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OUR VISION

As the leading business advocate, the Montana Chamber of Commerce envisions a business climate that is optimal for Montana business prosperity.

OUR MISSION

To create and sustain an optimal business climate, business prosperity and a strong Montana economy, the Montana Chamber of Commerce, through advocacy, education, and collaboration works to provide an empowered and educated workforce, reduce business growth obstacles, and advance positions that promote success for Montana businesses.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Over the next 10 years, the Montana Chamber of Commerce will create the opportunity for business growth and prosperity by improving Montana's business climate, quality of life, talent pipeline, and entrepreneurship through regulatory and legal reform, infrastructure investment and workforce development.

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Citizen Legislature is a Montana Treasure

By Webb Brown, President/CEO

The 2017 Legislature is in the history books. Every armchair lawmaker can now say, "I would have . . . " and they would be as relevant as Monday Morning Quarterbacks! The Montana citizens who give up their businesses, their jobs, their friends and families, and their free time to serve for up to ninety days every two years deserve appreciation for their intent to create a Greater Montana.

The Montana Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present the 2017 Voting Review for the 65th Session of the Montana Legislature and the Governor. This Review is the most comprehensive look at the business and economic issues addressed during the 88-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 addressed both.



It is impossible, or at least very impractical, to report on each of the hundreds of bills the Chamber followed. Nor can any voting study tell the entire story of a legislator's attitude and actions on issues important to business. We 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 similar analysis 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. To help mitigate those risks and increase prosperity, we promoted our proactive, positive changes as outlined in our ten-year "Envision 2026" Strategic Plan. At the same time, we successfully fended off efforts to worsen Montana's business climate.

We thank our 150 citizen legislators and the Governor. Whether we agree or agree to 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.

Personally, I got to know many of the lawmakers through countless hours spent on Capitol Hill. It was rewarding to me to work with new legislators, as well as those I just haven't connected with in the past. Just as important (sometimes more!), the Legislative staff could not have been more helpful.

This past Session was a success for business, in part, because of the hard work of the Chamber team. Bridger Mahlum and our newly-formed Government Affairs Committee guided our Envision 2026 agenda through a difficult Session. The Montana Chamber also benefits tremendously from a strong Board of Directors – our "eyes and ears" throughout the Treasure State. The Montana Infrastructure Coalition, Montana Justice Coalition, and Montana Work Comp Coalition under the Chamber umbrella were vital to our success. We also want to acknowledge local chambers and other trade groups and business lobbyists who partnered with us to get things done.

Finally, we thank our members, for your partnership with us to do this work. When we called on you to testify, contact lawmakers, and/or provide input, you were there. Your participation allows us to represent your business at the State Capitol. We look forward to continuing toward our goal of making Big Sky Country a profitable and prosperous place to maintain or start a business.

Our work does not end with the 2017 Session. Now we move on to the Interim and 2019 Session. Keep up the good work!

The 2017 Legislature — Envision 2026 Set the Agenda

By Bridger Mahlum, Government Relations Director

The 65th Regular Session of the Montana Legislature adjourned "Sine Die" after 88 legislative days on Friday, April 28. Despite a tight fiscal session characterized by divided government, the Montana Chamber achieved significant victories, both in advancing and defeating bills. This session also left us with some unfinished business, all of which we look forward to addressing during the 2017-2018 Interim and 2019 Legislature. Guided by our ten-year strategic plan, Envision 2026, the following is a summary of critical victories and future opportunities.

Major policy change was overshadowed by the budget this session. Declining tax revenue projections and stagnant investment in Montana set the tone: "focus on the needs, not the wants." As your voice for business, we prioritized workforce development, business climate, infrastructure investment, and entrepreneurship.



Through our commitment to address the "skills gaps" in our state's **workforce development**, we utilized every opportunity to advocate for funding and access to programs for Montana workers. The Chamber helped advance HB 308, an apprenticeship tax credit program, to the Governor's desk. Montana's rising workforce will also benefit from our support of the 6-mill levy renewal for the Montana University System (SB 85), a tuition waiver program (HB 185), and dual enrollment at community colleges (HB 232). Unfinished business includes better access and affordability to workforce training. Legislators from both parties understood Montana's dire need for increased funding in career and technical education. While HB 270 would have infused millions of dollars into such programs, the House Appropriations Committee had no choice but to table the proposal during this budget session.

Maintaining an optimal business climate and reducing the cost of doing business are Montana Chamber mainstays. In the 2017 Session, we made tangible progress in areas of taxation, legal reform, and workers' compensation by advancing bills to the Governor that would reduce financial burden on Montanans.

Significant tax relief was once again off the table in 2017, given the projected revenue shortfalls and current Administration. However, that did not deter us from advancing legislation to reform penalty and interest for corporate taxpayers (SB 317), make permanent the tax exemption for pollution control equipment (SB 132), and more. We also played an instrumental role in defeating anti-business proposals, including job-killing tax hikes and a constitutional ban on a statewide sales tax in Montana. A stronger fiscal environment will lay the groundwork for business equipment tax relief and simplification of the overall tax code. In the meantime, we are conducting a business tax study during the Interim to further define the 21st century perspective of this critical issue area.

Our 2017 efforts delivered a signature win for Montana's **legal environment**. Driven by our mission to create a stable, predictable legal climate in Montana, we partnered with experts from Mercury LLC to pass judgment interest reform. SB 293 ties interest in civil and tort cases to the value of money, replacing an arbitrary 10% figure that was established in 1985. We also addressed the backlog of District Court cases by adding three more judges to make the process more efficient. While they did not pass in 2017, we kept other priorities in the forefront like punitive damages and seatbelt admissibility, setting the stage for 2019.

