



## 2021 MONTANA STATE LEGISLATURE FINAL REPORT

The 2021 legislative session adjourned on Thursday, April 29, 2021. The League tracked and actively lobbied more than 200 bills that affected Montana municipalities.

This legislative session saw an all-out attack on local government authority. In addition to new restrictions on tax increment financing, land use and planning authority, gun regulation, inclusionary housing, local option gas tax, and special district financing, the session ended with a proposal to prohibit local government associations from lobbying. Working together through our strategic public and private sector partnerships, local elected officials, and municipal staff, we were able to stop this idea and other proposals damaging to local government.

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## REVENUE AND FINANCE

### Tracking Level - Support Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HJ 0008	Provide for a study of pension laws	Frank Garner	House - (H) Filed with Secretary of State
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This is Rep. Garner's bill to study all pension issues and proposed solutions during the 2021-2022 interim. The League supported this study in favor of making any changes to pension laws during the 2021 session. HJ 8 ranked 2nd out of 28 studies and was assigned to the State Administration and Veteran's Affairs (SAVA) Committee.</p>			

### Tracking Level - Opposed Dead

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0059	Revise funding provisions in PERS	Jim Hamilton	House - (H) Died in Process
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> One of several bills to propose substantive financial changes to the state employees retirement system. The League opposed all of these bills in favor of an interim study of the pension systems (HJ 8).</p>			
HB 0107	Revise mill levy election laws	Ron Marshall	House - (H) Died in Process
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would have required a two-thirds vote to approve any voted property mill levy. The bill contained edits to all existing references to voted mill levies within specific city and county voted mill levy authorization statutes (Sections 1-6), school district voted mill levy authorization statutes (Sections 8-10), and modified 15-10-425 to require 2/3 vote for passage (Section 7).</p>			
HB 0172	Generally revise practice of land surveying laws	John Fuller	House - (H) Died in Process
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would have broadly exempted surveying activities from the definition of land surveying and removed these activities from licensing board oversight.</p>			
HB 0261	Constitutional amendment for taxpayer protection act to limit tax types	Derek Skees	House - (H) Died in Process
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This 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 have limited 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 0288	Provide business property tax exemption during state of emergency or	Bob Phalen	House - (H) Died in Process
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would have provided a property tax exemption for businesses in local jurisdictions that issued a directive, mandate, or order imposing a curfew or occupancy reduction under emergency or public health authority.</p>			
HB 0323	Generally revise pension laws	Terry Moore	House - (H) Died in Process
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would have affected employer contributions to the pension systems and change how and when the rate is changed annually. The League opposed all pension bills in favor of an interim pension system study (HJ 8).</p>			
SB 0077	Revise special district financing and dissolution provisions	Tom McGillvray	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Taxation
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would have made two major changes to special district assessments (under the consolidated special district statute). Limited the annual increase in the assessment to the inflationary cap provided for in 15-10-420 (one-half of the average rate of inflation for the prior 3 years); and Created new landowner petition processes to dissolve the special district: If those representing the property assessed at least 50% of the total assessment of the district petitioned to dissolve, the governing body would have been required to dissolve. If those representing the property assessed at least 2% but less than 50% of the total assessment of the district petitioned to dissolve, the governing body would have been required to submit the question to the district electors. The bill provided for a new 10-year cap on any special district that encompasses the entire jurisdiction of the local government, unless the local government submitted the continuation of the district to the electors. Unfortunately, while this bill was tabled in Senate Taxation, it came back to life later in the session as SB 385 and passed with many of the same provisions.</p>			

### Tracking Level - Opposed Dead - Continued

<b>SB 0078</b>	<b>Revise allowable special district assessment methods</b>	<b>Douglas Kary</b>	<b>Senate - (S) Died in Standing</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would have removed the option to charge a special district assessment (under the consolidated special district statute) on the basis of the how much the taxable valuation of a lot or parcel bears to the total taxable valuation of the property of the district. If would have applied only to special districts created after the effective date of the Act.			

### Tracking Level - Support Dead

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
<b>HB 0018</b>	<b>Appropriation for Local Government Center</b>	<b>Geraldine Custer</b>	<b>House - (H) Died in Process</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would have provided a \$180,000 additional appropriation to the MSU-Local Government Center to fund the positions of an associate director and an associate specialist. The additional funding would have become part of the LGC's base budget after FY2023.			
<b>HB 0154</b>	<b>Revise resort tax population limits</b>	<b>Dave Fern</b>	<b>House - (H) Died in Process</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill proposed to raise the maximum population of an unincorporated resort area to 3,500 (currently 2,500) and for incorporated resort communities to 10,000 (currently 5,500).			
<b>HB 0187</b>	<b>Provide for local option sales tax</b>	<b>Dave Fern</b>	<b>House - (H) Died in Process</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill proposed to authorize a local option sales tax to be voted on by the residents of a community, and to allow for the collection of the local tax for on-line sales.			

<b>SB 0073</b>	<b>Provide for local distribution of lodging sales tax revenue</b>	<b>Keith Regier</b>	<b>Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Taxation</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would have redirected 75% of the lodging accommodations sales and use taxes to local governments, to be distributed on the basis of the collection of the taxes within each local government jurisdiction. The bill also appeared to delay this new redirect of the taxes collected until December 30, 2024; until that time a portion of the taxes would have continued to go to the construction of the Montana Heritage Center and after that time a portion would have continued to go to the operation and maintenance of the MHC.			
<b>SB 0313</b>	<b>Provide for local option tax: Montana Tax Fairness and Rural Revenue Initiative</b>	<b>Christopher Pope</b>	<b>Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Taxation</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This was Rep. Pope's local option sales tax proposal.			
<b>SJ 0025</b>	<b>Study resolution on statewide sales tax methodology and funding</b>	<b>Brian Hoven</b>	<b>Senate - (S) Died in Process</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This study bill called for a study on implementing a 4% sales tax, including how other taxes may be adjusted. Identified members of a review committee that includes a representative for cities, counties, schools, tax policy, infrastructure, business, economist, and DOR.			

### Tracking Level - Opposed Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
<b>SB 0385</b>	<b>Revise special district laws and provide time limit on property tax levies</b>	<b>Greg Hertz</b>	<b>Chapter Number Assigned</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill proposed to limit all new local government voted mill levies under 15-10-425 to 10 years duration (except libraries, levies to secure bonds, and certain school mill levies) and removed the authority of local governments to create new special purpose districts under the consolidated special district statute by resolution. As amended with the changes worked on for SB 77, the bill creates two types of special purpose districts under the consolidated special districts law. The first type would allow for the creation of a district by protest only, which could grow only at the rate of inflation annually and would sunset after 13 years or whenever bond indebtedness was paid (this provision also applies to existing districts not created with voter approval). The second type would allow for the creation of a district by voter approval, which could grow at whatever increase or total cost the voters approve and last for as long as the voters allow.			

