

2023 Legislative Session Report



MONTANA LEAGUE OF CITIES AND TOWNS

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| Bills League Supported That Passed | | | | |
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| Bill # | Title - Summary | Policy Area | Sponsor | Effective Date |
| HB 6 | Renewable resource grants - \$7.4 million in biennial planning, emergency, and nonpoint source grants for water and sewer systems; \$4,4 million in grants to 35 municipalities for water, wastewater, and stormwater projects. | Infrastructure | Mike Hopkins | July 1, 2023 |
| HB 7 | Reclamation and development grants - \$2 million in biennial planning grants for reclamation and development projects; \$1.5 million in grants to municipalities for 4 cleanup and wastewater projects. | Infrastructure | Mike Hopkins | July 1, 2023 |
| HB 8 | Renewable resource bonds and loans - \$20 million in bonds for loans to Montana's regional water authorities; \$66 million in bonds for St. Mary's project local share. | Infrastructure | Mike Hopkins | July 1, 2023 |
| HB 11 | Montana coal endowment program - \$1 million in emergency and planning grants for the biennium; \$17.3 million in grants to 29 municipalities for water and wastewater projects. | Infrastructure | John Fitzpatrick | July 1, 2023 |
| HB 12 | Montana historic preservation grants - Over \$9 million in grants for the preservation of unique and important local historical buildings in 38 municipalities. | Revenue and Finance | Mike Hopkins | July 1, 2023 |
| HB 32 | Allow additional local government entity board training by petition - Creates petition process to require special district board trainings by MSU Local Government Center. | Other | Steve Gist | July 1, 2023 |
| HB 34 | Exempt certain DNRC grants from MEPA - Compliance with MEPA no longer required for applicants or awardees of RRGL and RDGP grants and loans. | Water and Wastewater | Steve Gist | October 1, 2023 |
| HB 35 | Remove appointed members & allow ex officio members on county water/sewer board - Authorizing ex officio members of county and water sewer boards; requiring municipal member on board if municipality is sole source of water for the district. | Other | Larry Brewster | May 18, 2023 |
| HB 76 | Generally revise transportation laws - Combines gas tax allocations into one automatic monthly distribution. First distribution will occur end of FY 2023. | Revenue and Finance | Jerry Schillinger | July 1, 2023 |
| HB 88 | Revise third-party permission at state superfund sites - Allows third parties to perform work at compliance order sites without DEQ approval. | Infrastructure | Ross Fitzgerald | April 18, 2023 |
| HB 91 | Revise laws related to public library state aid - Increases annual per capita base public library funding to \$.50 through FY2029. | Revenue and Finance | Courtenay Sprunger | May 18, 2023/July 1, 2023 |
| HB 114 | Revise timelines for water right permit and change process - Shortens the timeline and streamlines the process for DNRC review of water rights applications, provides additional funds for staffing. | Water and Wastewater | Sue Vinton | January 1, 2024 |
| HB 128 | Generally revise marijuana laws - Section 26 of the bill fixes the distribution formula of local-option marijuana taxes to municipalities. | Revenue and Finance | Joshua Kassmier | October 1, 2023 [Section 26] |
| HB 186 | Revise dates for special purpose elections - Allows municipalities to place special purpose elections on general municipal election day. | Revenue and Finance | Alice Buckley | May 3, 2023 |

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| <u>HB 188</u> | Extend funding to Coal Board - Permanently xtends 5.8% allocation of coal severance taxes to the Coal Board for community grants to address impacts of growth or reduction in coal mining. | Revenue and Finance | Gary Parry | April 25, 2023 |
| <u>HB 189</u> | Revise property tax assistance program - Changes limits for property tax assistance program from \$200,000 in appraised value to \$350,000 in market value; increases income limits for eligibility for tax assistance; indexes the value to the median home value within the program. | Revenue and Finance | George Nikolakakos | December 31, 2023 |