Since passing landmark **workers'** compensation reform in 2011, we have typically played defense to preserve those improvements for our business climate — the 2017 Session was no different. Specifically, we opposed a proposal that would have unraveled a key reform and increase work comp premiums by up to 8.5 percent. Divided government prevented positive reforms from advancing in 2017, but we are determined to reduce costs for employers: Montana has the 11th highest work comp premiums in the nation, according to the Oregon Study.

In conjunction with the Montana Infrastructure Coalition (MIC), we led efforts to achieve historic **infrastructure investment** in HB 473, the Bridge and Road Safety and Accountability Act. This law creates jobs, improves public safety, and provides a match for federal dollars. Among the greatest disappointments this session was the failure of a needed bonding package. SB 367, directing \$80.3 million to statewide infrastructure projects, fell three votes short of the two-thirds majority required for any bill that obligates the state to go into debt through bonding. The MIC will continue to drive the agenda in subsequent Legislatures through proposals such as a local option infrastructure tax, capping the coal tax trust fund, and facilitating public-private partnerships.

The Montana Chamber backed legislation to improve **entrepreneurship**, including a venture capital tax credit (HB 187) to spur growth for new companies. We also supported the Governor's tax abatement bill (HB 226) to encourage investment in new and expanding businesses. While Montana should be proud of its high rate of new entrepreneurs, there is still work to be done for business sustainability. We look forward to collaborating with stakeholders over the Interim to find more solutions for Montana startups.

Given the circumstances, the 2017 Legislative Session was a success for the business community. The Chamber will continue working to achieve the objectives of Envision 2026.

Methodology Behind the Business Score

We have again compiled an extensive review of the Montana Legislature and Governor. Our top bills embodied the priorities of Envision 2026 — our strategic plan for Montana's future. We started by selecting a number of floor votes from each legislative body. We assigned different points for these votes, since some bills were more important than others. We also looked at the votes of members who sat on business-related committees, such as Business and Labor, Taxation, Appropriations, Judiciary, and more. Finally, we added points for legislators who introduced or carried pro-business bills and subtracted points for legislators who introduced or carried 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 **Legislator Score** is 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 the bill did not reach Third Reading or a legislator was absent or excused for Third Reading, we went back and looked at how the legislator voted on Second Reading and scored accordingly. A legislator's score was not impacted if the legislator was excused for both Second and Third Reading votes on a bill.

SPONSOR and CARRIER POINTS:

For bill sponsorship, 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, points were subtracted. The number of points awarded/deducted from a legislator's score are proportional to the importance of the given bill to the Chamber (visit Page 15). One point is awarded or subtracted for legislators who carried select bills on the floor.

COMMITTEE VOTES:

Legislators on certain committees were given points for each bill when the legislator supported the Chamber position. No points were awarded for votes against the Chamber position, but the opportunity to have voted for the pro-business position is calculated in those legislators' scores.

BUSINESS-BASE DISTRICT SCORE:

We also included the revised Business Base (B-base) number for each district next to the legislator scores. The B-base number is an indication of each legislative district's level of support for business as measured by the two most recent scientific P-base polls of 1,600 Montana voters, election results, demographic data, and more. The support is measured from -10 to 10, the latter of which indicates a most pro-business attitude among voters in a given district. Those legislators who have scores in the same range as their district's B-base score are most likely representing their district, according to the opinions of their constituents. The B-base number is not factored into the final Legislator Score, but it is utilized for the Champion of Business and Honorable Mention Awards.

LEGISLATOR 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 score. While this score does not encompass all votes on business issues, it is a very reliable indicator of how lawmakers prioritize business issues. The **Governor's Score** is explained on Page 22 of this Review.

Recognition of Pro-Business Policymakers

Most policymakers do not get the credit or thanks they deserve for their sacrifice and hard work. This is especially true of those policymakers who stand up for business and economic development. We do more to recognize reliable policymakers for job creation, free enterprise, and entrepreneurship. Here is a list of the awards we are distributing after the 2017 Legislative Session:

"MOST-VALUABLE POLICYMAKER" (MVP) AWARD:

The Montana Chamber recognizes a policymaker for exceptional service to business with a "Most-Valuable Policymaker" (MVP) Award. This award is reserved for a policymaker who worked diligently to improve Montana's business climate by creating jobs and opportunity. To be considered for the MVP Award, a policymaker must meet the following criteria: (1) received a higher Legislator Score than the B-base district score, which indicates the level of probusiness support of a policymaker'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.



Rep. Frank Garner (Kalispell)

MVP OF THE 2017 LEGISLATURE: REP. FRANK GARNER (HD 7 — KALISPELL)

Rep. Frank Garner led the charge on infrastructure legislation that was critical to the Montana Chamber's agenda. He sponsored the Chamber's top overall priority, HB 473, the Bridge and Road Safety and Accountability Act. Thanks to his leadership, Montana is now making historic investment in its roads and bridges for public safety and commerce. He also carried another priority bill, SB 335, to enable public-private partnerships in infrastructure projects. Rep. Garner served as Vice Chair of the influential House Transportation Committee, an important committee for the business community. On the House floor, he took every opportunity to speak on behalf of business priorities while urging his colleagues to oppose harmful proposals.

"CHAMPION OF BUSINESS" AWARD:

The Montana Chamber also recognizes policymakers from the House and Senate with its "Champion of Business" Award. To be considered for the "Champion of Business" Award, a policymaker must meet the following criteria: (1) received a Legislator Score that meets or exceeds the B-base district score; (2) no sponsorship of anti-business legislation; (3) supported the top four Montana Chamber priorities; and (4) sponsored pro-business legislation.