**Tracking Level - Monitor Passed**

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0002	General Appropriations Act	Llew Jones	Chapter Number Assigned
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> 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.</p>			
HB 0003	Supplemental Appropriations Bill	David Bedey	Chapter Number Assigned
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> HB 3 (Supplemental Appropriations) contains requests for additional current biennium funds that have already been spent by a state agency or are anticipated to be spent by a state agency prior to the end of the current fiscal biennium. HB 3 for the 2021 session contains the following supplemental appropriations:1) A \$4.5 million general fund appropriation for OPI BASE aid as a result of a \$3.5 million shortfall in the state special revenue guarantee account in FY 2020 and an anticipated \$5.3 million shortfall in that account in FY 2021. Changes in student counts, taxable value changes, non levy revenue changes increasing guaranteed tax base aid (GTB), higher retirement budgets, and other school funding formula component payment adjustments also contribute to the need for additional funding. 2. A \$13.8M appropriation for DOR Alcoholic Beverage Control Division for litigation and to allow for purchase and transport liquor as well as make necessary transfers of excess profits to the general fund. The need for increased authority comes from alcohol sales above anticipated levels in FY 2021. 3. A \$17M appropriation from the CARES Act to the Governor's Office for the Governor's Education Relief Fund. 4. A \$17M appropriation from the CARES Act to Commerce for emergency rental assistance.5. Three appropriations from CARES Act to DPHHS for COVID-related needs: \$37.8M for vaccines; \$192M for testing, tracing, and mitigation; and \$29M for child care and development. 6. A \$650,000 appropriation from the CARES Act to OBPP for FEMA matches on behalf of Military Affairs.</p>			
HB 0023	Revise tax lien and tax deed process	Becky Beard	Chapter Number Assigned
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill increases the notice requirements for tax deed sales, especially for owner-occupied dwelling units, and distributes proceeds from a tax deed sale to the title holder.</p>			
HB 0050	Redistribute 9-1-1 funding to state library	Frank Garner	Chapter Number Assigned
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill redistributes \$450,000 annually from the 9-1-1 fees collected by the state to the Montana State Library to support the creation, maintenance, and dissemination of address points, jurisdictional boundaries, and road data required for Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG911) systems. While the appropriation reduces the funds available for grants to local governments, it will fund a software or application system for use by all public safety answering points (PSAPs) in the state to access GIS land information.</p>			
HB 0072	Revise funding for highway patrol retirement system HPORS	Frank Garner	Chapter Number Assigned
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill redirects some funding from the state special revenue account that partially pays for highway patrol officer salaries to the highway patrol officers' retirement pension fund, dropping the amortization period from 39 to 28 years.</p>			
HB 0081	Generally revise laws on administration of MPERA retirement systems	Jim Hamilton	Chapter Number Assigned
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This is a general revisions bill requested by MPERA Board to reflect federal law updates, court rulings, current practices, and efficiency improvements in administration of the retirement system. No fiscal impact on the fund.</p>			
HB 0159	Revise governor's power to spend certain unanticipated federal funds	Llew Jones	Chapter Number Assigned
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would allow the legislature to reject automatic appropriation authority for federal funds to local governments. Right now, President-elect Biden's proposal is \$350 billion to be distributed directly to local governments via the CDBG distribution. That would mean Missoula, GF, and Billings would get their allocations directly from the feds; all other counties and cities would receive their distribution from the state according to population and could be held up by the language of this bill. Does the bill need an exemption for monies that are earmarked for local government distribution?</p>			
HB 0220	Allow special district to receive funds from federal revenue sharing programs	Brian Putnam	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 0298	Revise information included on property valuation statement	Steven Galloway	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 0303	Revise business equipment tax laws: Business Investment Grows (BIG) Jobs	Joshua Kassmier	Chapter Number Assigned

**Tracking Level - Monitor Passed - Continued**

HB 0330	Generally revise laws related to budget stability and managing volatility	Llew Jones	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 0357	Revise property tax assistance program inflation adjustment laws	Jim Hamilton	Chapter Number Assigned
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would increase the eligibility for property tax assistance programs.			
HB 0394	Exempt certain pollution control and carbon capture equipment from	Mark Noland	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 0630	Appropriate CARES II funds, supplemental, and temporarily revise ed funding	David Bedey	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 0667	Revise tobacco tax allocation for state veterans' nursing homes	Ron Marshall	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 0671	Implement provisions of HB2 - Section E - education	David Bedey	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 0678	Authorize transfers and other necessary measures to implement HB2 -section	Dan Bartel	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 0693	Implement provisions of HB2 - Section D- Judiciary, Law Enforcement and	Bill Mercer	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0035	Repeal expired property tax exemption for electrical generation facilities	Brian Hoven	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0051	Exempting certain fiber optic, coaxial cable from property taxation	Jason Ellsworth	Chapter Number Assigned
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill exempts 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. To obtain the tax exemption, the company must reinvest the tax savings from the exemption in the installation of new fiber optic or coaxial cable in Montana within 2 years following the tax year in which the tax savings are received by the owner of fiber optic or coaxial cable without charging the costs to the consumer. A similar bill (SB 239) was vetoed by Governor in the 2019 session. The League proposed amendments to the bill that would require the department to provide notice to the local government for review and comment of the claim before exempting the property from taxation under this provision. The League dropped its opposition to the bill after these amendments were made.			
SB 0052	Revise lodging facility use tax and sales tax on lodging and rental cars	Jason Ellsworth	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0133	Revise property tax appraisal and tax appeal process	Greg Hertz	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0184	Montana Entrepreneur Magnet Act	Mark Blasdel	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0191	Generally revise state finance laws	Ryan Osmundson	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0212	Revise laws related to property tax bills	Ryan Osmundson	Chapter Number Assigned
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill requires reappraisal notices to contain the following additional disclosures: consumer price index adjusted for population; average annual growth rate of Montana personal income; change in property taxes levied over the previous 10 years by the state, the county, any incorporated cities or towns within the county, and local school average mills by county. The bill requires tax bills to itemize the total taxes due by mill levy, and identify those that are voted mill levies. Once the bill was changed to add school district information the League removed its opposition to the bill.			
SB 0221	Provide process to dissolve a rural special improvement district	Terry Gauthier	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0253	Revise state income tax medical care savings account investment options	Greg Hertz	Chapter Number Assigned

### Tracking Level - Monitor Passed - Continued

SB 0262	Revise forest lands taxation advisory committee	Mike Cuffe	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0263	Revise forest lands property taxes and rates	Mike Cuffe	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0284	Generally revise county gravel pit permitting	Russel Tempel	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0288	Revise property exemption for agricultural processing facilities	Walt Sales	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0376	Corporate tax modernization through double-sales factor apportionment	Greg Hertz	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0399	Generally revise and simplify income taxes	Greg Hertz	Chapter Number Assigned

### Tracking Level - Monitor Dead

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0024	Create disaster resiliency fund	Wendy McKamey	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0044	Revise funding for GWPORS	Brian Putnam	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0127	Revise property tax payment procedure	Jennifer Carlson	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0148	Revise property reappraisal cycle for class three and four property	Linda Reksten	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0161	Revise calculation of capital gains tax credit	Jim Hamilton	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0165	Increase vehicle fees to reduce residential property taxes	Jeremy Trebas	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0190	Revise tax rate for golf courses	Danny Tenenbaum	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0228	Establish family medical leave insurance	Moffie Funk	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0372	Eliminate business equipment tax	Brandon Ler	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0421	Provide pension benefits for volunteer emergency care providers	Jedediah Hinkle	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0424	Revise individual income tax laws	Emma Kerr-Carpenter	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0431	Revise property tax on intangible personal property	Mary Dunwell	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0473	Generally revise resort tax laws	Denley Loge	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0516	Revising property entry laws for property tax valuation purposes	Derek Harvey	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Taxation
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would restrict the ability of DOR employees to enter property to appraise or audit for property tax purposes without the property owners consent unless the property was sold, there was new construction, or there was an improvement more than 10% of the valuation of the property added in the last 12 months. The bill also removes the notice provisions regarding DOR entering property in the area.			
HB 0532	Generally revise bond and levy notification laws	Willis Curdy	House - (H) Died in Process

**Tracking Level - Monitor Dead - Continued**

HB 0621	Revise distribution of marijuana revenue and provide tribal govt allocations	Jonathan Windy Boy	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0636	Revise property tax rates for agricultural, commercial, and residential property	Fiona Nave	House - (H) Died in Process
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would reduce Class 3 agricultural property from 2.16% to 2.14% of productive value; reduce most Class 4 residential property from 1.35% to 1.2% of market value; and increase the modifier for Class 4 residential dwellings worth more than \$1.5 million and commercial property from 1.4 to 1.42.			
HB 0638	Provide for property tax fairness credit	Dave Fern	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0657	Establish the rural broadband revolving loan account	Tyson Running Wolf	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0672	Provide for property tax circuit breaker funded by revised capital gains credit	Jim Hamilton	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0675	Revise taxpayer integrity fee under the HELP Act	Edward Buttrey	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0682	Provide for property tax relief income tax credit	Mark Noland	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0683	Distribute recreational marijuana revenue to unfunded pension liability	Bill Mercer	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Select Committee on Marijuana Law
HB 0686	Implement provisions of HB2, Section B - HHS	Matt Regier	Senate - (S) Died in Process
HB 0692	Authorize transfers and other necessary measures to implement HB2 section C	Kenneth Holmlund	House - (H) Died in Standing Committee (S) Finance & Claims
HJ 0002	Revenue estimating resolution	Becky Beard	House - (H) Died in Process
SB 0010	Providing for circuit breaker income tax credit for property taxes paid	Jill Cohenour	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Taxation
SB 0046	Increase MUS-RP supplemental contribution to TRS	Ryan Lynch	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) State Admin
SB 0181	Corporate Tax Modernization Act	Greg Hertz	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Taxation
SB 0182	Generally revise laws on state finance, reducing tax rate if conditions met	Greg Hertz	House - (H) Died in Standing Committee (H) Appropriations
SB 0188	Revise school teacher retirement with pension	Mike Lang	House - (H) Died in Standing Committee (H) Education
SB 0214	Revise laws related to temporary tribal property tax exemption	Greg Hertz	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0293	Revising property tax laws related to electric generation	Christopher Pope	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Taxation

