As introduced, the bill proposed to remove all local authority to ban or create an undue financial hardship through the regulation of "working animals," defined as an animal used to perform a specific duty or function in commerce or service, including but not limited to an animal in entertainment, transportation, education, exhibition, ranching, or service. The bill would have removed municipal authority to regulate chickens, swine, horses, and other commonly regulated animals in urban areas. The bill was amended to read as a policy statement only, but was tabled in Senate Local Government.			
HB 0396	Prohibit public employees from using position to support/oppose campaign	Matt Regier	House - (H) Died in Process
Staff Summary: This bill would have prohibited public employees from using their title in speaking in support or opposition to a political committee, a candidate for office, or a ballot issue.			
SB 0019	Revise laws related to local government budgeting and accounting	Roger Webb	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Judiciary
Staff Summary: See SB 302			
SB 0103	Revise laws on PSC regulation of municipalities	Roger Webb	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Energy & Telecom
Staff Summary: This bill proposed to put municipal utilities with more than 50,000 customers back under the oversight of the PSC.			
SB 0179	Prohibit expansion of prohibitions under Clean Air Act w/o approval by local gov	Douglas Kary	House - (H) Died in Standing Committee (H) Local Government
Staff Summary: This bill would have prohibited local boards of health from adopting and enforcing ordinances or policies restricting smoking on public campuses (i.e., prohibiting smoking outside on the campus). As amended, it would have also repealed all existing policies adopted unless they are approved by ordinance of the local city or county governing body.			

Tracking Level - Support Dead

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0470	Revise disability parking laws	Willis Curdy	House - (H) Died in Process
<p>Staff Summary: This bill proposed to update the state's disability parking law requirements to reflect ADA standards. The bill would have also provided authority to local governments to increase the fee for violation of disability parking requirements, and provided that 75% of the fee could be kept by the local government to use for ADA improvements.</p>			
HB 0618	Establish a fee for statewide safety communications systems	Bill Mercer	House - (H) Died in Process
<p>Staff Summary: This bill proposed to establish a fee of 95 cents per month per access line on each mobile phone subscriber in the state for the operation, maintenance, sustainability, and expansion of the statewide public safety communications system. The fees would have been statutorily appropriated to the statewide public safety communications system state special revenue account for use by DOJ in accordance with the existing Statewide Public Safety Communications System Act.</p>			
HB 0635	Establish a DUI reduction grant program	Wendy McKamey	House - (H) Died in Process
<p>Staff Summary: This bill proposed to create a DUI reduction grant program funded by tax increases on beer, wine, and hard cider. The bill would have created a board to oversee the award and administration of grants to municipal, county, and tribal governments, state agencies, DUI and treatment courts, public school districts, private schools, and organizations approved by the department of public health and human services to provide DUI prevention, education, and addiction treatment. The bill provided a seat on the board for a municipal mayor or chief executive officer as well as a seat for a county sheriff or city police chief. The revenues from the tax increases would have been statutorily appropriated to MDT for use by the new program.</p>			
SB 0017	Authorize creation of regional fire protection service authorities	Margaret MacDonald	Senate - (S) Died in Process
<p>Staff Summary: This is 1 of the 2 fire authority bills the League worked on during the interim. This bill would have provided a statutory process for creating a new regional fire authority. The bill was unexpectedly opposed by the wood products industry, who expressed concerns that the proposal would allow local governments to increase local fire fees. The bill failed to obtain the 2/3 vote needed in the Senate to transmit to the House.</p>			
SB 0053	Revise meal reimbursement for public employees	Jon Sesso	House - (H) Died in Process
<p>Staff Summary: This bill would have tied public employee lodging rates to the federal rate, and increase public employee meal reimbursement to 60% of the federal rate.</p>			
SB 0161	Allow concurrent service as water/sewer director and rural fire district trustee	Tom Jacobson	House - (H) Died in Standing Committee (H) State Administration
<p>Staff Summary: This bill proposed to allow an individual to serve concurrently as both an elected Director of a County Water and Sewer District and an elected trustee of a rural fire district. The bill did not pass, but the same specific proposal was covered by the broader language of HB 326.</p>			