SENATE: Edward Buttrey (SD 11 — Great Falls), Llew Jones (SD 9 — Conrad), Tom Richmond (SD 28 — Billings), Daniel Salomon (SD 47 — Ronan), and Jeffrey Welborn (SD 36 — Dillon)

HOUSE: Fred Anderson (HD 20 — Great Falls), Jeff Essmann (HD 54 — Billings), Dave Fern (HD 5 — Whitefish), Ross Fitzgerald (HD 17 — Fairfield), and Kenneth Holmlund (HD 38 — Miles City)

"HONORABLE MENTION" AWARD:

Finally, we also recognize policymakers who helped 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 policymaker must meet the following criteria: (1) received a Legislator Score that either exceeds or does not significantly deviate from the B-base district score; (2) supported HB 473 and SB 293, which were the top two Montana Chamber priorities; (3) sponsored pro-business legislation; and (4) no sponsorship of multiple pieces of anti-business legislation.

SENATE: Duane Ankney (SD 20 — Colstrip), Mike Lang (SD 17 — Malta), and Mike Phillips (SD 31 — Bozeman)

HOUSE: Moffie Funk (HD 82 — Helena), Jim Hamilton (HD 61 — Bozeman), and Shane Morigeau (HD 95 — Missoula)





The four core objectives of the Montana Chamber's ten-year strategic plan — Envision 2026 — provided a roadmap for the Chamber during the 2017 Legislative Session.

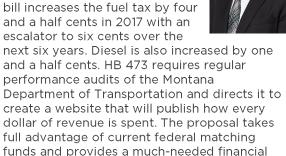
We have color coded each bill number with its Envision 2026 objective.

HB 473

Bridge and Road Safety and Accountability Act

Sponsor: Rep. Garner - Kalispell Carrier: Sen. Ankney — Colstrip

The Bridge and Road Safety and Accountability Act (BRSAA) increases Montana's fuel taxes for the first time in nearly 25 years to fund critical-need road and bridge projects statewide. The bill increases the fuel tax by four and a half cents in 2017 with an escalator to six cents over the



boost for local governments to invest in infra-

the Senate 28-22. Governor Bullock signed the

structure. HB 473 was the Chamber's top

bill. This vote is worth 15 points.

priority. It passed in the House 57-43 and in

SB 293

Revise Judgment Interest

Sponsor: Sen. Carv Smith — Billings Carrier: Rep. Morigeau — Missoula

SB 293 revises Montana's judgment interest rate in civil and tort cases. Specifically, this legislation changes the arbitrary 10% rate in statue to the U.S. Federal Prime Rate, plus 3 points. By tying interest to the true value of money, SB 293 creates a more predicable legal environment for



business, while lowering the effective rate to a more reasonable figure. This proposal was a top priority for the Chamber. It passed 48-2 in the Senate and 67-33 in the House. SB 293 became law without Governor Bullock's signature. This vote is worth 15 points.

SB 317

Revise Tax Penalty and Interest

Sponsor: Sen. Salomon — Ronan Carrier: Rep. Redfield — Livingston

SB 317 is fairness legislation that revises interest assessment on taxes other than individual income taxes. Corporate taxpayers are sometimes audited by the Montana Department of Revenue (DOR), a process that can take up to several years. Statute allowed the DOR to levy 12% tax



underpayment interest on the taxpayer for the length of the audit, even if the taxpaver filed returns on time and in good faith. The rate was costing Montana businesses millions of dollars annually. And this was typically due to delayed audits, rather than corporations taking

(SB 317 cont.) erroneous tax positions. SB 317 changes the arbitrary 12% rate by using the U.S. Federal Prime Rate, plus 3 points. The bill incentivizes timely audit completion without impacting the DOR's penalty authority to punish bad actors. Without this egregiously high interest rate on long audits, we have made Montana more attractive to conduct business. SB 317 passed 32-18 in the Senate and 70-30 in the House. The bill became law without Governor Bullock's signature. This vote is worth 10 points.

SB 367

Statewide Infrastructure Funding

Sponsor: Sen. Moore — Miles City Carrier: Rep. Cuffe - Eureka

SB 367 would have provided funding and authorization for capital and infrastructure projects statewide. Much like SB 416 in the 2015 Session, this proposal would have created a local infrastructure grant and loan program administered by the Montana Department of



Commerce. SB 367 would have been funded through the creation of state debt by issuing general obligation bonds and general fund transfers amounting to a total of \$98.8 million. Ensuing negotiations reduced this amount to \$80.3 million. Because the bill contained bonding, it required a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate. Despite a late push by the Chamber and other stakeholders, bonding for statewide infrastructure was delayed for a third consecutive session. While SB 367 passed in the Senate 34-16, it failed in the House 64-35. This vote is worth 10 points.

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SB 132

Revise Taxation of Pollution Control Equipment

Sponsor: Sen. Richmond — Billings Carrier: Rep. Ehli — Hamilton

SB 132 follows up our victory in 2015 (HB 156) that exempted the pollution control equipment tax for ten years if the equipment was placed in service after January 1, 2014. SB 132 makes permanent the property tax exemption for air and water pollution control (class 5) and carbon capture equipment (class 15). As businesses continue to comply with existing environmental regulations like the Clean Air Act, they can now benefit from this deserved tax incentive in perpetuity. It passed 31-18 in the Senate and 84-16 in the House. SB 132 became law without Governor Bullock's signature. This vote is worth 10 points.

HB 187

Angel Investor/ VC Tax Credit

Sponsor: Rep. Hamilton — Bozeman Carrier: Sen. Pomnichowski — Bozeman

HB 187 would have provided a tax incentive for angel investors and venture capitalists to invest in certain types of Montana startups. As amended, it would have allowed a credit against individual income tax equal to 30% of investment of at least \$50,000 in a startup firm developing new products in specified fields or in an investment fund that makes 75% of its investments in such firms. A qualifying business for investment would have at least 65% of its employees be employed in Montana, been in operation less than five years, and other criteria. While it passed 63-37 in the House and 30-20 in the Senate on Second Reading. HB 187 failed in Senate Finance and Claims. This vote is worth 10 points.