**Tracking Level - Monitor Dead - Continued**

SB 0375	Limit property tax increases for certain individuals	Keith Regier	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Taxation
SB 0386	Providing an income tax credit for property taxes paid and revising rates	Pat Flowers	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Taxation
SB 0387	Generally revise teachers' retirement system	Brian Hoven	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) State Admin
SB 0389	Generally revise public employees' retirement system	Brian Hoven	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) State Admin
SB 0394	Revise capital gains and provide property tax relief	Shannon O'Brien	Senate - (S) Died in Process
SB 0401	Referendum to repeal recreational marijuana laws	David Howard	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs



# INFRASTRUCTURE

## Tracking Level - Support Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0006	Renewable Resource Grants	Mike Hopkins	Chapter Number Assigned
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> HB 6 provides cash appropriations (state special revenues) for the renewable resources grant and loan program housed at DNRC. The bill contains \$1.8 million for emergency, planning, irrigation, watershed, and private grants during the 2023 biennium, and approximately \$3.5 million in funding for 28 municipal infrastructure projects. All RRGL projects were funded for the 2023 biennium with the state's ARPA allocation in HB 632.</p>			
HB 0007	Reclamation and Development Grants	Mike Hopkins	Chapter Number Assigned
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> HB 7 provides cash appropriations (state special revenues) for the reclamation and development grant program housed at DNRC. The bill contains \$800,000 for planning grants to be awarded during the 2023 biennium and just over \$2 million in funding for 6 municipal infrastructure and remediation projects. Some of the projects in HB 7 were funded with the state's ARPA allocation in HB 632.</p>			
HB 0008	Renewable Resources Bonds and Loans	Mike Hopkins	Chapter Number Assigned
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> HB 8 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 and North Central regional water projects through the issuance of bonds against the coal severance tax bond fund.</p>			
HB 0011	Treasure State Endowment Program	Wendy McKamey	Chapter Number Assigned
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> HB 11 provides cash appropriations (state special revenue) for the Treasure State Endowment Program housed at Commerce. The bill contains \$1 million for emergency and planning grants; \$5 million for regional water projects; and approximately \$9 million in funding for 15 municipal infrastructure projects. All of the TSEP projects for the FY 2023 biennium were funded with the state's ARPA allocation in HB 632.</p>			
HB 0014	Long-Range Building Bonding Program	Mike Hopkins	Chapter Number Assigned
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> HB 14 contains authorization for the sale of state bonds to fund certain authorized state agency capital construction projects and the appropriation of bond sale proceeds to fund those projects. Projects have already been identified and prioritized by state agencies and provided to the Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning for inclusion in HB 14 or it's companion bill that appropriates cash revenues for capital projects, HB 5. HB 14 for the 2021 session contains an additional \$9.5 million in funding for municipal infrastructure projects through the TSEP program; an additional \$2 million for municipal infrastructure projects through the RRGL program; and an additional \$1.1 for municipal remediation and pollution cleanup projects through the RDP program. All of the TSEP and RRGL projects in HB 14 as well as some of the state capital projects were funded with the state's ARPA allocation in HB 632.</p>			
HB 0062	Update water and wastewater revolving loan program	Mike Hopkins	Chapter Number Assigned
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill increased the bonding capacity for the SRF Drinking Water and Water Quality loan programs.</p>			
HJ 0006	Provide for study of natural resources trust fund	Dave Fern	House - (H) Filed with Secretary of State
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This is Rep. Fern's bill to study the coal severance tax trust fund and funding of programs by the trust, including its ability to fund infrastructure programs like TSEP grant and SRF loans. HJ 6 ranked 6th out of 28 studies and was assigned to the Revenue Interim Committee.</p>			
SB 0297	ConnectMT Act to establish broadband deployment	Jason Ellsworth	Chapter Number Assigned
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill creates a statewide broadband infrastructure funding program at the MT Department of Commerce. Broadband service providers could apply for and receive grant funding to expand broadband services to areas without access to broadband service with minimum speeds 10 of at least 25 megabits a second downstream and 3 megabits a second upstream. The bill was supplemented with \$275 million from ARPA funding in HB 632.</p>			

**Tracking Level - Support Dead**

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0422	Authorize municipalities to operate broadband utilities	Kelly Kortum	House - (H) Died in Process
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would have repealed the 2001 statute prohibiting municipalities from providing and operating broadband services.			

**Tracking Level - Opposed Passed**

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0464	Repeal local option gas tax	Matt Regier	Chapter Number Assigned
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill repealed all statutes authorizing adoption of a local option gas tax. It appears to void the current local option gas tax recently approved by Missoula County voters.			

**Tracking Level - Monitor Passed**

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0005	Long-Range Building Appropriations	Llew Jones	Chapter Number Assigned
<b>Staff Summary:</b> HB 5 contains appropriations of state special revenues, federal special revenues, or long-range building account funds for certain authorized state agency capital construction projects. Projects have already been identified and prioritized by state agencies and provided to the Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning for inclusion in HB 5 or it's companion bonding bill, HB 14. Several of the projects in HB 5 were funded this session with the state's ARPA allocation in HB 632.			
HB 0012	Historic Preservation Grants	Mike Hopkins	Chapter Number Assigned
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill provided funds for 84 historic preservation projects in communities across Montana.			
HB 0130	Generally revise laws related to alternative project delivery contracts	David Bedey	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 0494	Revise transportation construction law	Derek Harvey	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0258	Renaming the Treasure State Endowment program	Duane Ankney	Chapter Number Assigned
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill renamed the TSEP program to the Montana Coal Endowment Program (MCEP).			
SB 0285	Provide gas and fuel tax refund for agriculture	Steve Hinebauch	Chapter Number Assigned

**Tracking Level - Monitor Dead**

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 0042	Allow use of school major maintenance funds for lead remediation	Carlie Boland	House - (H) Died in Standing Committee (H) Education
SB 0048	Allowing transfer of certain highway funding to tribes	Mike Fox	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Highways and Transportation
SB 0340	Advanced meter infrastructure act	Christopher Pope	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Energy and Telecommunications

## Tax Increment Financing

### Tracking Level - Opposed Dead

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0639	Revise laws related to adoption of a tax increment provision	Matt Regier	House - (H) Died in Process

**Staff Summary:** This bill would have prohibited a municipality from adopting new TIF provisions for an urban renewal district if the total taxable incremental value of all urban renewal districts with a TIF provision within the taxing jurisdiction exceeds 5% of the total taxable value of the taxing jurisdiction.

### Tracking Level - Opposed Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 0388	Provide for infrastructure through tax increment financing	Greg Hertz	Chapter Number Assigned

This bill excludes ½ of the elementary, high school, and state equalization levies from the calculation of the tax increment in new TEDDs and places a total 30-year time period on the life of a TEDD regardless of whether bonds are issued.

### Tracking Level - Monitor Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0616	Revise laws related to the adoption of a tax increment provision	Mike Hopkins	Chapter Number Assigned

**Staff Summary:** This bill clarifies that the local elected governing body must adopt the TIF provision in an urban renewal plan (urban renewal district) or comprehensive development plan (targeted economic development district).

### Tracking Level - Monitor Dead

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0615	Revise tax increment financing laws related to bonding	Mike Hopkins	House - (H) Died in Process

## Land Use, Planning and Housing

### Tracking Level - Support Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0304	Revise definition of community land trust	Frank Garner	Chapter Number Assigned
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> Revised definition of community land trust to allow construction and administration of townhomes within a community land trust. This is one of the four Housing Coalition bills the League supported.</p>			
HB 0450	Provide that exempt divisions of land must meet zoning regulations	Steve Gunderson	Chapter Number Assigned
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill as amended limits divisions by court order to the creation of four new lots under the subdivision exemption in 76-3-201, MCA.</p>			
SB 0161	Allow certain subdivisions to qualify for an expedited review	John Esp	Chapter Number Assigned
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill is the result of cooperative effort of MARs, MBIA, MACo, MAP, and MLCT. Provides for voluntary expedited review for subdivision when proposal complies with all zoning and subdivision development standards.</p>			
SB 0269	Allow mobile home owners the option to purchase a mobile home park	Brian Hoven	Chapter Number Assigned
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill requires MT Board of Housing to at least annually send notifications to mobile home park owners that facilitates, supports, and incentivizes mobile home park owners to utilize the benefits available pursuant to 15-31-163 and other benefits and reasons to sell a mobile home park to a tenants' association, a mobile home park residents' association, or a nonprofit organization. The bill also increased the capital gains tax exemption for the sale of mobile home parks to such entities to include all profits realized.</p>			

