



Chamber of Commerce

THE MONTANA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS



2013 VOTING REVIEW

63RD MONTANA LEGISLATURE AND GOVERNOR

A Message from Montana Chamber President and CEO



The Montana Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present the 2013 Voting Review for the 63rd Session of the Montana Legislature and the Governor. This review is the most comprehensive look at the business and economic issues addressed during the 87-day Session. In fact, our prior voting reviews have been nationally recognized as a model for other state and local chambers of commerce. Our intent in releasing the review is to provide our members and Montana voters with information on pro-business bills, anti-business bills, and how legislators and the Governor voted on both.

Every voting study has a degree of subjectivity, and this report is no different. It is impossible, or at least very impractical, to report on each of the hundreds of bills the Chamber followed. Neither can any voting record tell the entire story of a legislator's attitude and actions on issues important to business. We try and select bills that were very important not only to the Montana Chamber, but to the business community as a whole. This review includes the most bills of any review in the state from any statewide organization.

Montana's employers are the fabric of our communities. They take risks every day to keep Montana's economy working. Many legislators tried to add to those risks as we dealt with a number of anti-business bills. However, the business community worked together and was able to stop the vast majority of those efforts to increase taxes, expand government regulation, decrease availability of health insurance, and mandate employment policies best left to a free and competitive marketplace. We also successfully promoted our proactive, positive changes as outlined in our Montana Chamber "Roadmap to Jobs" agenda.

We thank our 150 citizen legislators and the Executive Branch. Whether we agree or disagree on any particular business issue, we have the utmost respect and appreciation for every lawmaker. Legislators spend countless hours wading through hundreds of proposals, balancing competing interests, debating the issues that face the state, and voting for what they believe is best for their constituents and the state in general. We are grateful for their service to Montana.

This past Session was a success for business, in part, because of the hard work of the Chamber staff. Jon Bennion, former Government Relations Director, developed a strong "Roadmap to Jobs" agenda prior to leaving us to become Deputy Attorney General for the State of Montana. Glenn Oppel then stepped up to the challenge to shepherd that agenda through a tricky Session. We were helped tremendously by former Administrative/Legislative Assistant Jessica Nolan, who was so inspired by the Session she left for law school soon afterwards!

The Montana Chamber also benefits tremendously from a strong Board of Directors – our "eyes and ears" throughout the Treasure State. It was particularly fun to have Montana Chamber Board and Executive Committee member Greg Hertz serving as the Representative from House District 11 (Polson). We also want to acknowledge other trade groups and business lobbyists who we closely partnered with to get things done.

Finally, we thank you, the members, for your investment in us. Your participation allows us to represent your business in Helena. We look forward to continuing toward our goal of making Montana an even better place to do business.

Recap of the 63rd Legislative Session

The 63rd Regular Session of the Legislature started off with a projected budget surplus of nearly half a billion dollars. Despite a persistent recession at the national and global economic levels, economic activity in Montana has been increasing modestly but steadily. Much of the credit goes to natural resource development in the eastern portion of the state, which has generated unanticipated wealth and in turn revenue to the state's bank account. At the onset of the Session, the prospect of a healthy budget surplus fueled early efforts to tackle numerous spending issues that had been languishing over the past several sessions – pension reform, state employee raises, education funding, construction bonding, and infrastructure funding for oil and gas areas. These spending priorities would drive much of the Session's substantive activity.

Politically the 63rd Legislature was much like the previous as control of both houses was solidly in the GOP corner again. In the November 2012 elections, Republicans gained an extra seat in the Senate to secure a 29-21 majority; although division within the Republican Caucus allowed sizeable spending proposals to make their way through the lawmaking process. In the House, the Republicans lost seven seats but still maintained solid control with a 61-39 majority. Offsetting Republican control of the Legislature was the election of Steve Bullock as governor. Many felt that partisan gridlock would persist, but there was also hope and anticipation that a new administration would be friendlier to business interests.

Regardless of partisan vagaries, the Montana Chamber moved forward with an ambitious agenda to improve Montana's business climate and provide a tax relief boost to businesses inching their way out of the recession. We dubbed our collection of legislation the Montana Chamber "Roadmap to Jobs" agenda. The agenda included a number of pro-business ideas in the area of workers' compensation reform, legal reforms, tax fairness, tax relief, and good government.

One of the biggest issues the Montana Chamber tackled was tax relief for small businesses. Despite having a projected budget surplus of about \$450 million, the only significant tax relief to emerge from the Session was a proposal to reduce taxes on investment in business equipment for all businesses. Led by the Montana Chamber, numerous business groups joined a bipartisan effort to reduce taxes on business equipment by \$15 million over the coming biennium. Additionally, we joined the federal government and numerous other states by enacting legislation requiring state agencies to analyze the economic impact of proposed rules and regulations on small businesses. The cost of regulatory compliance is yet another drag on small business profitability, and the Montana Chamber's efforts will provide relief in this area of the law.

The Montana Chamber also focused on legislation to improve the state's business climate by adopting legal reforms. We successfully marshaled legislation through the legislative process that created a \$50 million appeal bond cap, joining numerous other states with a similar law. We also enacted legislation to strengthen the exclusive remedy doctrine in our workers' compensation system by establishing an evidentiary standard for determining whether an act that injured a worker was intentional or deliberate. Strengthening exclusive remedy is one way to ensure that systematic reforms enacted in the 2011 Session continue to push workers' compensation premiums downward.

Looking back upon the Session, we are proud that we accomplished a majority of our "Roadmap to Jobs" agenda and were able to defeat a number of bad bills that would have increased taxes, regulation, liability, and other costs for businesses. However, we left the Session disappointed that various tax relief proposals were overshadowed by big-ticket spending proposals. More tax relief would have served as an effective incentive for Montana individuals and businesses to expand operations and hire more workers to reverse the effects of the national recession in Montana. The business community hopes that, if the era of budget surplus continues, more policymakers will embrace the long and short term benefits of meaningful tax relief.



Government Relations Director Glenn Oppel visiting with Rep. Gordon Vance (Bozeman), House Majority Leader.

Methodology Behind the Business Score

Following the last two nationally recognized voting reviews, we have again compiled an extensive review of the Montana Legislature and Governor. We started by selecting a number of floor and veto override votes from each legislative chamber. We have assigned different points for these votes since some bills are more important than others. We also looked at the votes of members who sat on important business-related committees, such as Business and Labor, Taxation, Appropriations, Judiciary, and more. And finally, we added points for legislators who introduced pro-business bills and subtracted points for legislators who introduced anti-business bills.