Rep. Casey Schreiner—Great Falls (seated left) with Gov. Steve Bullock at the signing of HB 308.

HB 308

Apprenticeship Tax Credit

Sponsor: Rep. Schreiner — Great Falls Carrier: Sen. Malek — Missoula

HB 308 creates a non-refundable tax credit for employers who participate in a registered apprenticeship program with the Department of Labor and Industry (DLI). The credit amounts to \$750 for each hired apprentice and \$1,500 per veteran apprenticeship. While the credit only applies to new apprenticeships, employers can utilize existing apprenticeship programs to realize the benefit. The bill also reguires the DLI to provide each high school in Montana with information about apprenticeship programs. While the Chamber would have preferred a higher dollar amount per credit. we understood the need for compromise during this budget session. HB 308 passed 77-23 in the House and 31-19 in the Senate. Governor Bullock signed the bill. This vote is worth 5 points.

HB 165

Revise Punitive Damage Laws

Sponsor: Rep. Greg Hertz — Polson

HB 165 would have added a new cap for awards to existing statute. Today, punitive damages in a given case are limited to \$10 million or 3% of the defendant's net worth. whichever is less. This proposal would have retained the "least of" clause while adding three times the total amount of compensatory damages awarded as the third cap. A major piece of the Chamber's legal reform package in 2017, HB 165 would have added predictability to Montana's legal climate without depriving the courts of their significant punitive authority. It is also good public policy to make such awards proportional to the ruling on the case itself, a practice adopted by several other states. While it passed in the House 58-42, it ultimately failed in Senate Judiciary when members were unable to reach consensus with stakeholders. This vote is worth 5 points.

HB 226

Increased Tax Abatement for New and Expanding Industry

Sponsor: Rep. Perry — Hungry Horse Carrier: Sen. Blasdel — Kalispell

HB 226 increases the amount of property tax that eligible new and established businesses are allowed to abate on qualifying projects. A core component of Governor Bullock's legislative agenda and supported by the Chamber, this bill allows a five-year, 75% tax abatement for businesses that are engaged in new or expanding industry as an alternative to the existing 50% in statute. New property put in place starting tax year 2018 will be eligible for the abatement. HB 226 gives Montana businesses needed tax flexibility during the most crucial stages of starting or growing operations. It passed 63-33 in the House and 33-15 in the Senate. Governor Bullock signed the bill. This vote is worth 5 points.

SB 184

Allow Termination of Work Comp Benefits due to Fraud

Sponsor: Sen. Moore — Miles City Carrier: Rep. Ricci — Laurel

SB 184 would have memorialized in statue the ability for an insurer to withhold workers' compensation benefits in cases of fraud or nonliability. Supported by the Chamber, the bill would have allowed termination of a claim due to fraud, mutual mistake of a material fact, or if the insurer received clear and convincing evidence that it was not liable for compensation benefits. SB 184 would have increased efficiency in Montana's work comp system and potentially lower premiums. It passed 31-19 in the Senate and 59-39 in the House. After the Legislature declined his amendatory veto, Governor Bullock outright vetoed the bill. This vote is worth 5 points.

HB 550

Revise Corporate Loss Carryback and Carryforward

Sponsor: Rep. Essmann — Billings Carrier: Sen. Hoven — Great Falls

HB 550, as amended, provides taxpayers with greater flexibility in the corporate net operating loss carryback and carryforward processes. While the carryback period will remain at three years, the carryforward period changes from seven to ten years. The bill also limits annual net operating loss carrybacks to \$500,000. While the Chamber would have preferred HB 550 as originally written because it matched federal, we remained supportive of the amended version. It passed 89-11 in the House and 45-0 in the Senate. Governor Bullock signed the bill. This vote is worth 5 points.

SB 338

Coal-Fired Generating Unit Mitigated Retirement Act

Sponsor: Sen. Ankney — Colstrip

SB 338 would have legislated a response to the impending shutdown of Units 1 and 2 at the Colstrip Power Plant. The bill required the plant owners to cover the decommissioning and social costs associated with the closure. While we understood the sponsor's intentions. the Chamber opposed this legislation because it would have discouraged future business investment in Montana. The decommissioning and social costs were also broadly defined. leaving the owning companies without any predictability of how much they would be reguired to pay. The Chamber was also concerned about the precedent that SB 338 would have set for other industries. It passed 43-6 in the Senate before being tabled in House Energy, ultimately failing on the House floor by a vote of 40-60 as an amendment to another bill. This vote is worth 3 points.



Webb Brown and Bridger Mahlum (left) discussing pending legislation during the 2017 Legislative session.



Darryl James, Executive Director of the Montana Infrastructure Coalition, speaking during the TRIP Report press conference as Rep. Garner of Kalispell looks on.

SB 335

Facilitate Public-Private Partnerships

Sponsor: Sen. Welborn — Dillon Carrier: Rep. Garner — Kalispell

SB 335 was enabling legislation for the state of Montana to engage in public-private partnerships (P3s). P3s are contractual arrangements between public agencies and the private sector to provide infrastructure to the public. The public agencies administer and regulate the infrastructure, while the private sector infuses capital and focuses on operational and executive aspects. P3s drive innovation because agencies can present a problem to the competitive business community and ask for creative solutions, rather than specifying the "best" solution up front. SB 335 did not mandate these partnerships, but rather allowed them to take place if mutually desired. While it passed 31-19 in the Senate, SB 335 failed in the House 4-96 due to disagreements over language in the bill and unrelated political factors. Like many of our other proposals, the Chamber looks forward to reworking this legislation for 2019. This vote is worth 3 points.