### Tracking Level - Opposed Dead

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0134	Allow zoning for duplex, triplex, and fourplex housing in certain	Danny Tenenbaum	House - (H) Died in Process
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would have required municipalities with population of 5,000 to 50,000 to treat duplexes as permitted by right in all single-family zones and those with a population of 50,000 to treat duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes as permitted by right in all single-family zones. The bill would also have prohibited municipalities with a population greater than 5,000 from requiring any off-street parking for duplexes, triplexes, or fourplexes.</p>			
HB 0352	Revise laws related to conservation easements	Jedediah Hinkle	House - (H) Died in Process
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would have required any conservation easement purchased in whole or in part using public funds to provide public access to the easement property. If the easement is being purchased by a non-governmental organization, the public access must include public recreation that is reasonable and possible on the property. The bill contained no definitions for any of these terms in the act - "public funds," "public access," or "public recreation."</p>			
HB 0395	Prohibit the creation of new zoning districts during a state of emergency	Julie Dooling	House - (H) Died in Process
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would have repealed all new zoning districts created during any current emergency as of January 1, 2020 and any newly declared emergency thereafter (including districts created through annexation, new code updates, or PUDs). It would have voided hundreds of new lot approvals created through annexation alone to date.</p>			
HB 0528	Generally revise county planning, zoning, & subdivision regulation laws	Julie Dooling	House - (H) Died in Process
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill proposed to add language to the growth policy statutes, county zoning laws, and subdivision and platting act that restricted the scope of the information presented, unduly favored private property rights, removed the required delineation of the wildland-urban interface, and removed county-municipality zoning consistency requirements.</p>			
HB 0529	Revise planning, zoning, and subdivision regulation laws	Julie Dooling	House - (H) Died in Process
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would have added language to the subdivision and platting act that restricted the scope of the information relied on and standards that could be adopted to mitigate impacts.</p>			

### Tracking Level - Opposed Dead - Continued

<b>SB 0231</b>	<b>Revise exempt well laws related to family transfer parcels</b>	<b>Mark Blasdel</b>	<b>Senate - (S) Veto Override Vote Mail</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill originally proposed to provide an exempt well for lots created by family transfer and allow such lots to violate certain zoning density restrictions. As amended in free conference committee, the bill appeared to prohibit the use of a boundary line adjustment between neighboring lots in a platted subdivision unless the properties were under the same ownership. The bill also created a new violation provision specific to family transfer of \$5,000 for each division of land, which would have conflicted with the violation provisions for any other exemption or provision of the statute. The bill was vetoed by the Governor but is being polled for a legislative veto override.			
<b>SB 0397</b>	<b>Generally revise laws related to accessory dwelling units</b>	<b>Greg Hertz</b>	<b>Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Local Government</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would have preempted local government regulation of short-term rental units and accessible dwelling units on any lot with a single-family dwelling. The local government would have been authorized to license and charge a license fee for an ADU but not deny the license. The local government would also have been prohibited from requiring any changes to an existing structure; requiring a building license for an existing structure; requiring parking for an ADU; imposing building standards other than those for SF dwellings; requiring separate utilities for the structure; requiring either unit to be occupied by the owner; or requiring a restrictive covenant for the ADU.			

### Tracking Level - Support Dead

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
<b>HB 0021</b>	<b>Authorize funding for the multifamily coal trust home loan program</b>	<b>Geraldine Custer</b>	<b>Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Finance and Claims</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill proposed to increase the original authority for loans from the coal tax trust fund for low-income housing development. HB 16 in the 2019 session created the program and authorized up to \$15 million in loans against the trust; HB 21 proposed to increase that amount to \$30 million.			
<b>HB 0397</b>	<b>Establish workforce housing tax credits</b>	<b>Joshua Kassmier</b>	<b>House - (H) Veto Override Vote Mail Poll in Progress</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would establish a state income tax workforce housing credit for entities that construct and operate workforce housing units. Credit certifications would be issued by the Board of Housing. This is one of the four Housing Coalition bills. It was vetoed by Governor but is currently out for polling on a veto override.			
<b>SB 0117</b>	<b>Generally revise laws governing the Housing Montana Fund</b>	<b>Tom Jacobson</b>	<b>Senate - (S) Died in Standing</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> The bill proposed to add authority for grants to be awarded by the Housing Montana Fund, if and when there is money available in the fund. Under the existing statute, only loans are authorized. This was one of the four Housing Coalition bills.			
<b>SB 0268</b>	<b>Allow for the condemnation and reacquisition of a mobile home park</b>	<b>Brian Hoven</b>	<b>Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Business, Labor, and</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would have added affordable housing as a public use for which eminent domain may be exercised. It would have authorized the residents of a mobile home park to organize and obtain commitment to financing purchase of their park, then petition the local governing body to condemn their mobile home park. It did not require the local governing body to use eminent domain upon receipt of a qualifying petition, but if it did use it then it had to then turn the park over to the residents for purchase.			

### Tracking Level - Opposed Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
<b>HB 0259</b>	<b>Revise property and zoning laws</b>	<b>Sue Vinton</b>	<b>Chapter Number Assigned</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill prohibits local governments from adopted inclusionary housing ordinances. Such ordinances require developers to pay a fee or dedicate real property for the construction of affordable housing units. This bill repealed existing ordinances in Bozeman and Whitefish.			

**Tracking Level - Opposed Passed - Continued**

<b>SB 0174</b>	<b>Revise laws related to local subdivision review</b>	<b>Greg Hertz</b>	<b>Chapter Number Assigned</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill adds limitations on the ability to condition a subdivision. It limits to conditions to those with a defined purpose or objective that must be identified specifically, documented, clearly defined, and limited to the 76-3-608(3)(a) criteria. Governing body cannot have review or approval authority over a homeowner's association governing documents or amendments thereto "unless directly and materially impact a condition of subdivision approval." Provides that if a local government choses not to enforce a condition in the subdivision, it waives its right to enforce it against any other similarly situated landowner in the subdivision.			

**Tracking Level - Monitor Passed**

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0116	Indoor cleanup standards for methamphetamine	Vince Ricci	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 0292	Revise local subdivision review regarding title insurance procedure	Geraldine Custer	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 0432	Revise property tax exemptions for affordable housing	Steve Gunderson	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 0444	Revise subdivisions of land exempted from sanitation in subdivision review	Edward Buttrey	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 0496	Remove prohibitions on county board of appeals re: property use and zoning	Bill Mercer	Chapter Number Assigned
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill removes the language in Section 76-2-402, MCA specifying that the board of adjustment has no power to deny an agency's proposed use that is contrary to local zoning regulations. The statute will not be silent as to what authority there is or action that can be taken when an agency proposes to use property in violation of local zoning regulations.			
HB 0527	Require draft proposals before initiating a county zoning/planning board	Fiona Nave	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0135	Allow a county commission to hold certain zoning appeal hearings de novo	Steve Fitzpatrick	Chapter Number Assigned
<b>Staff Summary:</b> Establishes that an appeal from the board of adjustments to the county commissioners on a Part 2 county zoning decision is a de novo review; new review of the entire record, with new public comment required and new information allowed.			
SB 0178	Prohibiting state building codes from requiring mandatory fire sprinklers	Chris Friedel	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0211	Revise local subdivision review criteria regarding agriculture	Steve Fitzpatrick	Chapter Number Assigned
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill prohibits a local government from considering whether a proposed subdivision will result in a loss of agricultural soils.			
SB 0294	Allow for a referendum to terminate a county zoning district	John Esp	Chapter Number Assigned

**Tracking Level - Monitor Dead**

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0123	Revise laws regarding the stringency of local septic regulations	David Bedey	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0196	Revise homeowner association laws	Edward Buttrey	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0327	Provide default definitions for covenants limiting the use of real property	Julie Dooling	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0470	Allow for a citizen initiated planning board & additional zoning criteria	Marty Malone	House - (H) Died in Process

**Tracking Level - Monitor Dead - Continued**

HB 0677	Revise laws to prohibit certain nonprofit organizations to purchase ag land	Dan Bartel	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0690	Provide an exemption for certain owner-occupied residential property	Steven Galloway	House - (H) Died in Process
SB 0349	Revise zoning laws	Steve Fitzpatrick	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Local Government
SB 0408	Revise sale of state trust land laws	Mike Cuffe	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Natural Resources