Using all these factors allows the Montana Chamber to more accurately gauge an individual lawmaker's overall friendliness to business, economic development, and job creation legislation. Here is how the **Business Score** was calculated:

FLOOR VOTES: On floor votes, legislators earned between 1 and 15 points for each bill when the legislator supported the Chamber position. If a bill is assigned a higher point value, it indicates the bill was more important. No points were awarded for votes against the Chamber position. For bills debated on the House or Senate floor, this review usually used third reading votes as taken from the House and Senate journals. The third reading vote is the last vote on each bill, and represents a legislator's final decision on any matter before them. If a legislator was absent or excused for third reading, we went back and looked at how the legislator voted on second reading. Those second reading votes are noted with an asterisk. We also score a couple override votes on important tax legislation. Note that, for the veto override votes, we equated the lack of a vote on the override as a "no" vote.

SPONSORSHIP POINTS: For bill sponsorship, two points were awarded for a legislator who sponsored a pro-business bill that was supported by the Chamber. If a legislator sponsored an anti-business bill that was opposed by the Chamber, two points were subtracted. Although this may mathematically lead to some legislators having a score of more than 100% or less than 0%, all scores awarded fall within the range of 0% - 100%.

COMMITTEE VOTES: On committee votes, legislators sitting on those committees were given one point for each bill when the legislator supported the Chamber position. No points were awarded for votes against the Chamber position.



The lobbying team discusses strategy before a hearing on important legislation.

P-BASE DISTRICT SCORE: We also included the Power Base (P-base) number for each district to the right of the committee scores. The P-base number is an indication of each legislative district's level of support for business as measured by the most recent scientific P-base poll of 800 Montana voters (4.1% margin of error) conducted in 2008. A higher number reflects a more pro-business attitude among voters in the district. Those legislators who have scores in the same range as their district's P-base score are most likely representing their district according to the opinions of their constituents.

BUSINESS SCORE: Legislators have a different number of points possible depending on committee assignments and bill sponsorship. A legislator's individual points earned were divided by the total points possible for that legislator. This final number is the legislator's Business Score. While this score does not encompass all votes on business issues, it is a very reliable indicator of what level of priority the lawmaker puts on business issues versus other issues.

Recognition for Pro-Business Legislators

Most lawmakers do not get the credit or thanks they deserve for their sacrifice and hard work. This is especially true of those legislators who stand up for business and economic development. In the three previous sessions, we decided to do more to recognize the many legislators who are reliable policymakers for job creation, free enterprise, and entrepreneurship. Here is a list of the awards we are giving out over the next year:

MONTANA CHAMBER “MOST-VALUABLE POLICYMAKER” (MVP) AWARD: The Montana Chamber recognizes a legislator for exceptional service to business with a “Most-Valuable Policymaker” (MVP) Award. This award is reserved for a legislator who worked diligently to improve Montana’s business climate to create jobs and opportunity. To be considered for the MVP Award, a legislator must meet the following criteria: (1) received a higher Business Score than the P-base district score, which indicates the level of pro-business support of a legislator’s constituents; (2) no sponsorship of anti-business legislation; (3) supported the Montana Chamber’s top four priorities; and (4) sponsored a major piece of pro-business legislation that was a top priority of the Montana Chamber. Here is the recipient of the MVP Award for the 2013 Legislature:



Rep. Cary Smith (Billings)

MOST VALUABLE POLICYMAKER (MVP): Rep. Cary Smith (HD 55—Billings)

Rep. Cary Smith was a stalwart business advocate. He sponsored two of the Montana Chamber’s top legal reform priorities, HB 224 and HB 225. He also carried two other priorities on the House floor, SB 139 and SB 148. Lastly, he introduced four pro-business bills and voted with our position in committee at every opportunity.

MONTANA CHAMBER “CHAMPION OF BUSINESS” AWARD: The Montana Chamber also recognizes legislators from the House and Senate throughout the interim break with its “Champion of Business” Award. To be considered for the “Champion of Business” Award, a legislator must meet the following criteria: (1) received a higher Business Score than the P-base district score; (2) no sponsorship of anti-business legislation; (3) supported the top four Montana Chamber priorities; and (4) sponsored a piece of pro-business legislation or carried a pro-business bill on the floor. The recipients of the Montana Chamber “Champion of Business” Award are as follows:

SENATE: Arntzen, T. Brown, Buttrey, Essmann, Jones, Lewis, Peterson, Rosendale, Sonju, Thomas, Tutvedt, Walker, Wittich

HOUSE: Ankney, Bangerter, G. Bennett, Blasdel, Gibson, Hagan, Hansen, Hertz, Hollandsworth, Jones, Kary, Knudsen, Miller, Reichner, Vance, Welborn

MONTANA CHAMBER “HONORABLE MENTION” AWARD: Finally, we also recognize legislators who helped out the Montana Chamber in other ways and voted pro-business most of the time. To be considered for the Montana Chamber “Honorable Mention” Award, a legislator must meet the following criteria: (1) received a Business Score within 10 percentage points or higher than the P-base district score; (2) supported HB 232 and SB 96, which were the top two Montana Chamber priorities; and (3) sponsored pro-business legislation, carried a pro-business bill on the floor, or provided pro-business floor speeches. The recipients of the Montana Chamber “Honorable Mention” Award are as follows:

EXECUTIVE: Gov. Steve Bullock

SENATE: Arthun, Debby Barrett, Boulanger, Brenden, D. Brown, Fielder, Hamlett, Jackson, Moore, Murphy, Olson, Priest, Ripley, Taylor, Vincent, Webb

HOUSE: Ballance, Berry, Blyton, Brodehl, Cuffe, Doane, Edmunds, Ehli, Fiscus, Fitzpatrick, Flynn, Galt, Glimm, Greef, Hagstrom, Halvorson, Harris, Hollenbaugh, Hoven, Howard, Hunter, Ingraham, Jacobson, Kerns, Lang, Laszloffy, Lavin, Lenz, McChesney, McNally, McNiven, Moore, O’Hara, O’Neill, Osmundson, Randall, Redfield, Regier, Salomon, Schwaderer, Shaw, Wagoner, Warburton, Washburn, White, Williams, Zolnikov

HB 232

(Rep. Knudsen—Culbertson)

Work comp reform

HB 232 was the Chamber's top priority for the Session. Montana's work comp law provides that in return for the right to receive work comp, an employee relinquishes his right to sue his employer for punitive damages. Montana law specifically provides for an exception to this exclusive remedy for intentional acts that cause injury. The courts have adopted a broad application of the exception that encourages tort suits in addition to the no-fault remedy of our work comp system. HB 232 strengthened exclusive remedy by establishing an evidentiary standard – "clear and convincing evidence" – to determine whether an act was intentional or deliberate. The House passed the bill unanimously while the Senate passed it 32-16. The Governor signed the bill. This vote is worth 15 points.