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HB 270

K-12 Career and Technical Funding

Sponsor: Rep. Anderson – Great Falls

HB 270 would have infused \$3.7 million over the biennium to increase the distribution to school districts for K-12 career and technical education programs. The Chamber supported this legislation as part of our ongoing effort to develop Montana's workforce. While the policy of HB 270 received little opposition, the general fund appropriation that it called for was difficult for the legislature to justify, given the fiscal constraints of the 2017 Session. The House passed HB 270 on Second Reading with a 74-26 vote before tabling it in Appropriations. This vote is worth 3 points.

SB 330

Property Assessed Clean Energy

Sponsor: Sen. Vincent — Libby

SB 330 was enabling legislation for Property Assessed Clean Energy financing (PACE) in Montana. A loan mechanism to promote alternative energy projects on commercial and residential property, the financing would be repaid as an assessment on the participating individual's tax bill. While we support energy independence, the Chamber testified against SB 330 for several reasons: 1) PACE loans are assigned as a lien in front of the taxpaver's first mortgage, the latter of which the original lender expects to be paid first; 2) homeowners are unlikely to realize the value of their energy improvements because of the associated interest rates; and 3) the county tax collection process is not designed to handle this type of lending program. SB 330 passed 31-19 in the Senate but failed on a blast motion on the House floor by a vote of 42-55 to remove it from the table in House Natural Resources. This vote is worth 3 points.

HB 511

Market-Based Tax Apportionment

Sponsor: Rep. Cook — Conrad Carrier: Sen. Thomas — Stevensville

HB 511 changes the corporate tax system for services and intangible property sales. Specifically, it shifts the tax collection method from "cost of performance" to a "market based" system, meaning that the point of taxation would change from where the sales or services originated to the place they were received. The intention was to capture tax revenue from companies that have no nexus to Montana. Despite this purpose, the Chamber opposed HB 511 because it contains a "throw out" provision that removes any sales that are not taxed in another state from the formula. This essentially requires companies to pay tax in one state on income that another state has chosen not to tax or is legally unable to tax. A company's tax liability in one state should not be measured by its tax in another state. Until all states adopt a market-based approach, some companies in Montana will be double-taxed, while others will conduct business tax-free. HB 511 passed in the House 71-29 and in the Senate 32-18 late in the session as part of a larger, brokered deal. Governor Bullock signed the bill. This vote is worth 3 points.

HB 574

Business Deduction Flexibility

Sponsor: Rep. Greg Hertz — Polson Carrier: Sen. Blasdel — Kalispell

HB 574 allows individual income taxpayers to deduct business expenses from Montana adjusted gross income when the expenses cannot be deducted federally due to a credit claimed by the taxpayer. The Chamber supported this bill to provide greater flexibility to taxpayers. HB 574 passed 76-24 in the House and 39-11 in the Senate. Governor Bullock signed the bill. This vote is worth 3 points.



(Clockwise from left) Rep. Moffie Funk — Helena, Webb Brown, Bridger Mahlum, Riley Johnson with NFIB, and Sen. Dan Salomon — Ronan join Governor Bullock for the signing of HB 88, a bill to expand incumbent worker training.

SB 190

Reporting Requirements for Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Sponsor: Sen. Phillips — Bozeman

SB 190 would have required the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to develop and implement a greenhouse gas reporting program. An overseeing board would have had the authority to require annual reporting of emissions from greenhouse gas emission sources and direct businesses in the natural resource industry to pay for administrative costs of the program. The Chamber opposed this bill because the unnecessary regulation and fees outlined in SB 190 do not present an effective incentive for impacted businesses to cap greenhouse gas emissions. These industries already comply with rigorous federal provisions on this issue. While we appreciate efforts to address the changing environmental climate. SB 190 was not the answer. It failed 18 -32 in the Senate on Second Reading. This vote is worth 3 points.

SB 325

Legal Protections in Hiring Process

Sponsor: Sen. Hoven — Great Falls Carrier: Rep. Anderson — Great Falls

SB 325 underscores important legal protections to employers who give individuals with criminal records a second chance at gainful employment. The bill ensures that private employers may not be held liable for claims of negligible hiring/employment for acts committed by an employee with a criminal record, so long as the acts are committed outside the scope of employment. The Chamber supported SB 325 to protect employers and foster a greater likelihood for workforce development among individuals who seek to engage positively in society. The bill passed 40-10 in the Senate and by a vote of 96-3 in the House. Governor Bullock signed the bill. This vote is worth 1 point.

HB 232

Expand Dual Enrollment Eligibility

Sponsor: Rep. Holmlund — Miles City Carrier: Sen. Blasdel — Kalispell

HB 232 expands the definition of a community college district in Montana to clarify that community colleges may offer dual enrollment courses to high school students. While current code restricted dual enrollment eligibility to "high school graduates and other persons who have terminated their high school education," this bill opens it up to all people. Among the least controversial bills of the session, the Chamber supported this bill to help students cultivate career interests as they prepare to enter the workforce. HB 232 passed 97-1 in the House and 50-0 in the Senate. Governor Bullock signed the bill. This vote is worth 1 point.



Senate President Scott Sales — Bozeman, speaking at the Montana Chamber's 2017 Business Days Legislative panel while Senate Minority Leader Jon Sesso of Butte looks on.

