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Bill Overview

A total of 1,309 bills and resolution were introduced this session, with 375 approved by the Legislature and sent to the Governor's desk. Already, 203 bills have been signed into law by the Governor, with only five bills vetoed thus far. A total of 86 bills and resolutions were tabled in the House and 98 in the Senate. In the House, 334 bills were killed, and 126 bills were killed in the Senate.

Budget

HB 2, the main budget bill, and the sole constitutional responsibility of the Legislature during the 90-day session, was approved by both bodies and is now on its way to the Governor's desk. In doing so, the Legislature adjourned sine die on Thursday afternoon, April 25th. The \$10.3 billion budget and its respective companion bills covers state expenditures over the next two years and represents a 3.8% increase over the previous biennium, and provides for a \$210 million surplus to tap into should circumstances arise where expenditures exceed the budget forecast or we experience a revenue shortfall.

Medicaid Expansion

Late last week, the Montana Legislature passed HB 658, renewing the Medicaid Expansion program which currently provides more than 95,000 low-income Montanans with health care. Getting to this point was not without its political theater. While the bill sailed through the House at the end of March, it met resistance in the Senate. Not only were several changes made to the bill, but then Republicans banded together and resisted efforts to advance the measure. These Republicans wanted assurances from the Governor that a separate bill, a piece of legislation to "Save Colstrip," the coal-fired plant in Eastern Montana, would become law before they agreed to support Medicaid Expansion.

Here's what happened: After Medicaid Expansion passed the House, the Senate Finance Committee approved an amendment to remove the 2.75% premium tax on the Montana State Fund and increased the outpatient bed tax on hospitals from 0.825% to 0.90% to offset the lost revenue needed to support the program. Then, on the Senate floor, Republicans successfully pushed through amendments that added income verification requirements for Medicaid Expansion recipients and also placed a June 2025 sunset on the program.

Just when it looked like the bill was ready for its series of final passage votes, enough Republicans joined forces to block these votes. This was done in an effort to force the Governor to support their "Save Colstrip" legislation. Facing a key transmittal deadline for amended bills to be transferred back to the other body, and with no agreement being reached to advance the "Save Colstrip" bill, several of the Republicans released their opposition and provided the votes necessary to pass Medicaid Expansion in the Senate, 28-22. The amended bill was then returned to the House for final votes and ultimately passed, 61-35.

The Medicaid Expansion legislation carried by Rep. Buttrey includes community engagement requirements (including work) of 80 hours per month with numerous exemptions for those unable to work, asset testing, requires the Hutterite colonies to pay for coverage for their members, funds a new grant program incentivizing private businesses to hire Medicaid Expansion recipients to help them become selfdependent, and increases premiums for those remaining on the program for more than two years.

<u>"Save Colstrip"</u>

A block of Republicans remained vigilant until the very end of the session in their efforts to "Save Colstrip," but ultimately, they never found a way to revive the dead bill before adjournment.

With Washington and Oregon adopting measures requiring utilities to eliminate their carbon footprint in the next several years and Colstrip's West Coast ownership needing to phase out coal-generated electricity, Republicans hoped to give Northwestern Energy a greater stake in the plant in the hopes of extending its lifeline and meeting the energy demands of Montanans.

Republicans proposed legislation that would provide Northwestern Energy with the ability to pass \$75 million in operation, repair and maintenance costs to consumers over the next decade and acquire a greater stake in the transmission lines and Colstrip Unit 4—all without the existing oversight of the Public Service Commission (PSC), the entity that that oversees Northwestern Energy since it operates as a regulated monopoly. Republicans wanted to fast-track a Colstrip-Northwestern deal

to avoid anticipated costly and lengthy litigation from environmental groups that could slow down final approval from the PSC.

After the "Save Colstrip" bill advanced in the Senate, 27-22, and numerous changes were made, the bill was then defeated in the House, 37-60, and a deal was never reached to resurrect this piece of legislation.