SB 96

(Sen. Tutvedt—Kalispell)

Business equipment tax relief

Another one of the Chamber's top priorities, SB 96 was the only significant tax relief enacted during the 2013 Session. Our business equipment tax discouraged capital investment and rendered Montana's tax policy uncompetitive with other states that do not have it, including North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming. SB 96 changed the tax so that businesses with equipment valued under \$100,000 would no longer pay the tax, or about 11,000 small businesses in the state. SB 96 also raises the high threshold to \$6 million and lowers the tax rate to 1.5%. The House and Senate approved the conference committee report 84-16 and 34-16 respectively. The Governor signed the bill. This vote is worth 15 points.

HB 224

(Rep. Smith—Billings)

Establish appeal bond cap

HB 224 was designed to improve Montana's business climate by adopting common sense legal reforms. In order to stay the execution of a judgment pending appeal, Montana law requires the defendant to post an "appeal bond" for the full amount of the judgment, plus estimated costs for the appeal and interest. Montana is one of the few remaining jurisdictions with no limit on appeal bonds. Since 2000, at least 38 states have enacted legislation or adopted rules to limit or waive an appeal bond. The bond limits in other states range from \$1 million to \$150 million. With HB 224 the Chamber initially recommended a two-tiered appeal bond cap: 1) \$1 million for businesses with 100 or fewer employees; and 2) \$50 million for all other businesses. The initial proposal passed through the House. We worked with Senate Judiciary Committee members to amend the bill to just a \$50 million cap. The Senate passed that amended version with one dissenting vote and the House concurred with the Senate amendments on a unanimous vote. The Governor signed the bill. This vote is worth 10 points.



*Webb Brown visits with Rep. Pat Ingraham
(Thompson Falls) in the House gallery.*

SB 139

(Sen. Walker—Billings)

Small Business Impact Act

The federal government and 42 states require agencies to analyze how a proposed regulation would economically impact small businesses and consider whether there are less-burdensome solutions that will still accomplish agency rulemaking goals. SB 139 creates an affirmative duty for state agencies to analyze "significant and direct impacts" to small business. SB 139 defines a small business as one with 50 or fewer employees. The Governor proposed an amendment that would bar any cause of action if an agency opted not to conduct a small business impact analysis on a proposed rule. The Chamber believed that adopting the amendment would neuter the bill because agencies would simply ignore the requirement. The House (60-40) and Senate (31-17) rejected the Governor's amendment. Those floor votes are used for this review. Subsequently, the Governor signed the bill. This vote is worth 10 points.

HB 5

(Rep. Ankney—Colstrip)

Long range building appropriations

HB 5 appropriated money for capital projects and capital improvements around the state for state agencies and the university system. After the failure of HB 14 to authorize bonding for construction projects, support emerged to spend cash on numerous construction projects. The Chamber has been a consistent supporter of bonding to fund projects that create construction jobs. The Senate amended most of HB 14 into HB 5 and passed it 30-20. The House concurred 72-27. We use those votes. The Governor's successful line-item veto removed minor spending from the bill. This vote is worth 5 points.

HB 218

(Rep. Ankney—Colstrip)

Oil & gas infrastructure fund (and override vote)

HB 218 would have provided for a diversion of US Mineral Royalty revenues to a new state special revenue oil and gas impact fund from the general fund through December 31, 2020. The program would have provided grants to local governments for oil and gas impact projects as defined and prioritized by criteria set forth in the bill. This review uses the House (93-6) and Senate (48-2) floor votes on the free conference committee report and is worth 5 points. The Governor vetoed HB 218 stating that it was excessive and duplicative. There was an unsuccessful veto override attempt, which we also include in the review. That vote is worth 5 points as well.

HB 225

(Rep. Smith—Billings)

Revise judgment interest

Plaintiffs in Montana who win favorable verdicts are usually entitled to recover interest on the damages awarded. Montana last established the interest rate in 1985 at 10 percent. A high interest rate discourages defendants from appealing a judgment and provides a windfall to plaintiffs. HB 225 proposed to set the rate at the federal prime rate plus 2% for tort cases. Governor Bullock proposed amendments to the bill that increased the interest to prime plus 4% for all civil cases, which not all stakeholders supported. His amendments were accepted by the Senate but rejected by the House. The bill went back to Governor Bullock as initially passed in both chambers and he vetoed it. For this review, we use the initial 3rd reading votes in the House and Senate. This vote is worth 5 points.

HB 408

(Rep. Miller—Helmville)

Pollution control equipment tax (and override vote)

HB 408 would have reduced the rate for Class 5 pollution control equipment from 3% to 1% over 4 years. Since its inception 30 years ago, the Class 5 tax rate has remained at 3 percent while Class 8 business equipment has been reduced more than fivefold from 12 percent to 1.5 percent. Along with other business groups, the Chamber argued that equipment mandated by federal environmental regulations should not be taxed given that it does not add to a business's profits and provides a public benefit. HB 408 did not have a fiscal impact for the coming biennium. We score the initial Senate floor vote on the amended version of the bill (32-18) and the House's subsequent concurrence vote (72-28). Those votes are worth 5 points. The Governor vetoed the bill and a veto override attempt was unsuccessful. We also score the veto override votes in each chamber, which are worth 5 points.



*Legislative Assistant Jessica Nolan testifies
in front of Senate Finance & Claims.*

SB 148

(Sen. Jones—Conrad)

Wrongful Discharge Act reform

Montana law allows a wrongfully discharged employee to be awarded lost wages and fringe benefits "for a period not to exceed 4 years from the date of discharge" without consideration of time on the job exceeding a probationary period. With SB 148, the Montana Chamber recommended limiting lost wages and benefits awards "up to one-half of the period of time the employee was employed" with a cap of 48 months. We use the House (61-39) and Senate (30-20) votes on the free conference committee report. The Governor vetoed the bill. This vote is worth 5 points.