## Water and Wastewater

### Tracking Level - Support Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 0044	Revise subdivision laws	John Esp	Chapter Number Assigned
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill makes clarifications and updates to the Subdivision in Sanitations Act. It clarifies that the creation of two or more spaces for RVs or mobile homes falls within the definition of subdivision under the Act. It contains language to try to clarify when drainfield mixing zone and well isolation zone requirements apply to subdivisions. It makes clarifications to the condominium exemption in the Act to make the language consistent with the condo exemption in the subdivision and platting act. The League drafted amendments to remove the provisions of the bill changing the requirements for a municipal facilities exclusion and those amendments were placed on the bill. The bill made minor exemptions to storm drain facility reviewed but left the remaining work to DEQ for rulemaking which the League will be involved in.</p>			
SB 0358	Repeal numeric nutrient standards for water quality	John Esp	Chapter Number Assigned
<p>This bill repealed the existing numeric nutrient standards for point source dischargers and directed DEQ to develop and adopt rules for an adaptive management plan framework to implement the remaining narrative nutrient standards. The League will participate in the rulemaking as a member of the Nutrient Working Group.</p>			

### Tracking Level - Opposed Dead

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 0164	Revise non-degradation standard for nitrates	Carl Glimm	House - (H) Died in Process
<p>This bill would have increased the standard for nitrates from septic tanks from 5 (no Level II treatment) and 7.5 (level II treatment) to 7.5 mg/liter for all types and sources.</p>			
SB 0165	Generally revise laws related to the department of environmental quality	Carl Glimm	Senate - (S) Vetoed by Governor
<p>This bill would have moved authority for sanitation rulemaking from DEQ to BER and moved review and approval of wells and septic systems to local governments. The bill removed review entirely for septic systems unless within 500 feet of surface water; and exempts all minor and exempt subdivisions from storm drain review. The bill was vetoed by the Governor.</p>			

### Tracking Level - Monitor Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0606	Requiring opt-in for advanced meter installation	Paul Fielder	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0054	Require reviews of experimental on-site wastewater treatment systems	Jason Ellsworth	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0136	Clarify criteria for permits and water right changes	Steve Fitzpatrick	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0302	Extend authorization deadline for use of navigable riverbed	Walt Sales	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0384	Revise laws related to Aquatic Invasive Species hydroelectric fee	John Esp	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0403	Revise county water and/or sewer district rate notification laws	Bob Keenan	Chapter Number Assigned

### Tracking Level - Monitor Dead

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0269	Require elected official approval of sanitation related local health board rules	Ron Marshall	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Local Government



**Tracking Level - Monitor Dead - Continued**

SB 0324	Repeal administrative rules related to selenium	Mike Cuffe	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Natural Resources
SB 0371	Repeal CSKT water rights compact	Bob Keenan	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Natural Resources
SB 0382	Repeal hydroelectric AIS fees	Theresa Manzella	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Fish and Game
SB 0405	Prohibit sale or marketing of exempt ground water	Greg Hertz	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Natural Resources
SB 0406	Revise exempt appropriation volume	Bob Brown	Senate - (S) Died in Process

## Natural Resource Communities

### Tracking Level - Support Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 0087	Revise coal-fired power/water-right owner legal responsibilities	Duane Ankney	Chapter Number Assigned
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill revised the legal obligations of coal-fired power plant owners relating to public water supplies, requiring conveyance costs to be considered in ensuring access to a water supply and meeting legal obligations for remediation.			

### Tracking Level - Monitor Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
SB 0134	Revise board of investment loans for coal-fired generation remediation	Jason Small	Chapter Number Assigned

### Tracking Level - Monitor Dead

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0314	Require PSC to consider economic impact of coal plant closure	Braxton Mitchell	House - (H) Died in Process
SB 0086	Generally revise obligations and conditions for property impacted by coal	Duane Ankney	House - (H) Died in Standing Committee (H) Energy, Technology and Federal Relations

## Local Control and Other

### Tracking Level - Support Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0121	Require elected official approval of local health board and officer actions	David Bedey	Chapter Number Assigned
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill allows the public health board to issue any order as authorized under existing law, and provides that the governing body may take an action thereafter to rescind or modify the order. The bill as amended provides that for a city-county health board, the interlocal agreement between the entities will set forth the "governing body" for purposes of taking such an action. Further amendments to the bill require the governing body to hold and hearing and take public comment before rescinding or modifying the order, and prohibit the order from limiting physical attendance at religious services.</p>			
HB 0340	Revise the MEDIA Act film tax credits	Wylie Galt	Chapter Number Assigned
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill increased the film tax credits and helps incentivize further film industry related business and employment in Montana.</p>			
HB 0598	Generally revise disability parking laws	Kathy Whitman	Chapter Number Assigned
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill clarifies what is prohibited and what is allowed with respect to accessible parking. It conforms the parking standards that already apply to both public and private entities to the language of the federal ADA standards. It provides clearer language to assist local law enforcement as to what constitutes a violation of the statute to provide for fair and consistent enforcement of the law.</p>			
HJ 0010	Provide for an interim study regarding autonomous vehicle use in Montana	Denley Loge	House - (H) Filed with Secretary of
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This is Rep. Loge's bill to study the issue of autonomous vehicles during the 2021 interim, including on what issues and to what extent the state should preempt local regulation of AVs. The League supported studying these issues during the interim over enacting any preemption of local regulation until we have a more detailed understanding of what issues should be handled at the statewide level. HJ 10 ranked 25th out of 28 studies and was assigned to Transportation Interim Committee.</p>			
SJ 0013	Interim study of prevailing wage laws	Steve Hinebauch	Senate - (S) Filed with Secretary of
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This is Sen. Hinebaugh's bill to study the prevailing wage law system in Montana, a system that has not been reviewed in an over two decades. SJ 13 ranked 21st out of 28 study bills, and was assigned to the Local Government Interim Committee.</p>			

### Tracking Level - Opposed Dead

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0106	Prohibit expansion of the Montana clean indoor air act	Ron Marshall	House - (H) Died in Process
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would have prohibited DPHHS, local governments, or local boards of health from adopting and enforcing any ordinances or regulations beyond what is specifically provided for in the Montana clean indoor air act.</p>			
HB 0137	Generally revise vaping and alternative nicotine products laws	Ron Marshall	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Business, Labor, and
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would have prohibited local governments from regulating alternative nicotine products or vapor products differently than state regulations and repealed existing authority for local regulation of tobacco products.</p>			
HB 0169	Deter the fraudulent use or theft of taxpayer-funded resources	Steve Gist	House - (H) Died in Process
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill proposed to add duplicative and unnecessary language to the statute regarding the use of public time or resources for one's own personal financial gain, which is already prohibited under 2-2-121(2), MCA.</p>			
HB 0236	Revise local health board & health officer powers, duties, and penalties	Matt Regier	House - (H) Died in Process
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill proposed to limit the authority of the local health board to quarantine only those that have a confirmed communicable disease; limit the penalty for an individual violating a public health board order to \$25 and a business to \$2,500; and remove all criminal penalties. These provisions ended up as amendments to other public health bills that passed. It also would have required all public health board authority to have approval/no objection from the local governing body, but this was not adopted into any other bill.</p>			