| <u>HB 198</u> | Provide for municipal authority regarding encroachments - Allows municipalities to adopt ordinances governing the placement of impermanent encroachments on sidewalks of state highway system without permitting by MDT. Permanent attachment or modification of the route still requires MDT permit. Requires indemnification of the state caused by the approval of the impermanent encroachment and compliance with federal regulations. | Local Control | Julie Dooling | October 1, 2023 |
| <u>HB 222</u> | Provide non-taxable rebates of property taxes paid on a principal residence - Governor's bill to issue property tax rebates of \$500 from state general funds for primary residences in each of tax years 2022 and 2023. | Revenue and Finance | Tom Welch | March 13, 2023 |
| <u>HB 246</u> | Allow for the zoning of tiny dwelling units - Provides specific authority to zone for tiny dwelling units and provides a definition of tiny dwelling unit; modifies definition of manufactured home. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Scot Kerns | October 1, 2023 |
| <u>HB 262</u> | Revise local government financial reporting and audit requirements - Relaxes standard for granting 6-mo extension for AFR and allows "GAAP Light" to be used by all entities under 10,000 population. | Revenue and Finance | Jerry Schillinger | October 1, 2023 |
| <u>HB 267</u> | Create SAFER account for federal highway grants - Appropriates \$100 million of state general fund to match federal highway reallocation funds. | Infrastructure | Courtenay Sprunger | March 13, 2023 |
| <u>HB 291</u> | Revise local government investment laws - Allows MMIA to invest following insurance statutes instead of local government investment statutes. | Revenue and Finance | Larry Brewster | October 1, 2023 |
| <u>HB 299</u> | Revise resolution and ordinance requirements re: land use regulation enforcement - Clarifies the private business limitations on public health orders do not apply to municipal zoning ordinances. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Jedediah Hinkle | April 19, 2023 |
| <u>HB 364</u> | Allow for independent subdivision reviews for past due applications. | Water and Wastewater | Casey Knudsen | July 1, 2024 |
| <u>HB 355</u> | Appropriate funds to maintain or repair existing city and town infrastructure projects - \$20 million to cities, \$15 million to cities with less than 10,000 population, \$5 million to those with more than 10,000. | Infrastructure | John Fitzpatrick | June 14, 2023 |
| <u>HB 465</u> | Revise local government acceptable uses of building permit fees. Allows local building code programs to keep a reserve of enforcing building code permits and eliminates the duplicative audit requirement. | Revenue and Finance | Jonathan Karlen | October 1, 2023 |

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| <u>HB 534</u> | Revise collections limit for actions brought before city court - Increases municipal court jurisdiction over City initiated actions to recover costs to \$25,000 from \$9,500. | Local Control | Michael Yakawich | October 1, 2023 |
| <u>HB 795</u> | Exempt Commerce, Coal Boards grants from MEPA - Compliance with MEPA no longer required for application to or award of MCEL and certain Coal Board grants and loans. | Water and Wastewater | Paul Tuss | April 18, 2023 |
| <u>HB 830</u> | Optional alternative property tax payment schedule for primary residences - allows payment of property taxes on a seven month payment plan. | Revenue and Finance | George Nikolakakos | November 30, 2024 |
| <u>HB 874</u> | Revise examination fees for exempt divisions of land increase exempt subdivision application fee from \$200 to \$400. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Larry Brewster | October 1, 2023 |
| <u>SB 11</u> | Generally revise criminal justice system laws - Creates a criminal justice data warehouse and to work with 4 willing local stakeholders to deposit existing local criminal justice data in the warehouse. | Public Safety and Criminal Justice | Barry Usher | May 19, 2023 |
| <u>SB 47</u> | Revise commercial drivers license laws to comply with federal requirements - require federal compliant training for CDL holders. | Other | Theresa Manzella | October 1, 2023 |