SB 240

(Sen. Tutvedt—Kalispell)

Pollution control equipment tax (and override vote)

SB 240 would have exempted air and water pollution control equipment placed in service after December 31, 2012 from property taxation. Taxing equipment that is mandated by the federal government, does not generate profit, and serves a public purpose to protect the environment is bad tax policy and not competitive with other states. The 3rd reading vote in the Senate occurred the day that Democrats protested, hence the vote was 28-0 with all Republicans voting yes, which is the vote used. The 2nd reading vote was 40-9 the day before, which is the vote used for all Democrats. It passed the House 92-8 and is used for this review. Governor Bullock vetoed the bill and an override attempt was unsuccessful with votes of 60-31 in the House and 33-12 in the Senate. Those veto override votes are also included in this review. The floor and override votes are worth 5 points each.

HB 283

(Rep. Wagoner—Colstrip)

Business impact for fiscal notes

HB 283 was a bill aimed at addressing the disconnect between state government and the private sector. It would have required business impact statements to be included on fiscal notes. There would have been a maximum of twelve bills (three designated by the minority and majority leader of each house) that could have business impact statements requested during a legislative session. Business impact statements would have included the estimated dollar amounts of direct or indirect fiscal impacts to business. The House passed the bill 96-1 and the Senate 36-13, which are the votes used for this review. The Governor vetoed the bill. It is worth 3 points.

HB 513

(Rep. McChesney—Miles City)

Exempt oversized loads from EIS

The process of obtaining permits to transport oversized loads through the state is uncertain and costly. Manufacturers need a predictable and expedited permitting process to ensure that oversized products can make it to development locations. HB 513 facilitates the process of obtaining permits by exempting oversized loads from environmental impact statements required by the Montana Environmental Policy Act “when existing roads through existing rights-of-way are used.” The Senate amended the rights-of-way language into the bill and passed it 37-12. The House concurred on an 87-14 vote. Those votes are used. The Governor signed the bill. It is worth 3 points.

SB 173

(Sen. Keane—Butte)

Work comp old fund liability

SB 173 would have moved the obligation for the \$49 million Old Fund liability to current policyholders in the Montana State Fund (MSF) and negatively impacted MSF’s ability to pay dividends or potentially lower rates. SB 173 would have violated current law, which requires that any MSF monies to be used only for claims incurred after July 1, 1990. In sum, the bill would have negatively impacted current policyholders, which are most of Montana’s small businesses. SB 173 went to a free conference committee where funding to eliminate a large portion of the Old Fund liability was stripped out. The free conference committee report was rejected by the House (3-97) but adopted by the Senate (26-24), therefore the bill died in the process. These votes are utilized for this review and are worth 3 points.



Glenn Oppel catches up with Sen. Mary Caferro (Helena) on health care legislation.

SB 282

(Sen. Tutvedt—Kalispell)

Tax simplification and reduction

SB 282 was designed to simplify Montana’s income tax code for individuals. The Montana return would have started with federal taxable income and reduced substantially the additions and subtractions to federal taxable income. It also included tax reductions. For individuals, the bill would have eliminated the seven marginal rates in favor of two, which would have been 4% on the first \$15,600 of Montana taxable income and 5.9% on the excess over \$15,600 for married individuals filing a joint return. The bill also included capital gains and corporate tax rate reductions. In order to offset lost revenues, the bill proposed to eliminate various state tax credits. After going through a free conference committee, the House adopted the changes on a 65-35 vote as well as the Senate on a 29-21 vote. The Governor vetoed the bill. This vote is worth 3 points.

HB 87

(Rep. Welborn—Dillon)

Health insurance rate review

HB 87 gives the State Auditor the authority to review health insurance rates. Although it does not give the State Auditor the authority to require health insurers to alter rates, it is designed to scrutinize rates based on specific statutory criteria. The purpose of HB 87 is to reduce the rampant rate of inflation in the health insurance market to protect consumers and small businesses. It was one of several bills that the Montana Chamber supported in the area of health care reform. The bill passed in the House 58-40 and the Senate 26-24. The Governor signed the bill. This vote is worth 1 point.

HB 226

(Rep. Jones—Billings)

Exempt computer professionals from overtime pay

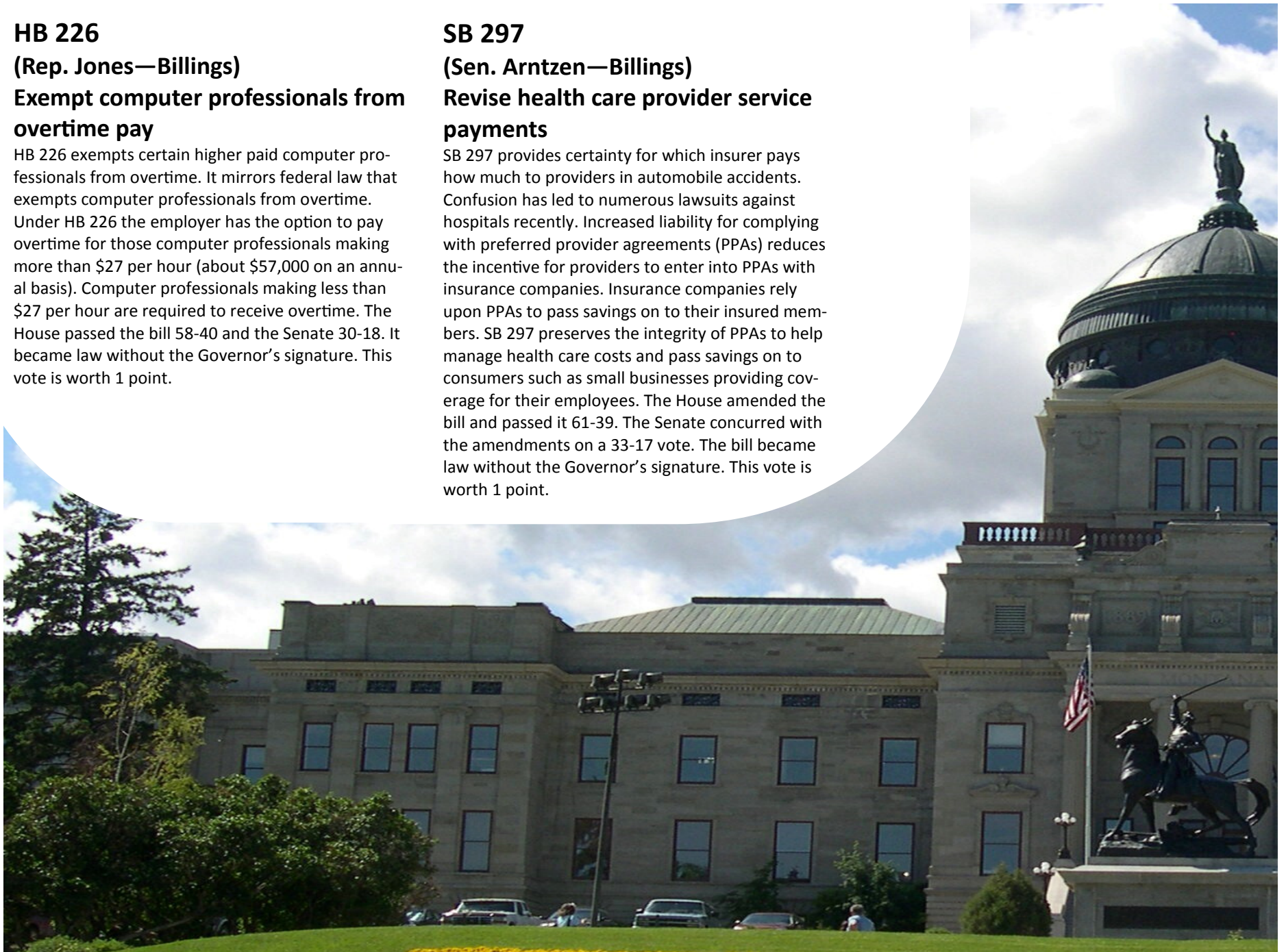
HB 226 exempts certain higher paid computer professionals from overtime. It mirrors federal law that exempts computer professionals from overtime. Under HB 226 the employer has the option to pay overtime for those computer professionals making more than \$27 per hour (about \$57,000 on an annual basis). Computer professionals making less than \$27 per hour are required to receive overtime. The House passed the bill 58-40 and the Senate 30-18. It became law without the Governor's signature. This vote is worth 1 point.