<u>Pre-K</u>

One of Governor Bullock's signature goals this Legislative session was to pass an expanded, universal Pre-K program for Montana's kids at a cost of \$45 million. That proposal was quickly removed from the budget, and so, Republican representative, Eric Moore, proposed a Pre-K education program of his own that provided a mix of funding for both public and private education programs. This measure met stiff resistance from the state's largest union, who staunchly opposes public dollars being directed to private education, and placed them at odds with Governor Bullock who decided to back the Republican plan. This Republican measure was ultimately tabled in Committee but negotiations continued until the last day to keep a funding mechanism alive for Pre-K.

Ultimately, on the last day, a final amendment was proposed to simply continue the Pre-K pilot program that passed two years ago, the STARS program. At the time, \$6 million was allocated to fund public, private, and Head Start programs thru 2019 under STARS. During the Committee hearing, this amendment failed on a party-line vote with Republican legislators arguing that the state no longer had access to matching federal funds to make the program financially viable. As a result, the current Pre-K program in Montana will sunset June 30, 2019 and no replacement program will exist.

Infrastructure - General

For the first time ever under Bullock's tenure as Governor, a major infrastructure bonding bill passed the Legislature. The \$80 million package includes \$25 million for renovations to Romney Hall, \$10.75 million for local water, wastewater, and school facilities, \$5 million for an armory in Butte, \$4.5 million to replace the Montana State Hospital sewer system, and \$2.45 million for a new dental clinic and hygiene lab at the Great Falls MSU campus.

While the level of funding included in the bill is a far-cry from the \$440 million infrastructure proposal made by the Governor at the start of the Legislative session, passage of this bill certainly represents progress after years of deadlock on this issue and the two-thirds affirmative support needed to pass a bonding bill. And, now that high ticketed and controversial projects like Romney Hall have received funding, this could signal an easier lift for future infrastructure bills in the coming Legislative sessions.

Passage of the \$80 million infrastructure bonding bill coincided with another bill, the IDEA Act, sponsored by Rep. Eric Moore. This bill provided a framework for funding infrastructure bills, limiting the amount of cash and the level of bonding the state could spend, prioritizing maintenance and repair projects before authorizing funding for new projects, and requiring the Governor to present a 6-year plan identifying future projects in need of funding.

Infrastructure - Sales Tax

Montana's 10 resort communities will now have the option to increase their local sales tax should Governor Bullock allow this bill to go into law. The bill would allow voters in each of these communities to approve on the ballot a proposal to increase their local sales tax from 3% to 4%, with the additional 1% being dedicated to funding critical infrastructure projects in their respective areas.

The following communities are eligible: Big Sky, Cooke City, Craig, Gardiner, Red Lodge, St. Regis, Virginia City, West Yellowstone, Whitefish, and Wolf Creek.

Infrastructure - State Museum

Another infrastructure proposal, SB 338, that advanced through the Legislature after more than a decade of gridlock was a bill to fund a new state museum, the Montana Heritage Center. The \$48 million project is funded by increasing the state's lodging tax by 1% from 3% to 4%, with revenue generated going towards construction of the museum over the next 5 years and will also support a grant program to help with the restoration of historical sites and museums across Montana. This passed the Montana House, 58-40 and Senate, 33-16.

<u>AIS</u>

Funding to combat aquatic invasive species advanced this Legislative session after many disagreements over who would pay for this necessary funding. HB 441, will raise \$8 million in 2020 and \$6.6 million per year over the next three years. Funding will cover preventive measure such as boat inspection stations, water monitoring, and a PR-education campaign.

Back in 2017, the Legislature funded the state's AIS program through \$6.5 million in fees on anglers, hydroelectric facilities, and unities that use hydropower – but that funding expires in 2019. This Legislative session, it was finally settled that anglers, boaters, and dam operators would shoulder the cost, with Montana resident anglers paying \$2 for their AIS pass; Non-residents, \$7.50. Non-resident boaters will pay \$30; non-motorized boaters, \$10. Boat registration fees will increase between \$35-\$75. Utilities that use hydropower are no longer on the hook, with their fees set to expire and, instead, hydroelectric dam facilities will go from paying \$796 per megawatt per quarter to between \$265 to \$825 per megawatt per quarter based on size. There's another \$500,000 in revenue from the state's lodging tax that will be transferred into the AIS account, and the state of Montana is anticipated to receive between \$1.4-2.2 million in federal revenue per year over the next 4 years to cover costs.