Tracking Level - Opposed Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0357	Revise concealed carry laws	Matt Regier	House - (H) Filed with Secretary of State
<p>This bill creates a referendum to decide whether to prohibit local governments from regulating the carrying of permitted concealed weapons, and would limit local government regulation of open carry to only a publicly owned and occupied building. If this referendum passes, local governments can no longer regulate permitted concealed carry in any other place or for any reason, and can no longer regulate open carry at public assemblies or in parks. State law will still prohibit the carrying of permitted concealed weapons in portions of a building used for local government offices. Because the Governor vetoed the companion bill, HB 325, this referendum will go to the ballot in the fall of 2020.</p>			

Tracking Level - Monitor Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0129	Generally revising local government laws regarding elections	Ross Fitzgerald	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 0190	Revise local government authority to set school zone speed limits	Bruce Grubbs	Chapter Number Assigned
Staff Summary: This bill allows counties to set lower speed limits on county roads in school zones or near senior centers without an engineering or traffic study. It also removes a limiting factor on the ability to reduce speeds in those same areas when a traffic study is conducted, allowing it to be set by any local government to a minimum of 15 mph.			
HB 0267	Establish metering requirements for utilities	Daniel Zolnikov	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 0324	Generally revise laws related to county water and/or sewer districts	Walt Sales	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 0326	Allow person to serve on more than one special district board in rural area	Alan Redfield	Chapter Number Assigned
Staff Summary: This bill provides that in a community with less than 500 electors, persons can be elected to more than one special purpose district board within that community. This exception applies only if the person is appointed or running unopposed for the office.			
SB 0046	Revise laws related to distribution lists	Jill Cohenour	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0076	Regulate encroachments in highway right of way	Brian Hoven	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0253	Revise the tax lien and tax deed process for residential property	Cary Smith	Chapter Number Assigned

Tracking Level - Monitor Dead

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0169	Exempting certain cooperative purchasing agreements from competitive bidding	Marilyn Ryan	House - (H) Died in Process
Staff Summary: This was a Missoula County bill to provide similar procurement exemptions in state law for counties for cooperative purchasing that currently exist (pursuant to an Attorney General opinion) for municipalities. The municipal statute could stand some updating but we decided it's better to stay out of this discussion than open up our law for tweaking.			
HB 0197	Require public agency IT contractors use software to verify hours worked	Daniel Zolnikov	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0223	Deter the fraudulent use or theft of taxpayer funded resources	Wendy McKamey	House - (H) Died in Process
Staff Summary: This bill proposed to add redundant language to public employee standards of conduct prohibiting use of public equipment for personal gain. The League worked with the sponsor to explain the issue she was trying to address was already prohibited by law and the statute provides a process for lodging a complaint.			
HB 0321	Allow local governments to limit use of compression brakes	Fred Anderson	House - (H) Died in Process
Staff Summary: This bill would have specifically authorize local governments to limit use of compression brakes.			
HB 0405	Create catch and keep program for rural economic development	Joel Krautter	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Finance & Claims
HB 0448	Provide that employers allow employees reasonable time off for voting	Moffie Funk	Senate - (S) Died in Process
HB 0532	Generally revising privacy of settlements and public right to know laws	Bill Mercer	House - (H) Vetoed by Governor
SB 0029	Require workers' comp for all volunteer firefighters	Fred Thomas	House - (H) Died in Standing Committee (H) Judiciary

Tracking Level - Monitor Dead (Continued)