**Tracking Level - Opposed Dead - Continued**

<b>HB 0316</b>	<b>Revise Governor's emergency authority and provide appeal for county ph decisions</b>	<b>Bill Mercer</b>	<b>House - (H) Died in Process</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would have revised the emergency statutes to restrict attendance at worship services or infringe on free speech or the exercise of religion. It would also have restricted authority to control the ingress and egress of private security officers from disaster and emergency areas. The bill added additional circumstances that would support a declaration of emergency, defined "outbreak of disease, added numerous actions to the list of authorities the governor would have during an emergency, limited local health orders to a time period of 30 days and provided for any person to appeal the order to the Governor.			
<b>HB 0420</b>	<b>Revise bicycle laws</b>	<b>Scot Kerns</b>	<b>House - (H) Died in Process</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would have required MDT to adopt administrative rules defining and specifying state standards for designated bicycle lanes and bicycle routes.			
<b>HB 0428</b>	<b>Generally revise civil liability laws related to state and local government</b>	<b>Bill Mercer</b>	<b>Senate - (S) Died in Process</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill was an alternative to HB 223. It would have similarly required law enforcement to comply with a detainer request, but 1) added immunity from any suits related to the action; and 2) provided that local government wouldn't be required to detain the person if they provide proof they are a citizen or that they have lawful immigration status in US.			
<b>HB 0436</b>	<b>Generally revise firearms laws</b>	<b>Scot Kerns</b>	<b>Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Judiciary</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would have removed the provisions in Section 45-8-351, MCA remaining after the passage of LR-130/HB102 allowing local regulation of unpermitted concealed and all open carry in publicly owned and occupied buildings. It would also have removed the remaining limitation in state law after HB 102 that prohibits unpermitted concealed carry in state and local government offices.			
<b>HB 0546</b>	<b>Revise civil actions for constitutional rights violations</b>	<b>Andrea Olsen</b>	<b>House - (H) Died in Process</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would have subjected public officials to compensatory and punitive damages, attorneys fees, and costs for denying, restricting, or infringing on any rights protected under the Montana Constitution Art. II. It would have exempted arrests for probable cause, judicial officers, lawful incarceration, parole and pardon decisions, jurors, trial witnesses, legislators.			
<b>HB 0560</b>	<b>Establish the Montana second amendment preservation act</b>	<b>Steve Gunderson</b>	<b>House - (H) Died in Standing Committee (H) Judiciary</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> Duplicative bill for HB 258 that would have prohibiting enforcement of federal firearms bans.			
<b>SB 0108</b>	<b>Authorize elected official approval of city/county health board rules</b>	<b>Douglas Kary</b>	<b>Senate - (S) Vetoed by Governor</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> As amended, this bill would have required that public health orders be subject to a referendum of the voters within 30 days of issuance. The bill was vetoed by the Governor.			
<b>SB 0229</b>	<b>Generally revise public record laws</b>	<b>Janet Ellis</b>	<b>Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) State Administration</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would have required local governments to acknowledge receipt of a records request and provide an estimate of fees within 5 days of receipt of the request. It would also have required the entity to fulfill the request within 30 days of the acknowledgement or paying the fee if			
<b>SB 0260</b>	<b>Generally revise related to property interests and transfer of businesses</b>	<b>Steve Fitzpatrick</b>	<b>House - (H) Died in Process</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would have created a per se takings for any diminution in value of more than 25% caused by a government action that damages or takes an interest in real property. The bill adds state issued business licenses, real and personal property, water rights, and intangible property to constitutionally protected property interests under Montana law. Amendments originally clarified that the bill did not apply to land use regulations, other regulations or ordinances necessary to protect documented public health, welfare, or safety impacts, or municipal licenses, but was further amended to make all local government regulation subject to the same takings requirements.			

### Tracking Level - Support Dead

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0086	Allow the creation of regional fire protection authorities	Mary Dunwell	House - (H) Died in Process
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill was the second attempt to pass legislation to create an additional option for providing fire protection in Montana. It would have set up a process to voluntarily create a regional fire protection authority between different existing fire departments, districts, and service areas to provide local efficiencies and improvements in service.</p>			
HB 0469	Allow emergency funds to be used for the Emergency Management Assistance Compact	Sara Novak	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) State Admin
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would have provided appropriation authority for the Governor to reimburse localities for use of firefighters, police, and other responders under the intrastate emergency agreement from the wildfire fund. The localities can then submit their reimbursements back to the Governor when paid from the other states.</p>			
SB 0362	Generally revise the Residential Mobile Home Lot Rental Act	Brian Hoven	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would have modified the Mobile Home Lot Rental Act to require mobile home park owners to: maintain common land and infrastructure; maintain reasonable rents and costs; discourage excessive rent increases; discourage evictions; and protect tenants from retaliation and unreasonable lease provisions. It would have required a 1-year lease term (now month-to-month) with an automatic renewal with same provisions and terms. For parks with more than 75 units, it established a process for review of rent increases by the Montana Board of Housing. The bill proposed limitations on the ability of a landlord to refuse to approval a sale of a unit within a park to a new owner or refuse to allow the sale for certain enumerated reasons. It provided for a definition of and certain rights of organized associations of the unit owners within a park. It listed actions by a unit owner for which a park owner could not retaliate by taking or threatening to take certain actions against a unit owner.</p>			
SB 0393	Generally revise laws related to public's right to know and participate	Bob Keenan	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Judiciary
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill attempted to make updates and improvements to public records, meeting, and notice requirements to address several issues. First, it would have codified the current practices regarding holding public meetings in whole or in part by remote means, as set forth in the AG guidance drafted by MACo and the League. Second, it would have fixed the circular definition of distribution list in the public records laws and clarified that the liability for misuse of public records to contact individuals without their consent lies with the requester of the records. Finally, it would have created a standardized structure for the response to and fulfillment of public records requests by agencies statewide.</p>			

### Tracking Level - Opposed Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0102	Generally revise gun laws	Seth Berglee	Chapter Number Assigned
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> Permitless concealed carry and campus carry bill. Allows for open carry and conceal carry (with or without a permit) in all locations except in portions of buildings used for state and local government offices (requires a permit for conceal carry). It provides for reasonable costs, attorney fees, and damages in a claim against a governmental entity for a deprivation of these rights.</p>			
HB 0200	Establish laws prohibiting sanctuary cities in Montana	Kenneth Holmlund	Chapter Number Assigned
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill was a replica of HB 146 that was vetoed in the 2019 session, with the exception of an additional clarification that a local government cannot prohibit compliance with an immigration detainer request if "the arrest is authorized under state law." The bill imposes penalties - including fees and loss of state grants - on local governments that enact, adopt, implement, enforce, or put on the ballot a policy that prohibits or</p>			
HB 0223	Create statutory authority for sworn law enforcement officers to hold aliens	Bill Mercer	Chapter Number Assigned
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill creates statutory authority for sworn law enforcement officers to hold unlawful aliens upon receipt of an immigration detainer request from ICE, providing clarity and legal support in state law. However, it also requires law enforcement officers to arrest persons in custody and hold them for an additional 48 hours if they are the subject of an immigration detainer request. The bill takes away local discretion to determine if there is probable cause to hold the individual in custody on the basis of the request. The bill does not obviate the 4th Amendment liability issues in detaining someone without probable cause.</p>			

**Tracking Level - Opposed Passed - Continued**

<b>HB 0230</b>	<b>Generally revise emergency and disaster laws</b>	<b>Matt Regier</b>	<b>Chapter Number Assigned</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> Puts restrictions on Governor and local authority for declaring emergencies and orders thereunder; amended in Senate to provide for broad language restricting discrimination against religious organizations during an emergency and providing an action for such alleged discrimination with damages. Also added prohibition on Governor's ability to issue rent and tenancy restrictions.			
<b>HB 0257</b>	<b>Revise laws relating to government mandates and businesses</b>	<b>Jedediah Hinkle</b>	<b>Chapter Number Assigned</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This public health-related bill prohibits municipalities, counties, and health boards from adopt ordinances, resolutions, or orders that: compel a private business to deny a customer of the private business access to the premises or access to goods or services; deny a customer of a private business the ability to access goods or services provided by the private business, unless the person is confirmed to have a communicable disease and is under a quarantine order; or include any of the following actions for noncompliance with a resolution or ordinance that includes actions described in subsections (2)(b) and (2)(c): allow for the assessment of a fee or fine; require the revocation of a license required for the operation of a private business; find a private business owner guilty of a misdemeanor; or bring any other retributive action against a private business owner, including but not limited to criminal charges. It also prohibits the above actions from being included in the state DES plan.			
<b>HB 0258</b>	<b>Revise laws related to firearms, ammunition, and accessories</b>	<b>Jedediah Hinkle</b>	<b>Chapter Number Assigned</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill prohibits municipal, county, and state employees (including law enforcement) from enforcing, assisting in the enforcement of, otherwise cooperating, spending public funds, or allocating public resources to the enforcement of any federal law adopted on or after January 1, 2021 that "infringes upon, calls in question, or prohibits, restricts, or requires individual licensure for or registration of the purchase, ownership, possession, transfer, or use of any firearm, any magazine or other ammunition feeding device, or other firearm accessory."			
<b>HB 0407</b>	<b>Establish a statewide uniformity for auxiliary container regulations</b>	<b>Mark Noland</b>	<b>Chapter Number Assigned</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill preempts all local ordinances, resolutions, initiatives, or referenda regulating the use, disposition, sale, prohibitions, fees, charges, or taxes on grocery bags, plastic cups, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, straws, plastic utensils, or other containers. It also specifically removes the power of the local electors to propose or amend a local resolution or ordinance by ballot vote.			
<b>HB 0504</b>	<b>Generally revise firearms and weapons laws</b>	<b>Casey Knudsen</b>	<b>Chapter Number Assigned</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill restricts local governments from ordering the closure or limiting the hours of operation of firearm retailers during an emergency unless the limitation applies "equally to all forms of commerce within the jurisdiction." It also prohibits the closure or limiting the hours of operation of any shooting range or placing any restrictions on the sale or service of a firearm or ammunition during an emergency.			
<b>SB 0215</b>	<b>Establish the religious freedom restoration act</b>	<b>Carl Glimm</b>	<b>Chapter Number Assigned</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill enacts a state Religious Freedom and Restoration Act that imposes strict scrutiny review of all regulation that burdens the free exercise of religion. To meet the new law, such regulations (including land use regulations imposed on a place of worship) must be narrowly tailored to serve a compelling governmental interest.			
<b>SB 0277</b>	<b>Generally revising laws related to state's rights</b>	<b>Tom McGillvray</b>	<b>Chapter Number Assigned</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill authorizes the AG (either at the request of the legislative council or on the AG's own initiative) "determine" the constitutionality of a presidential executive order and restrict all local governmental entities from "implementing such an order" if it relates to a specific list of subjects.			
<b>SB 0301</b>	<b>Provide statewide uniformity regarding wages/benefits for political subdivisions</b>	<b>Theresa Manzella</b>	<b>Chapter Number Assigned</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill purports to prohibit a local government from requiring any employer to provide employees with a wage or employment benefit that is not required by state or federal law. Section 7-1-111(2) already preempts self-governing authorities from exercising any power that applies or affects the provisions of Title 39, which includes all labor laws up to and including minimum wage law.			