Airline Fuel Tax Increase

An initial proposal, HB 661, to increase the aviation fuel tax by 10 cents was amended downward to a 1 cent increase but also removed the 2-cent per gallon tax credit on aviation fuel for commercial airline carriers. The tax will adversely impact the commercial airlines at our major airports, and the \$1.5 million generated per year from this tax increase will be leveraged with federal dollars for additional money that will all be re-directed for maintenance and repair at our rural airports. Despite concerns over the impact this tax increase could have in the form of higher fares and/or reduced commercial airline services, it cleared the Senate, 30-20, and the House 67-32 and is expected to be signed by the Governor.

Prescription Drugs

Much focus this session was on helping address rising prescription drug prices. The target: Pharmacy Benefit Managers, or PBMs – the middle-men – that negotiate deals between drug manufacturers and insurance companies. One bill restricted the fees PBMs can charge pharmacies, placed limits on co-pays in an effort to address multiple instances of consumers having to pay a higher co-pay then the actual cost of the drug itself, and provided a list of rights for pharmacists in any class-action lawsuit against PBMs. Another bill prohibited price gouging and disincentives the use of rebates –mandating that all manufacturer rebates be passed on to consumers rather than allowing the insurance companies to pocket this money to boost their bottom line. If this bill were to become law, it would only apply to health insurance plans on the individual market and is expected to save consumers nearly \$8 million in the first year alone.

Second Amendment

The Legislature sent two school safety bills to the Governor's desk earlier this month. The first bill, HB 567, would create a school marshal program that would allow schools to hire marshals who can carry concealed firearms to protect students. A second bill, SB 92, would allow schools to take to voters a proposal to raise taxes with the revenue generated to provide these schools with officers, counselors, and mental health staff to serve students.

In addition, another bill would prohibit cities and towns from passing local ordinances placing restrictions on firearms. This bill came after the city of Missoula placed restrictions on an individual's ability to carry a firearm in public last fall, and passed an ordinance requiring background checks for any firearm sold at a gun show several years ago. This bill is likely to be vetoed by the Governor.

Preference List

Below you will find a list of bills we took action on and monitored this Legislative session. Please note, as bills are signed by the Senate President and Speaker and are sent to the Governor's desk to become law or vetoed, their status will be updated. You can track individual bills here:

http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/law0203w\$.startup?P_SESS=20191

Bill	Title	Sponsor	Status	Status Date	Positio n
HB 32	Revise laws related to aquatic invasive species programs	Willis Curdy (D) HD 98	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	4/1/2019	S
HB 34	Create a statutory appropriation for Good Neighbor Authority agreement income	Jim Keane (D) HD 73	(H) Signed by Speaker	4/26/2019	S
HB 35	Revise alcohol laws regarding auctions and quota areas	Edward Buttrey (R) HD 21	(H) Transmitted to Governor	4/30/2019	S
HB 277	Revise alcohol special permits to allow liquor	Bruce Grubbs (R) HD 68	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	4/1/2019	S
HB 411	Revise laws related to AIS expenditures and funding	Willis Curdy (D) HD 98	(H) Signed by Speaker	4/26/2019	S
SB 111	Extend termination date of qualified endowment tax credit	Mark Blasdel (R) SD 4	(S) Transmitted to Governor	4/29/2019	S
SB 182	Revise definition of microdistillery relating to production	Kenneth Bogner (R) SD 19	Chapter Number Assigned	4/18/2019	S
SB 183	Authorize the board of horseracing to conduct historical horseracing.	Mark Blasdel (R) SD 4	(S) Transmitted to Governor	4/29/2019	S
SB 266	Revise taxation to promote new business and economic activity	Mark Blasdel (R) SD 4	(S) Transmitted to Governor	4/29/2019	S
SB 334	Revise mill levy authority for certain airports	Brian Hoven (R) SD 13	(S) Transmitted to Governor	4/29/2019	S