| <u>SB 130</u> | Allow for a county consolidated land use board. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Forrest Mandeville | May 1, 2023 |
| <u>SB 131</u> | Revise exempt subdivision review timelines. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Forrest Mandeville | May 1, 2023 |
| <u>SB 170</u> | Allow for administrative minor subdivision process - Creates administrative review and approval process for minor subdivisions. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Forrest Mandeville | October 1, 2023 |
| <u>SB 294</u> | Establish the end of watch trust - Establishes a \$10M State trust to fund monthly payments to law enforcement that are killed or catastrophically injured in the line of duty. Local employing agencies must pay for 4 months of continuing medical insurance coverage for dependents. | Public Safety and Criminal Justice | Barry Usher | July 1, 2013 |
| <u>SB 334</u> | Revise petroleum storage tank cleanup definitions - Clarify authorities between the Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board and the DEQ. | Other | John Esp | May 22, 2023 |
| <u>SB 374</u> | Revise local government public document retention - Revises public record requirements for local governments allowing local government to dispose of records that have reached the end of retention without having to gain the approval of the records destruction subcommittee, historic records are now those that are 50 years or older. | Other | Willis Curdy | October 1, 2023 |
| <u>SB 382</u> | Create the Montana Land Use Planning Act - Creates new land use, zoning, and subdivision framework for 10 municipalities; creates administrative review and decision for site development with appeal process; requires jurisdictions to quantify housing needs and implement housing reforms. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Forrest Mandeville | May 17, 2023 |
| <u>SB 483</u> | Generally revising alternative project delivery laws - Authorizes local governments to use public-private partnership contracting | Infrastructure | Christopher Pope | May 3, 2023 |
| <u>SB 505</u> | Revise tax increment calculation for districts that use tax increment financing. | Tax Increment Financing (TIF) | Greg Hertz | May 19, 2023 |

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| <u>SB 536</u> | Provide funding for local government road maintenance - \$20 million to cities and towns with a population less than 10,000, for construction, reconstruction, maintenance, and repair of city or town streets and alleys; \$80 million for funding or state match for off-system bridges, secondary highway system routes, or urban highway system routes. | Infrastructure | Greg Hertz | July 1, 2023 |
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| Bill # | Title | Policy Area | Sponsor | Last Action |
| <u>HB 241</u> | Prohibit government from requiring buildings be constructed with solar panels - adds to 7-1-111 that self governing local government may not require solar panels on buildings. | Local Control | Joshua Kassmier | October 1, 2023 |
| <u>HB 283</u> | Generally revise rental laws - self-governing local government cannot deviate or add to the Landlord Tenant Act. | Local Control | Steven Galloway | May 18, 2023 |
| <u>HB 592</u> | Direct DEQ to allow the installation of certain new septic systems | Water and Wastewater | Jedediah Hinkle | May 18, 2023 |
| <u>SB 105</u> | Prohibit rent control of private property - local government cannot impose rent control for private residential or commercial property | Local Control | Steve Fitzpatrick | October 1, 2003 |
| <u>SB 208</u> | Prohibit local governments from banning or limiting energy choices - Preempts local governments from prohibiting or impeding the connection of any type of utility service provided by any utility or fuel provider | Local Control | Jason Small | May 4, 2023 |
| <u>SB 228</u> | Prohibit local governments from banning petroleum fuels - Preempts local governments from prohibiting the purchase or use of petroleum fuels or the installation or use of any vehicles, vessels, tools, or appliances that burn or transport petroleum fuels. | Local Control | Jason Small | May 4, 2023 |