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 0209	Require provision of DPHHS services in certain counties	John Esp	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Finance & Claims
SB 0245	Establish commercial property assessed clean energy program	Mary McNally	House - (H) Died in Standing Committee (H) Taxation
<p>Staff Summary: This bill proposed the creation of a Commercial Property-Assessed Clean Energy Program (PACE). Same as last session (we supported, Sen Vincent was sponsor), with two changes. This time it would only be applicable to commercial and industrial facilities (including multifamily housing with 4 or more units). Like last time, it would have given local governments the authority to set up a PACE program and assess commercial and industrial real property owners for the costs associated with financing the energy efficiency improvements, but the financing was proposed to be through the MT Facility Finance Authority and the governing body would just pay the assessments to MFFA.</p>			
SB 0277	Allow appointment and additional qualifications of county auditors	Roger Webb	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) State Admin
SB 0314	Allow local authorities to decrease speed limits in residence districts	Nate McConnell	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Local Government
SB 0323	Allow the creation and assessment of a public safety district	Roger Webb	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Local Government
<p>Staff Summary: This bill would have created a specific statutory authority for creation of a public safety district, and required a method of assessment that inequitably places a larger assessment burden on non-profit organizations. The existing special district statutes already authorize the creation of this type of district and for the method of assessment treating property owner types differently based on considerations of use and equity.</p>			

Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

Tracking Level - Support Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0150	Generally revise 9-1-1 laws	Frank Garner	Chapter Number Assigned
Staff Summary: This bill modifies the existing 9-1-1 statute to clarify that tribal governments are eligible for distributions of funds and to participate on the 9-1-1- council; provide rulemaking authority to DOA for the program; and direct DOA to establish the allowable uses of the funds by eligible entities.			

Tracking Level - Support Dead

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0049	Create a vehicle occupant safety pilot program	Frank Garner	House - (H) Died in Process
Staff Summary: This bill proposed to make seat belt violations a primary offense. The program would have been established as a 4-year pilot to gather data on the safety effects of the change in the law.			
SB 0022	Increasing the victim and witness program surcharge	Roger Webb	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Judiciary

Tracking Level - Monitor Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0110	Generally revise pretrial diversion laws	Ryan Lynch	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 0192	Revise laws related to privacy in communications	Marilyn Ryan	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 0439	Revise laws related to misrepresented service animals	Denley Loge	Chapter Number Assigned
Staff Summary: This bill does several things: Defines service animal the same as in the ADA (dogs and miniature horses); this brings the Montana Human Rights Act and in line with the ADA, fixing a potential loophole in Montana law with respect to service animals. If a business suspects a person is fraudulently misrepresenting a service animal, the business may call local law enforcement ... to investigate. If local law enforcement is called to investigate, it must provide written results of the investigation to the business where the complaint was made. The bill makes misrepresentation of a service animal a misdemeanor codified in the Human Rights Act, but requires that the person charged must have previously been given a written warning that it is illegal to intentionally misrepresent a service animal. This may be difficult for local law enforcement to track in order to issue a misdemeanor citation.			
HB 0543	Revise laws related to misdemeanor expungement	Zach Brown	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0213	Generally revise evidence laws	Edith McClafferty	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0220	Generally revise probation laws	Keith Regier	Chapter Number Assigned

Tracking Level - Monitor Dead

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0353	Generally revise laws related to alcohol and drug addiction	Katherin Kelker	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0442	Generally revise evidence laws	Joe Read	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0446	Create misdemeanor offense for intentional misrepresentation of a service animal	Mary Dunwell	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0567	Establish Montana school marshal program	Derek Skees	House - (H) Vetoed by Governor
HB 0641	Revise laws related to false arrest and imprisonment	Joe Read	House - (H) Died in Process

Tracking Level - Monitor Dead (Continued)

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HJ 0009	Interim study on maintaining public safety while offering addiction treatment	Katherin Kelker	House - (H) Died in Standing Committee (H) Human Services
SB 0065	Generally revise drug and alcohol laws	Keith Regier	House - (H) Died in Standing Committee (H) Judiciary