SB 297

(Sen. Arntzen—Billings)

Revise health care provider service payments

SB 297 provides certainty for which insurer pays how much to providers in automobile accidents. Confusion has led to numerous lawsuits against hospitals recently. Increased liability for complying with preferred provider agreements (PPAs) reduces the incentive for providers to enter into PPAs with insurance companies. Insurance companies rely upon PPAs to pass savings on to their insured members. SB 297 preserves the integrity of PPAs to help manage health care costs and pass savings on to consumers such as small businesses providing coverage for their employees. The House amended the bill and passed it 61-39. The Senate concurred with the amendments on a 33-17 vote. The bill became law without the Governor's signature. This vote is worth 1 point.



MONTANA SENATE

VOTING REVIEW KEY:

✓ — Business Positive Vote

✗ — Business Negative Vote

E — Excused

* — Used Second Reading Vote

V — Veto Override Vote

Chamber Position	Legislation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sponsor Points	Committee Votes	District P-base	BUSINESS SCORE		
		HB 232	SB 96	HB 224	SB 139	HB 5	HB 218	V-HB 218	HB 225	HB 408	V-HB 408	SB 148	SB 240	V-SB 240	HB 283	HB 513	SB 173	SB 282	HB 87					HB 226	SB 297
SENATOR	District																								
Arntzen, Elsie	27	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	+6	1/1	33	100%	
Arthun, Ron	31	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓		2/3	55	94%	
Augare, Shannon	8	✗	✗	✓	E	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗*	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓		0/1	17	22%
Barrett, Debby	36	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓		0/1	91	92%	
Barrett, Dick	47	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗*	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	-6	0/3	55	13%
Blewett, Anders	11	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗*	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	-2	1/1	32	34%
Boulanger, Scott	44	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓		0/1	66	95%	
Brenden, John	18	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓		0/1	71	92%	
Brown, Dee	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	+2/-2	0/1	56	89%	
Brown, Taylor	22	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	+2		63	100%	
Buttrey, Edward	13	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	+8		48	100%	
Caferro, Mary	40	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗*	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓		1/2	42	37%
Driscoll, Robyn	26	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓		1/1	23	36%
Essmann, Jeff	28	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗		2/3	60	100%	
Facey, Tom	48	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗*	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		1/1	13	48%
Fielder, Jennifer	7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗		0/1	73	80%	
Hamlett, Brad	10	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	+4		50	79%	
Jackson, Verdell	5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓		0/1	85	95%	
Jent, Larry	32	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗		1/1	32	53%
Jergeson, Greg	17	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		1/5	45	39%
Jones, Llew	14	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	+2		80	97%	
Kaufmann, Christine	41	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗*	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	-4	0/3	35	13%
Keane, Jim	38	✗*	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗*	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗*	✓	-2		12	37%
Larsen, Cliff	50	✗*	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗*	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗*	✓		1/1	37	44%	
Lewis, Dave	42	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	2		90	100%	

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Malek, Sue	46	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗*	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗		0/3	37	19%	
Moore, Eric	20	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓		0/1	20	90%	
Murphy, Terry	39	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	-2	1/3	56	98%	
Olson, Alan	23	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓			90	99%	
Peterson, Jim	15	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	+4	2/3	95	100%	
Phillips, Mike	33	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗*	E	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	-2	0/3	15	30%		
Priest, Jason	30	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗		1/2	76	94%	
Ripley, Rick	9	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓			85	92%	
Rosendale, Matthew	19	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	+4		81	100%	
Sales, Scott	34	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓		0/1	83	81%	
Sesso, Jon	37	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓			33	36%
Sonju, Jon	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	2	0/1	65	97%	
Stewart-Peregoy, Sharon	21	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗*	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗		0/1	23	24%	
Taylor, Janna	6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	+2	2/3	55	96%	
Thomas, Fred	45	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	+6	3/5	78	100%	
Tropila, Mitch	12	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗			43	40%	
Tutvedt, Bruce	3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	+10	2/3	98	100%	
Van Dyk, Kendall	25	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗		0/1	28	35%	
Vincent, Chas	1	✓	✓	✓	E	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓		0/1	86	94%	
Vuckovich, Gene	43	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗		0/1	46	38%	
Walker, Edward	29	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	+2		68	96%	
Wanzenried, David	49	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗*	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	+2	1/2	17	13%	
Webb, Roger	24	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	+2		50	97%	
Windy Boy, Jonathan	16	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓			25	55%	
Wittich, Art	35	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	+4	3/6	80	100%	