| <u>SB 245</u> | Revise municipal zoning to allow multifamily and mixed use development - Requires 1st and 2nd class cities to allow MF in commercial zones and limits required parking to 1 space per unit | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Daniel Zolnikov | May 17, 2023 |
| <u>SB 262</u> | Generally revise licensing requirements - Preempts local governments from requiring additional licensing when the state is the original issuer of the license. | Local Control | Daniel Zolnikov | October 1, 2023 |
| <u>SB 285</u> | Revise subdivision sanitation laws. | Water and Wastewater | Carl Glimm | May 22, 2023 |
| <u>SB 323</u> | Allow for duplex, triplex, and fourplex housing in city zoning - Requires all 1st and 2nd class cities to allow duplex on any lot where single-family home allowed. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Jeremy Trebas | January 1, 2024 |
| <u>SB 327</u> | Allow water well at any location within setbacks. | Water and Wastewater | Carl Glimm | May 19, 2023 |
| <u>SB 406</u> | Revise laws related to local building codes - Restates existing law that local governments may not adopt building codes more restrictive than those adopted by the state. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Jeremy Trebas | October 1, 2023 |
| <u>SB 407</u> | Revise municipal zoning laws-Internal staff, not external board must review compliance with design standards; design review (architectural) standards must be clear, objective, and necessary to protect public health or safety. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Shane Morigeau | October 1, 2023 |
| <u>SB 528</u> | Revise zoning laws related to ADUs - must allow one ADU on a lot with a single family dwelling. | Local Government | Greg Hertz | January 1, 2024 |

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| Bill # | Title | Policy Area | Sponsor | Last Action |
| HB 20 | Appropriation for the MSU Local Government Center. | Revenue and Finance | Dave Fern | 01/26/2023 - Tabled in House Appropriations |
| HB 33 | Allow county commissioners to initiate certain civil proceedings. | Other | Steve Gist | 05/05/2023 - Vetoed by Governor |
| HB 269 | Establish a local disaster resiliency fund.B64:B66 | Revenue and Finance | Larry Brewster | 02/15/2023 - Tabled in House Appropriations |
| HB 300 | Revise tobacco, alternative nicotine, and vapor product laws. | Local Control | Frank Smith | 02/07/2023 - Tabled in House Business and Labor |
| HB 370 | Revise resort tax eligibility and allow use for workforce housing. | Revenue and Finance | Dave Fern | 02/10/2023 - Tabled in House Tax |
| HB 413 | Repeal laws on preemption of local government on auxiliary containers. | Local Control | Ed Stafman | 02/16/2023 - Tabled in House Local Government |
| HB 430 | Establish a rent local program funded with tax on short-term rentals. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Jane Gillette | 03/31/2023 - Tabled in House Appropriations |
| HB 481 | Increase rate of inflation limit for calculating property tax levies. | Revenue and Finance | Ross Fitzgerald | 04/17/2023 - Tabled in Senate Tax |
| HB 737 | Revise laws related to coal fired generating unit remediation. | Natural Resource Communities | Gary Parry | 02/27/2023 - Tabled in House Energy |
| HB 747 | Revise laws relating to disability parking. | Public Safety and Criminal Justice | Julie Dooling | 04/06/2023 - Tabled in Senate Highways and Transportation |
| HB 789 | Revise laws related to the alteration of county boundaries. | Local Control | Lyn Hellegaard | 02/28/2023 - Tabled in House Local Government |
| HB 825 | Provide funding to address affordable housing.+B73:B74 | Land Use, Planning and Housing, Revenue and Finance | Mike Hopkins | 04/03/2023 - Failed 2nd Reading in House |
| HB 827 | Appropriate funds for waterworks at new treatment plant in Yellowstone County. | Infrastructure | Larry Brewster | 03/27/2023 - Tabled in House Natural Resources |
| HB 829 | Establish a Montana workforce housing tax credit. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | George Nikolakakos | 03/31/2023 - Tabled in House Appropriations |