SB 116

Disallow Work Comp Benefits for False Statements

Sponsor: Sen. Blasdel — Kalispell Carrier: Rep. Noland — Bigfork

SB 116 would have barred workers' compensation benefits for employees who knowingly or willfully made a false representation of any medical conditions that are relevant to the essential functions of their jobs. This would have added predictability in Montana's work comp system and perhaps reduced employer premiums because insurers would no longer need to factor these fraud cases into their rate -setting processes. SB 116 passed 33-17 in the Senate and 59-40 in the House. In his veto letter. Governor Bullock argued that SB 116 did not protect workers from discrimination in the hiring process, even though the Chamber and other proponents had amended the language to ensure that the bill's provisions would not apply until after a conditional offer of employment was made. This vote is worth 1 point.

HB 358

Medical Information in Work Comp

Sponsor: Rep. Noland — Bigfork Carrier: Sen. Fitzpatrick — Great Falls

HB 358 would have allowed insurers to deny liability or terminate workers' compensation benefits if a claimant refuses or fails to sign a medical release that complies with Montana law. The Chamber supported this bill because it would have improved the process to determine compensability of a claim and benefits sought, all without impeding medical privacy rights. Insurers need relevant medical information to make the most informed decisions on claims. It passed in the House 60-39 and in the Senate 31-18, but the Legislature did not adopt the bill-gutting recommendations in Governor Bullock's amendatory veto. This vote is worth 1 point.

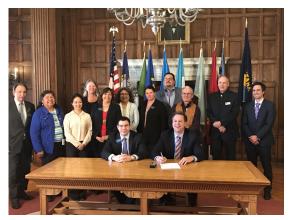
SB 235

Coal Lease Extension on State Lands

Sponsor: Sen. Richmond — Billings Carrier: Rep. White — Bozeman

SB 235 would have allowed the Montana Land Board to extend a coal lease if it was found to be in the best interest of the state. Today, coal mining leases are issued for a primary term of 10 vears and for as long thereafter as coal is produced in commercial quantities. A lease that does not meet this standard by the end of that term is automatically terminated, with limited exceptions. This bill would have given the Land Board flexibility to extend leases that are not yet producing. The Chamber supported SB 235 because it would have accounted for permitting processes or other factors that delay production at no fault of the lessee. The bill passed 32-16 in the Senate and 67-33 in the House. Governor Bullock vetoed the bill and it did not meet the two-thirds requirement of the Legislature for a veto override. This vote is worth 1 point.

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Rep. Shane Morigeau — Missoula (seated left) joins Governor Bullock as HB 185 is signed into law.

HB 185

Montana Promise Grant Program

Sponsor: Rep. Morigeau — Missoula Carrier: Sen. Salomon — Ronan

HB 185 creates the Montana Promise Grant Program to provide grants to postsecondary students enrolled in Montana community colleges or tribal colleges. Eligibility criteria include a minimum GPA, Montana residency, at least half-time enrollment in postsecondary studies, and more. The Chamber supported this proposal because HB 185 would make approximately 4,550 students (as of 2017) eligible to receive a Montana Promise Grant. These are all students who could become contributing members of Montana's workforce, many of whom depend on financial assistance to get started. The grant program is unfunded, given the budget constraints of the 2017 Session, but in the meantime allows for private or out-of-state donations. HB 185 passed 69-30 in the House and 26-24 in the Senate, Governor Bullock signed the bill. This vote is worth 1 point.

HB 44

Increase District Court Judges

Sponsor: Rep. Essmann — Billings Carrier: Sen. Osmundson — Buffalo

As amended, HB 44 increases the number of District Court Judges in the 4th and 13th Judicial Districts for a total of three new judges. With legal reform a top priority, the Chamber supported this legislation because of the court case backlog that Montana is facing with its current roster of District Court Judges. Delays in the court system typically equate to higher costs for businesses, both in time and money. It passed in the House 97-2 and in the Senate 48-1. Governor Bullock signed the bill. This vote is worth 1 point.

SB 179

Revise Offer of Judgement Laws

Sponsor: Sen. Fitzpatrick — Great Falls

SB 179 would have allowed for the offer of settlement procedure to be available at any time in Montana's courts of limited jurisdiction. Specifically, the proposal allowed a party to serve upon the adverse party a written offer to settle a claim at any time after commencement of an action, but at least 10 days before a court trial begins. The Chamber supported this legislation because it provides more flexibility for all affected parties to settle court cases more efficiently, thus reducing costs for defendants and plaintiffs. While SB 179 passed 48-1 in the Senate, members of House Judiciary could not reach consensus and the bill was subsequently tabled. This vote is worth 1 point.

SJ 10

Resolution Supporting Keystone XL

Sponsor: Sen. Lang —Malta

Carrier: Rep. Casey Knudsen — Malta

SJ 10 urges Congressional and Presidential approval for the Keystone XL Pipeline. The resolution states that the state and local jurisdictions will benefit from an increased property tax base; there will be minimal adverse impacts on the environment, landowners, and affected communities; significant infrastructure improvements, including powerlines and road and bridge improvements, will be built and paid for by TransCanada; and Montana's Congressional delegation and Governor Bullock support the approval of the pipeline. It passed in the Senate 39-11 and in the House 67-33. Resolutions do not require the Governor's signature. This vote is worth 1 point.



Montana Chamber's Bridger Malhum (left) speaking with Rep. Daniel Zolnikov of Billings about infrastructure.