HB 81	Eliminate aviation fuel	Willis Curdy	(H) Missed Deadline	4/1/2019	0
	refunds and revise allocations of aircraft reg. account	(D) HD 98	for Revenue Bill Transmittal*		
HB 194	Revise lodging and rental car taxes including local option	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	4/1/2019	0
HB 313	Allow worker to choose treating physician in workers' compensation cases	Andrea Olsen (D) HD 100	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	3/1/2019	0
HB 329	Provide funding for local emergency services	Alan Redfield (R) HD 59	(H) Tabled in Committee* (H) Local Government	2/19/2019	0
HB 661	Revise aviation fuel taxation	Geraldine Custe r (R) HD 39	(H) Signed by Speaker	4/26/2019	0
HB 2	General Appropriations Act	Nancy Ballance (R) HD 87	(H) Sent to Enrolling	4/25/2019	М
HB 14	Long-Range Building Bonding Program	Ryan Lynch (D) HD 76	(H) Tabled in Committee* (H) Appropriations	3/13/2019	М
HB 16	Establish affordable housing loan program	Dave Fern (D) HD 5	(H) Signed by Speaker	4/26/2019	М
HB 24	Revise irrigation cost deduction for irrigated property	Alan Redfield (R) HD 59	Chapter Number Assigned	4/18/2019	М
HB 28	Establish fireworks tax to assist with workers' comp for volunteer firefighters	Dave Fern (D) HD 5	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	4/1/2019	М
HB 52	Revise funding for various economic development programs	Jim Keane (D) HD 73	(H) Signed by Speaker	4/26/2019	М
HB 84	Revise taxation and reporting laws for wine and hard cider	Katie Sullivan (D) HD 89	Chapter Number Assigned	2/28/2019	М
HB 127	Generally revise laws related to state payments to schools	Geraldine Custe r (R) HD 39	Chapter Number Assigned	3/19/2019	М
HB 176	Clarify approval process for new community college district	David Bedey (R) HD 86	Chapter Number Assigned	3/19/2019	М

HB 185	Revise brewery operation hours	Dave Fern (D) HD 5	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	3/1/2019	М
HB 195	Provide for local option luxury sales tax to fund infrastructure	Dave Fern (D) HD 5	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	4/1/2019	М
HB 200	Revising tax laws related to mobile homes, housetrailers, manufactured homes	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84	Chapter Number Assigned	2/28/2019	М
HB 201	Revising tax lien laws	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84	Chapter Number Assigned	3/19/2019	М
HB 212	Revise funding for community colleges	Llew Jones (R) HD 18	Chapter Number Assigned	4/18/2019	М
HB 226	Exempt certain shooting ranges from property taxation	Brad Tschida (R) HD 97	(S) Tabled in Committee (S) Taxation	3/12/2019	М
HB 232	Revise assessment of taxes during condemnation proceedings	Bill Mercer (R) HD 46	(S) Tabled in Committee (S) Taxation	3/12/2019	М
HB 250	Extend special event permit conditions for wineries	Kenneth L Hol mlund (R) HD 38	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	4/1/2019	М
HB 254	Provide for a statutory appropriation for certain MUS tuition waivers	Jacob Bachmeie r (D) HD 28	(H) Tabled in Committee* (H) Education	2/13/2019	М
HB 261	Revise alcohol special permit laws to allow certain sporting events	Ross H Fitzgera ld (R) HD 17	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	4/1/2019	М
HB 269	Constitutional amendment for taxpayer protection act to limit tax types	Derek Skees (R) HD 11	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	4/1/2019	М
HB 300	Generally revise taxes and the distribution of revenue through sales tax	Kerry White (R) HD 64	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	4/1/2019	М
HB 345	Provide a stepped increase in minimum wage to a living wage	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	3/1/2019	М
HB 353	Generally revise laws related to alcohol and drug addiction	Kathy Kelker (D) HD 47	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	3/1/2019	М