| HB 839 | Fund the Great Falls fire training center. | Public Safety and Criminal Justice | Kerri Seekins-Crowe | 04/14/2023 - Tabled in Senate Finance and Claims |
| HB 916 | Authorize transfers and other necessary measures to implement HB2-Section D. | Revenue and Finance | Bill Mercer | 5/22/2023 - Vetoed by Governor |
| HB 943 | Establish a Montana workforce housing tax credit. | Revenue and Finance | Dave Fern | 04/17/2023 - Tabled in Senate Tax |
| HJ 22 | Interim study of accessory dwelling units. | Local Government | Scot Kerns | 05/01/2023 - Hearing Senate Local Government |
| HJ 34 | Interim study of short term rentals. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Sherry Essmann | 05/01/2023 - Hearing Senate Local Government |
| HJ 35 | Interim study of the local permitting process. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Steven Galloway | 05/01/2023 - Hearing Senate Local Government |
| SB 29 | Increase and Extend the PERS Supplemental Employer Contribution. | Revenue and Finance | Wendy McKamey | 04/13/2023 - Tabled in House Appropriations |
| SB 72 | Revise judicial administration of water rights. | Water and Wastewater | Steve Fitzpatrick | 04/13/2023 - Tabled in House Judiciary |
| SB 145 | Provide for local distribution of lodging tax revenue. | Revenue and Finance | Keith Regier | 03/30/2023 - Tabled in Senate Finance and Claims |
| SB 227 | Allow DEQ to pre-certify subdivision applicants. | Water and Wastewater | Forrest Mandeville | 02/23/2023 - Tabled in Senate Finance and Claims |
| SB 517 | Establish graduated fee on short term rentals with money going to housing. | Infrastructure, Other | Denise Hayman | 03/29/2023 - Tabled in Senate Tax |
| SB 548 | Eliminate government entity property tax levy limitations. | Revenue and Finance | Jeremy Trebas | 04/03/2023 - Failed 2nd Reading in Senate |
| SB 551 | Provide for local option tax. | Revenue and Finance | Christopher Pope | 03/30/2023 - Tabled in Senate Tax |

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| Bill # | Title | Policy Area | Sponsor | Last Action |
| HB 206 | Generally revise mill levy election laws. | Revenue and Finance | Ron Marshall | 01/26/2023 - Tabled in House State Administration |
| HB 226 | Generally revise pension laws. | Revenue and Finance | Terry Moore | 05/02/2023 - 2nd Reading Pass Consideration |
| HB 278 | Revise motor carrier rate regulation laws. | Other | Brad Barker | 02/06/2023 - Tabled in House Energy |
| HB 324 | Provide for a local government expenditure limitation. | Revenue and Finance | Caleb Hinkle | 02/23/2023 - Tabled in House Local Government |
| HB 328 | Require certain govt boards to record public meetings in audio and video format. | Other | Brad Barker | 02/16/2023 - Tabled in House Local Government |
| HB 337 | Revise municipal zoning laws to prohibit certain minimum lot sizes. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Katie Zolnikov | 02/23/2023 - Tabled in House Local Government |
| HB 339 | Establish laws for autonomous vehicles. | Local Control | Denley Loge | 04/17/2023 - Failed 2nd Reading in Senate |
| HB 369 | Require referendum to adopt growth policy. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Marty Malone | 02/16/2023 - Tabled in House Local Government |
| HB 420 | Generally revise marijuana laws. | Revenue and Finance | Mike Hopkins | 02/21/2023 - Tabled in House Tax |
| HB 476 | Provide for property tax exemption for certain residential property. | Revenue and Finance | Steven Galloway | 02/23/2023 - Tabled in House Tax |
| HB 483 | Generally revise land survey laws. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Ross Fitzgerald | 02/23/2023 - Tabled in House Local Government |
| HB 553 | Housing for Montana Families Act. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Alice Buckley | 02/23/2023 - Tabled in House Local Government |
| HB 618 | Revise laws related to special districts. | Revenue and Finance | Lyn Hellegaard | 02/28/2023 - Tabled in House Local Government |
| HB 642 | Revise exempt wells laws. | Water and Wastewater | Casey Knudsen | 03/29/2023 - Tabled in House Natural Resources |
| HB 651 | Establish the Montana family and medical leave insurance act. | Other | Derek Harvey | 02/28/2023 - Tabled in House Business and Labor |