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Ankney, Duane	43	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	+4	1/1	66	100%
Ballance, Nancy	89	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓		0/1	86	90%
Bangerter, Liz	80	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	+2		35	100%
Bennett, Bryce	92	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	-2		15	55%
Bennett, Jerry	1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	+2		66	96%
Berry, Tom	45	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		3/3	91	94%
Blasdel, Mark	10	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	+2		75	100%
Blyton, Joanne	59	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓			65	99%
Boland, Carlie	23	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		1/3	33	60%
Brockie, Clarena	32	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗			27	43%
Brodehl, Randy	7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓		0/1	81	85%
Calf Boss Ribs, Frosty	15	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗			20	59%
Clark, Christy	17	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		2/2	73	100%
Coffin, Douglas	93	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗		0/1	12	59%
Connell, Pat	87	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			88	100%
Cook, Rob	27	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		1/1	80	100%
Court, Virginia	52	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗			25	38%
Cuffe, Mike	2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗		0/1	95	99%
Curtis, Amanda	76	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	-2	1/2	2	44%
Doane, Alan	38	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓			63	95%
Dudik, Kimberly	99	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		1/1	7	57%
Eck, Jennifer	82	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗			42	52%
Edmunds, Champ	100	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	-2/+2	0/1	65	99%
Ehli, Ron	88	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓		1/1	50	100%
Fiscus, Clayton	46	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-2		81	93%

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Fitzpatrick, Steve	20	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓		2/2	38	100%
Flynn, Kelly	68	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓		1/1	90	96%
Galt, Wylie	83	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓		1/1	85	96%
Gibson, Steve	78	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	+4	1/1	51	100%
Glimm, Carl	6	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓		0/1	88	95%
Greef, Edward	90	✓*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		2/2	70	100%
Gursky, Jenifer	98	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	+2		25	49%
Hagan, Roger	19	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	+4	3/3	58	100%
Hagstrom, Dave	53	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓		0/1	32	99%
Halvorson, David	37	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓			93	95%
Hansen, Kris	33	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	+2	1/1	33	100%
Harris, Bill	30	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓			91	85%
Hertz, Greg	11	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	+2		61	100%
Hill, Ellie Boldman	94	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗			15	52%
Hollandsworth, Roy	28	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	+2	1/1	78	100%
Hollenbaugh, Galen	81	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	+2	1/1	13	67%
Hoven, Brian	24	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		1/1	48	96%
Howard, David	60	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	+2		95	97%
Hunter, Chuck	79	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	+4	1/2	43	64%
Ingraham, Pat	13	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓			73	99%
Jacobson, Tom	25	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	+2	1/1	55	62%
Jones, Don	56	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	+2	0/1	61	100%
Kary, Doug	48	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	+2	1/1	45	100%
Kerns, Krayton	58	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓			55	95%
Knudsen, Austin	36	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	+4	2/2	70	100%

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Lang, Mike	35	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓		3/3	75	100%	
Laszloffy, Sarah	57	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓			83	99%	
Lavin, Steve	8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓		1/1	46	96%	
Lenz, Dennis	50	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓			46	95%	
Lieser, Ed	4	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		1/1	42	65%	
Lynch, Ryan	74	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗			40	56%
MacDonald, Margie	54	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗			30	55%	
McCarthy, Kelly	51	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	+2	1/1	18	48%	
McChesney, Bill	40	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	+2	1/1	53	78%	
McClafferty, Edie	75	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		1/1	18	60%	
McNally, Mary	49	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	+2	2/2	8	72%	
McNiven, Jonathan	44	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	+2	1/2	60	98%	
Mehlhoff, Robert	26	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗		1/1	38	67%	
Miller, Mike	84	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	+6	1/1	85	100%	
Moore, David (Doc)	91	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		3/3	45	94%	
Neill, Reilly	62	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	-2	1/2	38	46%	
Noonan, Pat	73	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗		1/1	15	57%	
O'Hara, Jesse	18	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		1/1	83	100%	
O'Neil, Jerry	3	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓			71	76%	
Osmundson, Ryan	29	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓		0/1	93	95%	
Pease-Lopez, Carolyn	42	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗*	✗			23	41%	
Peppers, Rae	41	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗*	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		1/3	23	46%	
Pierson, Gordon	85	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗		1/2	53	48%	
Pomnichowski, JP	66	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		0/1	18	47%	
Price, Jean	21	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗			33	50%	

MONTANA HOUSE

VOTING REVIEW KEY:

✓ — Business Positive Vote

✗ — Business Negative Vote

E — Excused

* — Used Second Reading Vote

V — Veto Override Vote

Chamber Position	Legislation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sponsor Points	Committee Votes	District P-base	BUSINESS SCORE	
		HB 232	SB 96	HB 224	SB 139	HB 5	HB 218	V-HB 218	HB 225	HB 408	V-HB 408	SB 148	SB 240	V-SB 240	HB 283	HB 513	SB 173	SB 282	HB 87					HB 226
REPRESENTATIVE	District																							
Randall, Lee	39	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓		1/1	98	96%
Redfield, Alan	61	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓		1/1	71	91%
Regier, Keith	5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	+2	1/1	100	98%
Reichner, Scott	9	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	+8	2/2	76	100%
Salomon, Dan	12	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		2/2	50	100%
Schreiner, Casey	22	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗			28	59%
Schwaderer, Nicholas	14	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓		1/1	68	93%
Shaw, Ray	71	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			96	100%
Smith, Bridget	31	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗			15	66%
Smith, Cary	55	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	+12	2/2	58	100%
Squires, Carolyn	96	✓*	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗*	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗		1/2	23	44%
Steenberg, Tom	95	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		1/3	17	65%
Swanson, Kathy	86	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗		0/1	37	46%
Vance, Gordon	67	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓			73	95%
Wagoner, Kirk	77	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	+2/-2		60	95%
Warburton, Wendy	34	✓*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓*	✓	✓	✓	✗*	✓*	✓			46	99%
Washburn, Ted	69	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			100	100%
Welborn, Jeffrey	72	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	+2	2/2	85	100%
White, Kerry	70	✓*	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓*	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓		1/1	60	96%
Whitford, Lea	16	✓*	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗*	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓*	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗		1/1	12	60%
Williams, Kathleen	65	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	+2	1/1	22	64%
Wilmer, Franke	63	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗			50	64%
Wilson, Nancy	97	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗		0/1	5	47%
Woods, Tom	64	✓*	✗	✓*	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗		1/1	25	53%
Zolnikov, Daniel	47	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	-2	2/2	56	95%