HB 362	Generally revise laws related to distilleries	Jim Hamilton (D) HD 61	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	3/1/2019	М
HB 365	Use portion of bed tax for agritourism grants	Kimberly Dudik (D) HD 94	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	4/1/2019	М
HB 367	Require advisory committee for urban renewal districts that use TIF	Rodney Garcia (R) HD 52	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	4/1/2019	М
HB 377	Revoke property tax exemption for payment of excessive compensation	Matt Regier (R) HD 4	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	4/1/2019	М
HB 394	Revise property tax appraisal and tax appeal process	Greg Hertz (R) HD 12	(H) Transmitted to Governor	4/30/2019	М
HB 401	Repeal temporary tribal property tax exemption	Greg Hertz (R) HD 12	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	4/1/2019	М
HB 402	Revising local government laws related to invasive species	Greg Hertz (R) HD 12	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	4/1/2019	М
HB 435	Provide for gateway local option tax	Laurie Bishop (D) HD 60	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	4/1/2019	М
HB 449	Revise population limit for resort tax	Dave Fern (D) HD 5	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	4/1/2019	М
HB 462	Revise administration of tax increment financing districts	Tom Burnett (R) HD 67	(S) Tabled in Committee (S) Taxation	3/25/2019	М
HB 501	Allow microdistilleries to sell split cases to Montana agency liquor stores	Casey Knudsen (R) HD 33	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	3/1/2019	М
HB 514	Provide for check the box election on informal property tax appeals	Kimberly Dudik (D) HD 94	(H) Signed by Speaker	4/26/2019	М
HB 523	Revise state trade and marketing promotion activities	Katie Sullivan (D) HD 89	(H) Signed by Speaker	4/26/2019	М
HB 547	Revise laws related to employee disclosure of wage information	Laurie Bishop (D) HD 60	(S) Tabled in Committee (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	4/2/2019	М

HB 553	Generally revise infrastructure funding laws	Frederick (Eric) Moore (R) HD 37	(H) Signed by Speaker	4/26/2019	М
HB 565	Create the Montana apprentice utilization and investment act	Casey Schreiner (D) HD 26	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	3/1/2019	М
HB 602	Revise laws related to highway rest areas	David Dunn (R) HD 9	(H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	3/1/2019	М
HB 608	Requiring mandatory AIS decontamination of certain vessels with ballast/bladders	Joe Read (R) HD 93	(H) Signed by Speaker	4/26/2019	М
HB 613	Create exception to liquor quota system for residential senior facilities	Sue Vinton (R) HD 56	(H) Signed by Speaker	4/26/2019	М
HB 644	Allow for alcohol cigar bars	Wylie Galt (R) HD 30	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	4/1/2019	М
HB 649	Create Alcohol Advisory Council	Derek J Harvey (D) HD 74	(H) Tabled in Committee* (H) Business and Labor	3/27/2019	М
HB 650	Generally revise alcohol taxation	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	4/1/2019	М
HB 651	Revise property tax on intangible personal property	Mary Ann Dunwell (D) HD 84	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	4/1/2019	М
HB 652	Revise the long range building bonding program	Mike Hopkins (R) HD 92	(H) Signed by Speaker	4/26/2019	М
HB 674	Increase state gas tax distribution to recreation- related programs	Kerry White (R) HD 64	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	4/1/2019	М
HB 692	Provide tax exemption for property taxes if no child enrolled in public schools	Greg DeVries (R) HD 75	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	4/1/2019	М
HB 702	Establish angel investor/venture capital and business income tax credits	Joel G Krautter (R) HD 35	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	4/1/2019	М
HB 711	Implement provisions of appropriations act natural resources and transfers AIS	Kenneth L Hol mlund (R) HD 38	(H) 2nd Reading Not Passed*	3/29/2019	М
HB 727	Generally revise alcohol and gaming licensing laws	Edward Buttrey (R) HD 21	(H) Signed by Speaker	4/26/2019	М