| HB 699 | Allow sheriffs to have expenditure control over sheriff's office budget. | Public Safety and Criminal Justice | Steve Gunderson | 02/28/2023 - Tabled in House Local Government |
| HB 726 | Assign oversight of water compacts and management to Public Service Commission. | Water and Wastewater | Joe Read | 02/27/2023 - Tabled in House Energy |
| HB 774 | Generally revise election laws. | Other | Mike Hopkins | 04/21/2023 - Tabled in Senate State Administration |
| HB 861 | Provide business property tax exemption during state of emergency or disaster. | Revenue and Finance | Bob Phalen | 04/17/2023 - Tabled in Senate Tax |
| HB 865 | Provide for a local government expenditure limitation & penalties. | Revenue and Finance | Caleb Hinkle | 04/03/2023 - Failed 2nd Reading in House |
| HB 925 | Revise laws related to tax increment pledged to payment of bonds. | Tax Increment Financing (TIF) | Larry Brewster | 04/25/2023 - Failed 2nd Reading in Senate |
| SB 12 | Revising laws on public defender representation related to local ordinances. | Public Safety and Criminal Justice | Ryan Lynch | 03/16/2023 - Tabled in House Judiciary |
| SB 125 | Limit certain property tax levies to 5 years without reapproval. | Revenue and Finance | Greg Hertz | 02/23/2023 - Tabled in Senate Tax |
| SB 206 | Exempt certain cell phone use from local ordinances. | Local Control | Jeremy Trebas | 04/04/2023 - Tabled in House Local Government |
| SB 207 | Clarify final decree process for compacts. | Water and Wastewater | Bob Brown | 02/17/2023 - Tabled in House Natural Resources |
| SB 251 | Sunset or reapprove existing voter-approved property tax levies. | Revenue and Finance | Greg Hertz | 02/28/2023 - Tabled in Senate Tax |
| SB 268 | Generally revise short-term rental laws. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Greg Hertz | 04/12/2023 - Failed 2nd Reading in House |
| SB 272 | Constitutional amendment to secure the office of county sheriff. | Public Safety and Criminal Justice | Theresa Manzella | 04/19/2023 - Bill Not Heard at Sponsor's Request |
| SB 291 | Revise threshold for approval for certain bond elections. | Infrastructure, Revenue and Finance | Greg Hertz | 02/28/2023 - Tabled in Senate Tax |
| SB 292 | Revising the threshold for approval of a mill levy election. | Revenue and Finance | Greg Hertz | 02/28/2023 - Tabled in Senate Tax |

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| SB 301 | Revise property laws related to lakeshore regulations. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Greg Hertz | 05/11/2023 - Vetted by Governor |
| SB 379 | Revise zoning laws. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Steve Fitzpatrick | 04/04/2023 - Tabled in House Local Government |
| SB 381 | Require one council member per ward of first-class cities. | Other | Chris Friedel | 04/17/2023 - Failed 2nd Reading in House |
| SB 404 | Generally revise local government laws for fire departments. | Local Control | Jeremy Trebas | 02/24/2023 - Tabled in Senate Local Government |
| SB 462 | Prioritize ag irrigation in RRGL. | Revenue and Finance | Mike Lang | 04/18/2023 - Failed 3rd Reading in House |
| SB 467 | Revise laws regarding local regulation of short-term rentals. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Jeremy Trebas | 03/02/2023 - Failed 2nd Reading in Senate |
| SB 500 | Provide uniform duration limit for latecomer agreements. | Infrastructure, Land Use, Planning and Housing | Jeremy Trebas | 03/28/2023 - Tabled in House Local Government |
| SB 511 | Revise government entity limitations on property tax increases. | Revenue and Finance | Daniel Zolnikov | 04/04/2023 - Failed 3rd Reading in Senate |
| SB 519 | Revise laws related to maximum mill levies. | Revenue and Finance | Brad Molnar | 03/29/2023 - Tabled in Senate Tax |
| SB 523 | Generally revise tax increment financing laws. | Tax Increment Financing (TIF) | Greg Hertz | 04/21/2023 - Tabled in House Tax |
| SB 542 | Constitutional amendment to limit property values and property taxes. | Revenue and Finance | Brad Molnar | 03/31/2023 - Tabled in Senate State Administration |

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| Bill # | Title | Policy Area | Sponsor | Effective Date |