Review of Committee Votes Points

House Appropriations

HB 14 Construction bonding program (Chamber Supported)

For: Ankney, Cook, Dudik, Ehli, Gibson, Hollandsworth, Hollenbaugh, McCarthy, McChesney, Mehlhoff, Noonan, Whitford, Woods
Against: Ballance, Brodehl, Cuffe, Edmunds, Glimm, Hagstrom, Jones, Osmundson

House Business and Labor

HB 571 Establish Employee Safe Travel to Work Act (Chamber Opposed)

For: None
Against: Berry, Boland, Clark, Curtis, Fitzpatrick, Greef, Hagan, Hunter, Lang, Neill, McNiven, Moore, Peppers, Pierson, Reichner, Salomon, Smith, Squires, Steenberg, Welborn

HB 572 Creating the Montana Right to Know Act (Chamber Opposed)

For: Boland, Curtis, Hunter, Neill, Peppers, Pierson, Squires, Steenberg
Against: Berry, Clark, Fitzpatrick, Greef, Hagan, Lang, McNiven, Moore, Reichner, Salomon, Smith, Welborn

SB 195 Revise laws protecting job applicant/employee privacy related to social media (Chamber Opposed)

For: Boland, Curtis, Hunter, McNiven, Neill, Peppers, Pierson, Squires, Steenberg
Against: Berry, Clark, Fitzpatrick, Greef, Hagan, Lang, Moore, Reichner, Salomon, Smith, Welborn

House Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications

HJ 9 Joint resolution supporting coal (Chamber Supported)

For: Berry, Hagan, Kary, Knudsen, Lang, Moore, O'Hara, Regier, Zolnikov
Against: Boland, McNally, Peppers, Steenberg, Swanson

House Taxation

HB 472 Reduce business equipment taxes by increasing the exemption (Chamber Supported)

For: Flynn, Galt, Hansen, Hoven, Jacobson, Knudsen, Lavin, Lieser, McClafferty, McNally, Miller, Randall, Redfield, Schwaderer, White, Williams, Zolnikov
Against: Coffin, Pomnichowski, Wilson

Senate Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs

SB 173 Generally revising state work comp insurance fund laws (Chamber Opposed)

For: Barrett, Brown, Jackson, Moore, Sonju, Stewart-Peregoy, Van Dyk, Vuckovich
Against: Arntzen, Facey

Senate Judiciary

SB 186 Provide for a primary seat belt law (Chamber Supported)

For: Blewett, Driscoll, Jent, Larsen
Against: Augare, Boulanger, Brenden, Fielder, Murphy, Sales, Vincent, Wittich

Senate Public Health, Welfare, and Safety

HB 489 Create the Montana health care database (Chamber Supported)

For: Caferro, Jergeson, Wanzenried
Against: Murphy, Priest, Thomas, Wittich

SB 218 Revise laws related to containing health care costs (Chamber Supported)

For: Murphy, Priest, Thomas, Wittich
Against: Caferro, Jergeson, Wanzenried

Senate Taxation

HB 472 Reduce business equipment taxes by increasing the exemption (Chamber Supported)

For: None
Against: Arthun, Barrett, Essmann, Jergeson, Kaufmann, Malek, Peterson, Phillips, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Wittich

SB 208 Revise tax laws related to water's edge elections (Chamber Opposed)

For: Barrett, Jergeson, Kaufmann, Malek, Phillips
Against: Arthun, Essmann, Peterson, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Wittich

SB 379 Revise income tax laws (Chamber Opposed)

For: Barrett, Jergeson, Kaufmann, Malek, Phillips
Against: Arthun, Essmann, Peterson, Taylor, Thomas, Tutvedt, Wittich

Legislation Selected for Sponsorship Points

PRO-BUSINESS LEGISLATION (2 POINTS ADDED)

HB 5	Duane Ankney –	Long range building appropriations
HB 14	Galen Hollenbaugh –	Construction bonding program
HB 82	Scott Reichner –	Revise applicability of extraterritorial work comp agreements
HB 87	Jeffrey Welborn –	Provide State Insurance Commissioner with health insurance rate review authority
HB 152	Steve Fitzpatrick –	Provide deadlines for governing bodies to review tax exempt applications
HB 153	Steve Gibson –	Provide income tax credits for employing and retaining veterans
HB 158	Doug Kary –	Require agencies to present proposed rules to interim committees
HB 159	Keith Reiger –	Generally revise the Montana Administrative Procedure Act
HB 218	Duane Ankney –	Require Board of Oil and Gas to administer grant program for oil and gas impacts
HB 224	Cary Smith –	Revise appeal bonds in civil cases
HB 225	Cary Smith –	Revise interest payments in civil cases
HB 226	Donald Jones –	Exempt computer professionals from overtime pay
HB 232	Austin Knudsen –	Strengthen exclusive remedy in work comp
HB 259	Chuck Hunter –	Revising professional, occupational licensing regarding military training
HB 268	Greg Hertz –	Generally revise income tax laws
HB 280	Cary Smith –	Authorize choice for out of state health care insurance
HB 281	Cary Smith –	Timely filing of claims in medical liability cases
HB 283	Kirk Wagoner –	Require fiscal notes to include business impact
HB 297	David Howard –	Provide that employment of an unauthorized alien is unlawful
HB 332	Mary McNally –	Revise tax laws to increase the business equipment tax threshold
HB 408	Mike Miller –	Revise tax rate laws on mandated pollution control equipment
HB 450	Roger Hagan –	Revise medical insurance and medical payment laws
HB 472	Jerry Bennett –	Reduce business equipment taxes by increasing the exemption
HB 480	Champ Edmunds –	Generally revise Montana film industry tax laws
HB 489	Chuck Hunter –	An act to create the Montana health care database
HB 513	Bill McChesney –	Exempt oversize load permits from MEPA
HB 518	Jenifer Gursky –	Give safe harbors for employers, schools, landlords for criminal rehabilitation
HB 532	Roy Hollandsworth –	Revise income tax using flat tax rate & tie to federal taxable income
HB 534	Kathleen Williams –	Authorize benefit corporations
HB 544	Scott Reichner –	Revising insurance provisions related to provider networks
HB 545	Scott Reichner –	Allow employer to fund total cost of qualifying employee's health insurance
HB 565	Kelly McCarthy –	Establish a bioscience initiative
HB 578	Mike Miller –	Eliminate countries listed in waters-edge law
HB 579	Roger Hagan –	Establish task force on military missions and strategic/economic impacts in MT
HB 581	Kris Hansen –	Revise income tax using flat tax rate & tie to federal taxable income & repeal credits
HB 623	Liz Bangerter –	Generally revise laws related to health care and health insurance
HJ 9	Jonathan McNiven –	Joint Resolution supporting coal
HJ 12	Mark Blasdel –	Resolution in support of Taiwan
HJ 14	Tom Jacobson –	Recommend financial literacy course in high schools
HJ 25	Scott Reichner –	Interim study of work comp and subrogation, other issues
SB 96	Bruce Tutvedt –	Lower the business and equipment tax
SB 108	Taylor Brown –	Renew Montana charitable endowment tax credit