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Review of Committee Votes — Senate

Senate Business and Labor

SB 371 Revise work comp insurance and dissolve State Fund (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

For: Brown, F. Smith

Against: Buttrey, Connell, Facey, Fitzpatrick, Salomon, Small, Vance, Vuckovich

Senate Finance and Claims

HB 187 Establish an angel investor/venture capital tax credit (Chamber supported; 3 pts)

For: Caferro, McNally, Sesso, Whitford, Wolken

Against: Ankney, Gauthier, Howard, Jones, Kary, Keenan, Lang, Moore,

Olszewski, Osmundson, C. Smith, Welborn

Excused: Phillips

Senate Judiciary

SB 9 Primary enforcement of seatbelt laws (Chamber supported; 1 pt)

For: Gross, MacDonald, Sands

Against: Fielder, Hinebauch, Hinkle, Regier, Sales, Swandal, Vincent

Excused: Boland

SB 259 Revise laws on admissibility of seatbelt use (Chamber supported; 3 pts)

For: Boland, Gross, Sands, Swandal

Against: Fielder, Hinebauch, Hinkle, MacDonald, Regier, Sales, Vincent

HB 165 Revise punitive damage laws (Chamber supported; 3 pts)

For: Hinkle

Against: Boland, Gross, Fielder, Hinebauch, MacDonald, Regier, Sands, Sales, Swandal, Vincent

Senate Taxation

SB 105 Repeal water's-edge election for corporations (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

For: Barrett, Cohenour, Hoven, Malek, McClafferty, Pomnichowski Against: Blasdel, Richmond, Sales, Tempel, Thomas, Webb

SB 327 Reduce the Montana business equipment tax (Chamber supported; 3 pts)

For: Blasdel, Webb

Against: Barrett, Cohenour, Hoven, Malek, McClafferty, Pomnichowski, Richmond, Sales, Tempel, Thomas

Senate Taxation (continued)

SB 328 Generally revise alcohol tax laws (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

For: Barrett, Cohenour, Malek, McClafferty

Against: Blasdel, Hoven, Pomnichowski, Richmond, Sales, Tempel, Thomas, Webb

SB 331 Local option infrastructure tax (Chamber supported; 3 pts)

For: Barrett, Cohenour, Malek, McClafferty, Pomnichowski

Against: Blasdel, Hoven, Richmond, Sales, Tempel, Thomas, Webb

SB 350 Provide for new uppermost tax rate (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

For: Barrett, Cohenour, Malek, McClafferty, Pomnichowski

Against: Blasdel, Hoven, Richmond, Sales, Tempel, Thomas, Webb

SB 351 Constitutional ban on statewide sales or use tax (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

For: Barrett, Cohenour, Malek, Pomnichowski

Against: Blasdel, Hoven, McClafferty, Richmond, Sales, Tempel, Thomas, Webb

SB 371 Revise selective sales and use taxes (Chamber opposed; 3pts)

For: Barrett, Cohenour, Hoven, Malek, McClafferty, Pomnichowski

Against: Blasdel, Richmond, Sales, Tempel, Thomas, Webb



Review of Committee Votes — House

House Appropriations

HB 270 Funding for K-12 career/technical education (Chamber supported; 1 pt) For: Dudik, Ellis, Hamlett, Knokey, Lynch, McCarthy, Peppers, Ryan, Woods Against: Ballance, Bartel, Brodehl, Burnett, Cook, Cuffe, Glimm, Holmlund, Hopkins, Jones, Keane, Patelis, Tschida

House Business and Labor

HB 169 Raise minimum wage in Montana (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

For: Curdy, Curtis, Funk, Olsen, Pierson, Schreiner, Stewart-Peregoy, Windy Boy Against: Anderson, Fitzgerald, Grubbs, Gunderson, Loge, Noland, Rosendale, Ricci, Trebas, Vinton, Zolnikov

HB 229 Choice of treating physician in work comp (Chamber opposed; 3 pts) For: Curdy, Curtis, Funk, Gunderson, Olsen, Pierson, Schreiner, Stewart-Peregoy,

For: Curdy, Curtis, Funk, Gunderson, Olsen, Pierson, Schreiner, Stewart-Peregoy, Windy Boy

Against: Anderson, Fitzgerald, Grubbs, Loge, Noland, Rosendale, Ricci, Trebas, Vinton, Zolnikov

HB 628 Reporting prescription drug price factors (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

For: Curdy, Curtis, Funk, Olsen, Pierson, Schreiner, Stewart-Peregoy, Trebas, Windy Boy

Against: Anderson, Fitzgerald, Grubbs, Gunderson, Loge, Noland, Rosendale, Ricci, Trebas, Vinton, Zolnikov

HJ 26 Study living wage in Montana (Chamber opposed; 1 pt)

For: Curdy, Curtis, Funk, Olsen, Pierson, Schreiner, Stewart-Peregoy, Windy Boy Against: Anderson, Fitzgerald, Grubbs, Gunderson, Loge, Noland, Rosendale, Ricci, Trebas, Vinton, Zolnikov

House Energy, Technology, and Federal Relations

HB 486 Prohibit pipelines from crossing under water (Chamber opposed; 1 pt) For: Bishop, Hayman, McConnell, Morigeau, Olsen, Perry, Stewart-Peregoy Against: Custer, A. Hertz, A. Knudsen, C. Knudsen, O'Hara, Redfield, Rosendale, Skees. Zolnikov

SB 338 Revise laws on coal-fired generation closure (Chamber opposed; 1 pt) For: Bishop, Custer, Hayman, A. Hertz, McConnell, Morigeau, Olsen, Perry Against: A. Knudsen, C. Knudsen, O'Hara, Redfield, Rosendale, Skees, Stewart-Peregoy, Zolnikov

House Judiciary

HB 518 Montana biometric information privacy act (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)
 For: Court, Bishop, Eck, Hill Smith, Kelker, McConnell, Morigeau, Perry
 Against: Berglee, B. Brown, Doane, Harris, C. Knudsen, Manzella, Mortensen, Regier, Sheldon-Galloway, Usher, Wagoner

HB 545 Prohibit credit rating in personal insurance (Chamber opposed; 1 pt)
For: Court, Bishop, Eck, Hill Smith, Kelker, McConnell, Morigeau, Perry
Against: Berglee, B. Brown, Doane, Harris, C. Knudsen, Manzella, Mortensen, Regier,
Sheldon-Galloway, Usher, Wagoner