| HB 2 | General Appropriations Act. | Revenue and Finance | Llew Jones | July 1, 2023 |
| HB 5 | Long-range building appropriations. | Revenue and Finance | Mike Hopkins | Line Item Veto - May 24, 2023 |
| HB 77 | Revise laws related to public safety officer appointing authorities. | Public Safety and Criminal Justice | Steven Galloway | February 16, 2023 |
| HB 78 | Revise laws related to public safety officer appointing authorities. | Public Safety and Criminal Justice | Steven Galloway | February 16, 2023 |
| HB 83 | Revise administration of Family Violence Prevention Services Act grants. | Public Safety and Criminal Justice | Amy Regier | October 1, 2024 |
| HB 107 | Generally revise the duties of SERC. | Other | Brad Barker | October 1, 2023 |
| HB 149 | Generally revise laws related to 9-1-1 program. | Public Safety and Criminal Justice | Michele Binkley | October 1, 2023 |
| HB 176 | Revising county utility permitting laws. | Broadband | Steven Galloway | April 19, 2023 |
| HB 211 | Revise the local subdivision review process. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Larry Brewster | October 1, 2023 |
| HB 215 | Revise the definition of the governing body of a local health board. | Local Control | David Bedey | May 3, 2023 |
| HB 295 | Revise nepotism laws relating to small communities. | Other | James Bergstrom | October 1, 2023 |
| HB 321 | Generally revise laws related to the coal trust. | Infrastructure | Linda Reksten | July 1, 2023 |
| HB 356 | Establish firearms industry nondiscrimination. | Local Control | Brandon Ler | October 1, 2023 |
| HB 424 | Generally revise sustainability of state finance and provide for transfers. | Revenue and Finance | Llew Jones | May 22, 2023 |
| HB 497 | Require property tax bill to include comparison with prior year. | Revenue and Finance | Fred Anderson | April 20, 2023 |
| HB 543 | Revise laws for ballot wording for bonds and levies - mill levy election ballot must contain statement that "increase in property taxes may lead to increase in rental costs and impact to homes valued at \$100,000, \$300,000 and \$600,000. | Revenue and Finance | Jedediah Hinkle | July 1, 2023 |
| HB 569 | Generally revise pension laws - provides supplemental funding for smaller retirement systems to amortize those systems in 25 years. | Revenue and Finance | Terry Moore | July 1, 2023 |
| HB 597 | Generally revising laws related to reallocation of 911 fees. | Public Safety and Criminal Justice | Neil Duram | July 1, 2023 |
| HB 790 | Generally revise electronic monitoring and victim notification laws. | Public Safety and Criminal Justice | Courtenay Sprunger | October 1, 2023 |

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| <u>HB 675</u> | Authorize consolidation of county and municipal water and/or sewer districts. | Water and Wastewater | Larry Brewster | October 1, 2023 |
| <u>HB 702</u> | Repeal termination date relating to certain Workers' Compensation Programs. | Other | Derek Harvey | May 3, 2023 |
| <u>HB 724</u> | Generally revise public notice requirements - Requires publishing and posting of governing body agenda to newspaper website, if free, or city/town website or social media page. | Other | Brad Barker | October 1, 2023 |
| <u>HB 816</u> | Revise distribution of surplus revenue. | Revenue and Finance | Joshua Kassmier | June 5, 2023 |
| <u>HB 819</u> | Create Montana community reinvestment act to fund workforce housing. | Infrastructure/Revenue and Finance | Paul Green | June 14, 2023 |
| <u>HB 881</u> | Generally revise economic development laws. | Revenue and Finance | Edward Buttrey | July 1, 2023 |
| <u>HB 890</u> | Require certain govt boards to provide audio/video recordings of public meetings- 1st & 2nd class cities must audio and video record their meetings, 3rd class audio. Post recording to city webpage or social media page. Recording only needs to be kept online for 1 year. | Other | Brad Barker | July 1, 2024 |
| <u>HB 904</u> | Generally revise commercial driver's license laws. | Other | Casey Knudsen | May 22, 2023 |
| <u>HB 918</u> | Eliminating DPHHS registration requirement of day-care homes for zoning purposes - clarifies that family day-care and group day-care are residential uses for purposes of zoning. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Alice Buckley | July 1, 2023 |