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<b>SB 0370</b>	<b>Protecting constitutional rights during an emergency</b>	<b>Jason Ellsworth</b>	<b>Chapter Number Assigned</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill restricts local governments from prohibiting, limiting, or curtailing political activities, free speech or assembly (except as applicable to all essential services), production or operation of any media, operation or functioning of any local governing body, operation of courts, elections, or possession or sale of a firearm or ammunition during a declared state or local emergency. The bill also prohibits confiscation of any firearm or ammunition, refusal to issue a firearm permit, closing or limiting the hours of operation of any shooting range or placing any restrictions on regarding the sale or service of a firearm or ammunition during a declared state or local emergency.			
<b>SB 0398</b>	<b>Generally revise vaping laws</b>	<b>Jason Ellsworth</b>	<b>Chapter Number Assigned</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill prohibits a local government from adopting or enforcing any local ordinance or resolution that prohibits the sale of alternative nicotine products or vapor products, but allows ordinances or resolutions otherwise reasonably regulating the sale of alternative nicotine products or vapor products.			

### Tracking Level - Monitor Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
<b>HB 0071</b>	<b>Revise campaign finance reporting dates for municipal elections</b>	<b>Frank Garner</b>	<b>Chapter Number Assigned</b>
<b>HB 0088</b>	<b>Generally revise laws on administration of TRS</b>	<b>Marta Bertoglio</b>	<b>Chapter Number Assigned</b>
<b>HB 0104</b>	<b>Revise county leasing authority</b>	<b>Marty Malone</b>	<b>Chapter Number Assigned</b>
<b>HB 0201</b>	<b>Revise prevailing wage district laws and dispatch city designations</b>	<b>Kenneth Holmlund</b>	<b>Chapter Number Assigned</b>
<b>HB 0268</b>	<b>Revise laws related to maintenance district assessments</b>	<b>Bob Phalen</b>	<b>Chapter Number Assigned</b>
<b>HB 0554</b>	<b>Require legislative approval of national heritage areas, historic trails</b>	<b>Joshua Kassmier</b>	<b>Chapter Number Assigned</b>
<b>HB 0701</b>	<b>Generally revise marijuana laws</b>	<b>Mike Hopkins</b>	<b>Chapter Number Assigned</b>
<b>Staff Summary:</b> Under I-190, possession of recreational marijuana became lawful as of January 1, 2021. HB 701 moved the date for beginning sales of recreational marijuana to January 1, 2022. From January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, only medical marijuana providers existing and licensed/applied as of November 3, 2020 may sell recreational marijuana in counties where majority of voters approved I-190. Beginning July 1, 2023, new providers may apply to sell adult-use marijuana. Under HB 701, adult-use marijuana sales will not be allowed in a county where I-190 did not pass unless residents of a local jurisdiction (county or municipality) petition and vote to allow it. In counties where I-190 passed, a local government may regulate marijuana business within its jurisdictional area, including but not limited to inspections of licensed premises and testing laboratories in order to ensure compliance with any public health, safety, and welfare requirements established by the department or the local government. HB 701 removed I-190 language that local governments could not adopt regulations that were "unduly burdensome" and the absolute prohibition on prohibiting any marijuana businesses. HB 701 also provides the following specific regulations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local governments cannot prohibit the transportation of marijuana within or through its jurisdiction on public roads by any person licensed to do so by the department.</li> <li>- Local governments cannot reduce the statutory 500-foot spacing between a marijuana business and a place of worship or a school.</li> <li>- Local governments cannot impose new regulations on an existing medical marijuana provider that does not apply for licensure as an adult-use provider until its first license renewal date occurring after January 1, 2022 or the expiration of any grace period granted by the locality.</li> <li>- Marijuana businesses cannot advertise in any medium.</li> <li>- DOR may impose more state-level requirements through rulemaking.</li> <li>- Applicants for a marijuana business license must demonstrate to DOR that they are in compliance with local zoning regulations, and a certified copy of those regulations must be provided to DOR.</li> </ul>			

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HB 0702	Prohibit discrimination based on vaccine status or possessing immunity passport	Jennifer Carlson	Chapter Number Assigned
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill adds discrimination on the basis of a person's vaccination status to the list of unlawful grounds for discrimination in Montana. It prohibits a governmental entity from discriminating in local or state goods or services, licensing, health care, education or opportunity; an employer from discriminating in hiring or any term, condition, or privilege of employment; or a public accommodation from discriminating by excluding, limiting, segregating, or refusing to serve. Exemptions are provided to allow schools and daycare to enforce vaccination requirements, employers recommend that employees receive a vaccine, health care facilities to provide reasonable accommodations to patients and visitors, and licensed nursing homes, long term care facilities, and assisted living facilities to meet CDC or Medicaid/Medicare requirements. These exemptions do not apply to vaccines with emergency authorization or undergoing safety trials.</p>			
HR 0002	House rules resolution	Derek Skees	(H) Filed with Secretary of State
SB 0001	Revise lobbying laws to update terminology and conform lobbying definition	Douglas Kary	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0021	Revise deposit of lobbying fee and repeal broadcasting special account	Edith McClafferty	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0067	Revise laws pertaining to law enforcement	Steve Fitzpatrick	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0080	Limit the duration of interlocal agreements	Keith Regier	Chapter Number Assigned
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill placed a 5-year term limit on those interlocal agreements implementing jurisdiction over extraterritorial zoning under 76-2-310 and -311.</p>			
SB 0123	Allow a county to locate a county office outside of a county seat	Keith Regier	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0147	Establish commercial property assessed capital enhancements program	Mary McNally	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0171	Increasing county procurement options with cooperative purchasing agreements	Chris Friedel	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0173	Eliminate continuing emergency or disaster without legislative involvement	David Howard	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0185	Revise governor's emergency powers	David Howard	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0233	Generally revise the board of environmental review	Duane Ankney	Chapter Number Assigned
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill dissolves the Board of Environmental Review and moves all rulemaking responsibilities to DEQ.</p>			
SB 0283	Generally revise laws regarding firearms on school grounds	Carl Glimm	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0287	Generally revise public project financing laws	Walt Sales	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0319	Generally revise campaign finance laws	Greg Hertz	Chapter Number Assigned
SJ 0001	Senate Joint Resolution on the joint rules	Cary Smith	Senate - (S) Filed with Secretary of State
SR 0001	Senate Resolution on the Senate rules	Cary Smith	Senate - (S) Filed with Secretary of State
SR 0004	Confirm Governor's appointee for Director, Department of Environmental Quality	Jeffrey Welborn	(S) Filed with Secretary of State



