

# KALISPELL

Chamber of Commerce  
Convention & Visitor Bureau



KALISPELL CHAMBER NEWSLETTER - MAY 2019

## 2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION FINAL REPORT

A total of 1,207 bills and resolutions 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 returned there for. A total of 86 bills and resolutions were killed in the House and 16 in the Senate. In the House, 334 bills were killed, and 124 bills were killed in the Senate. Top focuses of this year's legislative session were Medicaid Expansion, aquatic invasive species, the budget, prescription drugs, online fuel taxes, and infrastructure.

As the Kalispell Chamber, we either monitored or took action on 104 bills that were related to supporting business in the Flathead and serving our membership. [Click here to read the full recap report.](#)

## IN THE NEWS



State Eyes Reclassification of Kalispell's West Reserve Drive, Daily Inter Lake

HOV Leads to Improve Kalispell's West Reserve Drive, KPAK

Downsides: Kalispell Contest Calls for Cable, Innovation, Daily Inter Lake

Chamber Executive Chosen for National Leadership Program, Daily Inter Lake

## TRAVEL MATTERS: HOW A SUCCESSFUL TOURISM ECONOMY STRENGTHENS OUR COMMUNITY

Tuesday, May 21 | 11:45 - 1:15pm | Red Lion Hotel | 100+members, \$25 non-members

Join us during our May monthly luncheon to hear from top tourism experts about the impacts of the tourism economy on the Flathead. Travel matters to jobs, the state and local economy, the community, and to families. Hear how our local culture is being represented through art, history, and events. Learn how we're adapting to market changes and what's needed to meet future trends. Discover Glacier National Park's changing role and how they're aligning the protection of resources and recreation. Gain insights into how and why visitors become property owners.

### Presenters include:

Wally Drilling - Kalispell Art Center

Jeff How - Glacier National Park, Superintendent

Deann Jackson - Kalispell Convention & Visitor Bureau, Group Sales Manager

Jeff Hosen - Northwest Montana Association of Realtors, Executive Officer

Dave Medler - Kalispell Convention & Visitor Bureau, Director (Moderator)

The luncheon proudly sponsored by



This event is 100+members, \$25/non-members and includes lunch. Anyone wishing to hear the program from the back of the room without lunch may do so at no cost.

Please click [here](#) to RSVP by 3:00pm Friday, May 17 or contact our office directly at (406) 758-2853.