| <u>HB 948</u> | Revise marijuana laws regarding synthetic marijuana products -Prohibits synthetic marijuana and limits THC concentration that can be sold in non-licensed establishments. | Public Safety and Criminal Justice | Steven Galloway | May 22, 2023 |
| <u>SB 18</u> | Add benefit policy statement to pension systems. | Revenue and Finance | Mike Cuffe | October 1, 2023 |
| <u>SB 94</u> | Generally revise laws related to recovery residences. | Public Safety and Criminal Justice | Barry Usher | October 1, 2023 |
| <u>SB 142</u> | Provide oversight of local impact fee laws. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Keith Regier | January 1, 2024 |
| <u>SB 152</u> | Revise minor subdivision laws. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Forrest Mandeville | October 1, 2023 |
| <u>SB 158</u> | Revise family transfer law. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Jason Ellsworth | May 1, 2023 |
| <u>SB 159</u> | Restrict use of eminent domain. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Becky Beard | April 24, 2023 |
| <u>SB 174</u> | Allow counties funding for broadband infrastructure. | Broadband | Wendy McKamey | October 1, 2023 |
| <u>SB 177</u> | Revising allowed local government employer benefits. | Local Control | Daniel Zolnikov | October 1, 2023 |
| <u>SB 178</u> | Generally revise cryptocurrency laws - zoning of digital asset mining, allowed in industrial zones and treated the same as data centers, must allow home-based digital asset mining unless violation of "existing" noise ordinance. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Daniel Zolnikov | May 2, 2023 |
| <u>SB 195</u> | Exempt certain structures from building code fire sprinkler requirement. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Jeremy Trebas | May 19, 2023 |
| <u>SB 215</u> | Revise DEQ rule ARM 17.36.328 to require connection from proposed subdivision. | Water and Wastewater | Steve Fitzpatrick | April 24, 2023 |
| <u>SB 220</u> | Include public infrastructure and county-owned parks in municipal annexation. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Carl Glimm | October 1, 2023 |
| <u>SB 247</u> | Revise covenant laws. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Steve Fitzpatrick | May 19, 2023 |
| <u>SB 270</u> | Prohibit employee termination for legal social media posts - adds employment protection for social media posts unless such post violates employer's written policy or employment contract. | Local Control | Keith Regier | October 1, 2023 |

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| <u>SB 289</u> | Allow tuition waivers for qualified survivors of firefighters and peace officers. | Revenue and Finance | Chris Friedel | October 1, 2023 |
| <u>SB 331</u> | Revise condo and townhouse exemptions. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Greg Hertz | May 4, 2023 |
| <u>SB 332</u> | Require property tax increase information to be included in budget discussions. Preliminary and final budget must include the amount property taxes will increase on homes valued at \$100,000, \$300,000, and \$600,000. | Revenue and Finance | Greg Hertz | May 19, 2023 |
| <u>SB 358</u> | Require disclosure of taxpayer funds for lobbying by local governments/schools - local government must prominently display information about lobbyists paid by the local government on local government website. | Local Control | Greg Hertz | May 8, 2023 |
| <u>SB 397</u> | Generally revise laws related to privacy and facial recognition technology. | Public Safety and Criminal Justice | Kenneth Bogner | June 29, 2023 |
| <u>SB 522</u> | Provide hotels with grants to shelter victims of violence and human trafficking. | Land Use, Planning and Housing | Daniel Zolnikov | July 1, 2023 |
| <u>SB 531</u> | Generally review broadband deployment laws. | Broadband | Daniel Salomon | May 19, 2023 |
| <u>SB 540</u> | Revise allowable state-funded tourism promotion laws. Expands use of lodging facility use tax ("bed tax") to include infrastructure and emergency services in rural communities. | Revenue and Finance | Daniel Zolnikov | May 19, 2023 |