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SR 0005	Confirm Governor's appointee for Director of Dept. of Transportation	Gordon Vance	(S) Filed with Secretary of State
SR 0008	Confirm Governor's appointee for Director of Dept. of Revenue	Brian Hoven	(S) Filed with Secretary of State
SR 0009	Confirm Governor's appointees to the Transportation Commission	Gordon Vance	(S) Filed with Secretary of State
SR 0016	Confirm Governor's appointee to the Public Employee Retirement Systems Board	Douglas Kary	Senate - (S) Filed with Secretary of State
SR 0022	Confirm Governor's appointees to the Board of Investments	Douglas Kary	(S) Filed with Secretary of State
SR 0027	Confirm Governor's appointees to State Fund Board of Directors	Steve Fitzpatrick	(S) Filed with Secretary of State
SR 0035	Confirm Governor's appointees to the Coal Board	Duane Ankney	(S) Filed with Secretary of State
SR 0037	Confirm Governor appointees to Boards of Oil and Gas Conservation	Duane Ankney	(S) Filed with Secretary of State
SR 0053	Confirm Governor's appointee for Director of Dept. of Nat Resources & Conserv	Jeffrey Welborn	(S) Filed with Secretary of State
SR 0058	Confirm Governor's appointees for Board of Environmental Review	Jeffrey Welborn	(S) Filed with Secretary of State

### Tracking Level - Monitor Dead

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0122	Revising state disaster and emergency services and executive power	David Bedey	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0132	Require property tax bill to include comparison to prior year	Fred Anderson	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0135	Provide for interim committee review of agency rules prior to adoption	Steve Gunderson	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0145	Allow local boards of health and health officers to issue recommendations	Paul Fielder	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0158	Create study commission to review covid-19 statute & rule suspensions	Caleb Hinkle	House - (H) Veto Override Vote Mail Poll in Progress
<p><b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill creates a study commission to review the Governor's authority to suspend statutes and rules during declared emergencies. This could impact some of the helpful directives we were able to obtain during the COVID-19 emergency. As written, there are no local government representatives on the commission.</p>			
HB 0168	Generally revise laws related to union fees	Bill Mercer	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0237	Generally revise cell phone regulations	Denley Loge	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0281	Revise laws related to E bikes	Steve Gunderson	Senate - (S) Died in Process
HB 0285	Create cigar bars	Jeremy Trebas	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Judiciary
HB 0319	Revise dates for special purpose elections	Alice Buckley	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) State Admin
HB 0326	Generally revise bicycle laws	Barry Usher	House - (H) Died in Process

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HB 0351	Revise disability parking laws	Ron Marshall	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0443	Generally revise organization of legislative branch	Derek Skees	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0452	Permit local governments to use ranked choice voting in local elections	Kelly Kortum	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0457	Delay implementation of recreational marijuana laws	Bill Mercer	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0535	Eliminate the commissioner of political practices	Derek Skees	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0536	Revise laws related to political committees and rental/lease agreements w/ state	Bill Mercer	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0545	Establish public transportation commission to study passenger transportation	Andrea Olsen	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0547	Require legislative fiscal division to contract for actuarial services	Jim Hamilton	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0562	Generally revise highway encroachment laws	Julie Dooling	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Highways and Transportation
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would have removed authority from MDT as to oversight, administration, and authority over right-of-way use and delegated to local governments. League will continue to work on this issue in MDT working group during interim.			
HB 0568	Limit number and location of recreational marijuana dispensaries	Lola Sheldon-Galloway	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0570	Prohibit infringement of constitutional right to nullify certain fed legislation	Derek Skees	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0582	Clarify employer limitations in the Montana Medical Marijuana Act	Robert Farris-Olsen	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0605	Generally revise equestrian laws	Neil Duram	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0634	Constitutional amendment to revise legislator term limits	Derek Skees	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0650	Establish business income and venture capital credits	Jim Hamilton	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0653	Revise utilities right-of-way requests	Ross Fitzgerald	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0670	Generally revise laws to implement recreational marijuana program	Derek Skees	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Select Committee on Marijuana Law
HB 0673	Providing for the Montana broadband coordinator	Katie Sullivan	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0694	Revise laws related to special districts	Steve Gist	Senate - (S) Died in Process
HB 0699	Revising state policy regarding boycotts of Israel	Wendy McKamey	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0707	Generally revise recreational marijuana laws	Brad Tschida	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Select Committee on Marijuana Law

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HB 0712	Generally revise transportation laws	Rynalea Whiteman Pena	House - (H) Died in Process
HJ 0020	Joint resolution to terminate the current declaration of emergency/disaster	Mark Noland	House - (H) Died in Process
SB 0122	Revise laws related to interim and statutory committee membership	Keith Regier	Senate - (S) Died in Process
SB 0141	Prohibition on alteration of law by state court	David Howard	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Judiciary
SB 0209	Limit all commercial marijuana cultivation to enclosed indoor settings	Tom Jacobson	Senate - (S) Died in Standing
SB 0278	Generally revise civil liability law	Greg Hertz	Senate - (S) Vetoed by Governor
SB 0289	Revise employment application by eliminating reference to criminal record	Brian Hoven	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs
SB 0323	Generally revise Montana Administrative Procedure Act	Chris Friedel	House - (H) Died in Standing Committee (H) Business & Labor
SR 0020	Confirm Governor's appointee to State Fund Board of Directors	Steve Fitzpatrick	Senate - (S) Died in Process
SR 0023	Confirm Governor's appointees to Public Employees Retirement System Board	Douglas Kary	Senate - (S) Died in Process

## Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

### Tracking Level - Opposed Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0501	Generally revise criminal procedure and criminal laws	Jeremy Trebas	Chapter Number Assigned
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill removes the availability of criminal trespass charges for persons violating a requirement to be vaccinated or wear face masks in a property.			

### Tracking Level - Monitor Passed

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0028	Revise Board of Crime Control laws to remove duty to hear POST Council appeals	Frank Fleming	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 0092	Establish compensation program for wrongfully convicted individuals	Katherin Kelker	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 0144	Revise laws for preserving authority of sheriffs, constables, and peace officers	Paul Fielder	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 0243	Generally revise laws related to law enforcement officers	Mike Hopkins	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 0333	Generally revise laws related to sexual and violent offenders	Barry Usher	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 0391	Revise and enhance penalties for criminal distribution of dangerous drugs	Frank Fleming	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 0425	Generally revise crime victim compensation laws	Jerry Schillinger	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 0578	Revise laws related to commitment of defendants	Terry Moore	Chapter Number Assigned
HB 0655	Generally revise marijuana laws.	Edward Buttrey	Chapter Number Assigned
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill denies unemployment benefits to an employee discharged for failure of or refusal to take drug test required by written workplace policy, so long as the testing complies with federal drug testing statutes and ARMs adopted under Title 39, Part 2. Does not apply to medical marijuana cardholders. The bill also provides that the use of drugs is presumed to be a major contributing cause of a worker's compensation accident if the employee fails or refuses to take drug test after the accident, so long as the testing complies with federal statutes and Title 39 ARMs.			
SB 0019	Revise staffing and structure of Board of Crime Control	Keith Regier	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0050	Revise membership of the Board of Crime Control	Jason Ellsworth	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0127	Revise laws on the selection of municipal court judges	Chris Friedel	Chapter Number Assigned
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill removes the ability of municipal court judges to hire part-time municipal court judges without an election. The League proposed amendments to allow municipal court judges to use the same process for judge pro terms and special masters available to district court judges, but the sponsor wouldn't agree to the changes.			
SB 0203	Constitutional amendment regarding electronic communications	Kenneth Bogner	Chapter Number Assigned
<b>Staff Summary:</b> This bill would place a constitutional amendment on the November 2022 ballot that would add "electronic data and communications" to the list of items protected from unreasonable search and seizure. MACOP is opposing and the public safety coalition and city attorneys would like the League to oppose.			

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SB 0219	Providing for release of call location to law enforcement in an emergency	David Howard	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0220	Revise assault on a peace officer laws	Jill Cohenour	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0223	Generally revise weapons laws for retired law enforcement	Terry Gauthier	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0238	Revise compensation for sheriffs, undersheriffs, and deputy sheriffs	Terry Gauthier	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0240	Revise crime reporting laws	Theresa Manzella	Chapter Number Assigned
SB 0365	Generally revise and reorganize driving under the influence laws	Keith Regier	Chapter Number Assigned

**Tracking Level - Monitor Dead**

Bill#	Title	Sponsor	Status
HB 0583	Generally revise criminal justice laws	Kerri Seekins-Crowe	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0584	Requiring certain costs paid to detention center be based on actual costs	Kerri Seekins-Crowe	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0596	Generally revise laws related to false arrest and imprisonment	Joe Read	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0603	Provide for Montana Innocence Inquiry Commission	Jeremy Trebas	House - (H) Died in Process
HB 0640	Generally revise marijuana laws	Mike Hopkins	Senate - (S) Died in Process
SB 0071	Remove penalties for law enforcement re: health officer assistance	Keith Regier	Senate - (S) Died in Standing Committee (S) Judiciary
SB 0194	Generally revise criminal procedure laws	Keith Regier	Senate - (S) Died in Process