SB 127	Edward Buttrey –	Revise unemployment law, revise def. of misconduct
SB 128	Edward Buttrey –	Revise when unemployment insurance rates not affected by benefits paid
SB 139	Edward Walker –	Require small business impact analyses prior to adoption of administrative rules
SB 148	Llew Jones –	Limit damage awards in the Wrongful Discharge Act
SB 151	Jim Peterson –	Revise laws related to issuance of elk permits
SB 158	Fred Thomas –	Create certificates of insurance model act
SB 183	Elsie Arntzen –	Revise licensing laws regarding military service experience
SB 184	Bruce Tutvedt –	Provide for offset of economic consumption expenses in survival actions
SB 186	Bradley Hamlett –	Provide for a primary seat belt law
SB 218	Janna Taylor –	Revise laws related to containing health care costs
SB 240	Bruce Tutvedt –	Revise taxation of pollution control equipment
SB 251	Art Wittich –	Adopt the Montana Uniform Trust Code
SB 280	Fred Thomas –	Allow mediation for dispute of property valuation
SB 282	Bruce Tutvedt –	Generally revise taxation of income, including the corporate license tax
SB 297	Elsie Arntzen –	Revise laws related to health care provider service payments
SB 323	Fred Thomas –	Revise workers' compensation laws on prescribing schedule II and III drugs
SB 324	Matthew Rosendale –	Generally revise subdivision laws related to lease or rent requirements
SB 395	David Wanzanried –	Revise health care laws to expand Medicaid
SJ 11	Dee Brown –	Calls on Governor to establish a Canada trade center
SJ 23	Bruce Tutvedt –	Study tax appeal process
SJ 24	Edward Buttrey –	Study military training applicability to civilian jobs
SJ 32	Elsie Arntzen –	Study professional licensing boards

ANTI-BUSINESS LEGISLATION (2 POINTS SUBTRACTED)

HB 186	Clayton Fiscus –	Require losing party in litigation to pay litigation costs in certain lawsuits
HB 400	Daniel Zolnikov –	Revise laws related to personal information privacy
HB 490	Amanda Curtis –	Provide for the Hire Montana First Act
HB 503	Champ Edmunds –	Allow certain nonprofits to opt out of unemployment insurance
HB 519	Reilly Neill –	Revise permanent partial disability payments in work comp
HB 571	Kirk Wagoner –	Establish the employee safe travel to work act
HB 572	Bryce Bennett –	Creating Montana Right to Know Act
SB 85	Terry Murphy –	Revise laws related to judge disqualification
SB 157	Dick Barrett –	Provide withholding of taxes on real estate by nonresidents
SB 173	Jim Keane –	Generally revising state work comp insurance fund law
SB 195	Anders Blewett –	Revise laws protecting job applicant/employee privacy related to social media
SB 208	Dick Barrett –	Revise tax laws related to water's edge elections
SB 214	Mike Phillips –	Revise environmental review process to include analysis of impact beyond MT
SB 222	Dee Brown –	Establish a work comp holiday for employers for new hires
SB 295	Christine Kaufmann –	Eliminate oil & gas "tax holiday" and provide money for impacts and renewables
SB 309	Dick Barrett –	Revise tax haven country laws
SB 379	Christine Kaufmann –	Revise income tax laws

About the Governor's Voting Record

Much like the legislative voting review, this report is the most comprehensive look at the Governor's record on business issues. Like our previous gubernatorial reviews, we have included more than just bills that get to the Governor's desk, including any bills that originate from the executive branch. This broader approach recognizes the true impact of the Governor and executive agencies on the legislative process. Like the legislative review, the state's overall P-base score is shown to give Montanans a comparison of the Governor's record to their own opinions toward business. Here is how the Governor's Business Score was calculated:

SPONSORSHIP POINTS: For bill sponsorship, two points were awarded to the Governor if an agency he oversees proposed a pro-business bill or if the idea came from the executive branch. If an agency he oversees sponsored an anti-business bill or if the idea came from his office, 2 points were subtracted.

LEGISLATION SIGNINGS/VETOES: For every pro-business bill the governor signed, he received between 1 and 15 points. The point values match those awarded for legislative floor votes. No points were awarded for vetoing pro-business bills or allowing a bill to become law without his signature, which are denoted with NS for "not signed."

BUSINESS SCORE: Finally, the Governor's total points earned were divided by the total points possible. This final number is the Governor's Business Score. While this score does not encompass every aspect of the Governor's performance on business issues, it is a very reliable indicator of what level of priority he puts on business and economic issues. The Governor receives the "Honorable Mention" Award for working closely with the Chamber on its top four legislative priorities and subsequently signing them into law.



Bills Selected to Determine Sponsorship Points

PRO-BUSINESS LEGISLATION:

- HB 14 Construction bonding program (+2)
- HB 332 Revise tax laws to increase the business equipment tax threshold (+2)

ANTI-BUSINESS LEGISLATION:

- SB 157 Provide withholding of taxes on real estate by nonresidents (-2)
- SB 173 Generally revising state work comp insurance fund law (-2)
- SB 208 Revise tax laws related to water's edge elections (-2)
- SB 309 Revise tax haven country laws (-2)

Chamber Position	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Sponsor Points	State P-base	BUSINESS SCORE
Legislation	HB 232	SB 96	HB 224	SB 139	HB 5	HB 218	HB 225	HB 408	SB 148	SB 240	HB 283	HB 513	SB 282	HB 87	HB 226	SB 297			
GOVERNOR																			
Steve Bullock	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	NS	NS	+4/-8	53	60%

✓ — Business Positive Vote
 ✗ — Business Negative Vote
 NS — Not Signed



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