Revise temporary exemption	Greg Hertz	(S) Tabled in	4/11/2019	М
for certain tribal property	(R) HD 12	Committee (S) Taxation		
Create study commission to review MUS restructuring	Sue Vinton (R) HD 56	(H) Signed by Speaker	4/26/2019	М
Create pilot program for restaurant all-beverage license	Jim Hamilton (D) HD 61	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	4/1/2019	М
Expanding empowerment zone tax credit incentives	Shane A Morige au (D) HD 95	(H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	4/1/2019	М
Joint resolution to congress asking to fund aquatic invasive species programs	Willis Curdy (D) HD 98	(H) Signed by Speaker	4/16/2019	М
Interim study of liquor laws	Dave Fern (D) HD 5	(S) Referred to Committee (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs	4/24/2019	М
Generally revise laws related to participation in extracurricular activities	Keith Regier (R) SD 3	(S) Transmitted to Governor	4/29/2019	М
Revise laws related to local government budgeting and accounting	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	3/1/2019	М
Increase optional light motor vehicle registration fee for parks and recreation	Terry Gauthier (R) SD 40	(S) Transmitted to Governor	4/29/2019	М
Generally revise drug and alcohol laws	Keith Regier (R) SD 3	(H) Tabled in Committee (H) Judiciary	4/12/2019	М
Provisional agricultural classification for certain property with trees/vines	Mark Blasdel (R) SD 4	(S) Transmitted to Governor	4/29/2019	М
Regulate encroachments in highway right of way	Brian Hoven (R) SD 13	(S) Transmitted to Governor	4/29/2019	М
Requiring the University System to report on student loans	Keith Regier (R) SD 3	(H) Tabled in Committee (H) Education	3/13/2019	М
Eliminate absentee requirement to return unvoted party ballot	Keith Regier (R) SD 3	Chapter Number Assigned	4/17/2019	М
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SB 102	Revise motor vehicle registration fees	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(S) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	4/1/2019	М
SB 117	Revise highway de-icer laws	Dee Brown (R) SD 2	(S) Tabled in Committee* (S) Finance and Claims	2/22/2019	М
SB 119	Allow access control systems for alcohol and gambling licensees	Mark Blasdel (R) SD 4	Chapter Number Assigned	4/17/2019	М
SB 135	Remove school levies from calculation of tax increment after 15th year	Tom Jacobson (D) SD 11	(S) Tabled in Committee* (S) Taxation	4/11/2019	М
SB 146	Revise laws related to an inflationary adjustment for education	Daniel R Salom on (R) SD 47	(S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal*	3/1/2019	М
SB 152	Repeal sunset on 6-mill university levy	Dick Barrett (D) SD 45	(H) Tabled in Committee (H) Taxation	4/4/2019	М
SB 165	Remove unusable mobile homes from property tax rolls	Margaret (Margie) MacD onald (D) SD 26	(S) Transmitted to Governor	4/26/2019	М
SB 189	Establish a carbon tax and distribute revenue	Dick Barrett (D) SD 45	(S) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	4/1/2019	М
SB 200	Provide for equal classification of homes on a foundation	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(S) Transmitted to Governor	4/29/2019	М
SB 210	Allow licensed alcohol delivery service	Mark Blasdel (R) SD 4	(S) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	4/1/2019	М
SB 211	Require holding period for certain property tax exemptions	Russel (Russ) Tempel (R) SD 14	(S) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	4/1/2019	М
SB 226	Create transportation interim committee	Gordon Vance (R) SD 34	Chapter Number Assigned	4/18/2019	М
SB 239	Provide for moratorium on property taxes for broadband fiber and cable	Jason W Ellswo rth (R) SD 43	(S) Transmitted to Governor	4/29/2019	М
SB 241	Allow increased resort tax for infrastructure	Jeffrey W Welb orn (R) SD 36	(S) Transmitted to Governor	4/29/2019	М

SB 318	Provide for pre-approval of property tax abatement for new or expanding industry	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(S) Transmitted to Governor	4/29/2019	М
SB 321	Revise laws pertaining to targeted economic development districts	Brian Hoven (R) SD 13	(S) Transmitted to Governor	4/29/2019	М
SB 338	Provide for construction of the Montana Heritage Center and create museum grants	Terry Gauthier (R) SD 40	(S) Signed by President	4/30/2019	М
SB 339	Increase tax on liquor	Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42	(S) Tabled in Committee* (S) Taxation	4/11/2019	М
SB 340	Authorize statewide economic opportunity district	Roger Webb (R) SD 23	(S) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal*	4/1/2019	М
SB 358	Revise resort area alcoholic beverage license laws	Terry Gauthier (R) SD 40	(S) Transmitted to Governor	4/29/2019	М
SJ 24	Interim study of lodging facility use tax	Dee Brown (R) SD 2	(S) Signed by President	4/30/2019	М
SJ 28	Study of traffic safety laws	Diane Sands (D) SD 49	(S) Signed by President	4/30/2019	М