House Judiciary (continued)

SB 179 Revise offer of judgment laws (Chamber supported; 1 pt)

For: Bishop, Eck, Morigeau

Against: Berglee, B. Brown, Court, Doane, Harris, Hill Smith, Kelker, C. Knudsen, Manzella, McConnell, Mortensen, Perry, Regier, Sheldon-Galloway, Usher, Wagoner

House Natural Resources

HB 593 Revise metal mining laws (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

For: Abbott, Z. Brown, Court, Curdy, Fleming, Windy Boy

Against: B. Brown, Fitzgerald, Flynn, Galt, Gunderson, Manzella, Mortensen, Noland, White

SB 330 Property assessed clean energy financing (Chamber opposed; 1 pt)

For: Abbott, Z. Brown, Court, Curdy, Fleming, Windy Boy

Against: B. Brown, Fitzgerald, Flynn, Galt, Gunderson, Manzella, Mortensen, Noland, White

House Taxation

HB 330 Revise individual income tax brackets (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

For: Abbott, Z. Brown, Dunwell, Fern, Hamilton, Jacobson, Kipp III, Smith Against: Beard, Ehli, Essmann, Flynn, Galt, A. Hertz, G. Hertz, Lavin, O'Hara, Redfield, Welch, White

HB 359 Limit tax increment financing to local mills (Chamber opposed; 1 pt) For: None

Against: Abbott, Beard, Z. Brown, Dunwell, Ehli, Essmann, Fern, Flynn, Galt, Hamilton, A. Hertz, G. Hertz, Jacobson, Kipp III, Lavin, O'Hara, Redfield, Smith, Welch. White

HB 452 Revise individual income tax rate structure (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

For: Abbott, Z. Brown, Dunwell, Fern, Hamilton, Jacobson, Kipp III, Smith Against: Beard, Ehli, Essmann, Flynn, Galt, A. Hertz, G. Hertz, Lavin, O'Hara, Redfield, Welch, White

HB 577 Local option infrastructure tax (Chamber supported; 3 pts)

For: Beard, Dunwell, Essmann, Fern, Hamilton, Kipp III, Lavin, Smith Against: Abbott, Z. Brown, Ehli, Flynn, Galt, A. Hertz, G. Hertz, Jacobson, O'Hara, Redfield, Welch, White

HB 598 Limit capital gains income tax credit (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

For: Abbott, Z. Brown, Dunwell, Fern, Hamilton, Jacobson, Kipp III, Smith Against: Beard, Ehli, Essmann, Flynn, Galt, A. Hertz, G. Hertz, Lavin, O'Hara, Redfield, Welch, White

Legislation Selected for Sponsorship Points

PRO-BUSINESS LEGISLATION (POINTS ADDED)

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SJ 6 Sen. Ankney +1 Resolution for regulation freedom amendment to the US Constitution SJ 10 Sen. Lang +1 Joint resolution regarding the keystone pipeline SJ 23 Sen. Thomas +1 Interim study on property taxation of utility property SJ 27 Sen. Vance +1 Study Montana's workers' compensation system

ANTI-BUSINESS LEGISLATION (POINTS SUBTRACTED)

HB 169	Rep. Dunwell	-2	Raise minimum wage in Montana
HB 193	Rep. Woods	-1	Revise utility electric cost recovery
HB 229	Rep. Olsen	-2	Allowing worker to choose treating physician in work comp
HB 330	Rep. Abbott	-2	Revise individual income tax brackets
HB 359	Rep. Burnett	-1	Limit tax increment financing revenue to local mills
HB 452	Rep. Woods	-2	Revise individual income tax rate structure
HB 486	Rep. Kipp III	-1	Prohibit pipelines from crossing under streams and lakes
HB 511	Rep. Cook	-2	Revise income tax laws related to businesses
HB 518	Rep. McConnell	-2	Establish Montana biometric information privacy act
HB 519	Rep. McConnell	-1	Provide for fragrance ingredient disclosure of cosmetics
HB 545	Rep. Windy Boy	-1	Prohibit credit rating in personal insurance
HB 593	Rep. McConnell	-2	Revise metal mining laws
HB 598	Rep. Hamilton	-2	Limit capital gains income tax credit
HB 628	Rep. Karjala	-2	Reporting of pricing factors for certain prescription drugs
HJ 26	Rep. Dunwell	-1	Study living wage in Montana
SB 105	Sen. Barrett	-2	Repeal water's-edge election for corporate income tax
SB 170	Sen. Hinebauch	-1	Provide civil liability for unmanned aerial vehicle trespass
SB 190	Sen. Phillips	-2	Reporting requirements for greenhouse gas emissions
SB 328	Sen. Whitford	-2	Generally revise alcohol tax laws
SB 330	Sen. Vincent	-2	Provide for property assessed clean energy financing
SB 338	Sen. Ankney	-2	Revise laws related to closure of certain coal-fired generation
SB 346	Sen. Gauthier	-1	Establish the small business retirement program
SB 350	Sen. McClafferty	-2	Providing for a new uppermost tax rate
SB 351	Sen. Barrett	-2	Constitutional amendment to ban statewide sales or use tax
SB 363	Sen. Vincent	-1	Generally revise aquatic invasive species
SB 371	Sen. Moore	-2	Revise work comp insurance and dissolve the state fund
SB 373	Sen. Barrett	-2	Revise selective sales and use taxes

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Vincent, Chas	1	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	_	S	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-3	0/7	49%	3.78
Vuckovich, Gene	39	+	+	_	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	_	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+		3/3	66%	2.80
Webb, Roger	23	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	_	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	ı	+	+	+	+2	18/21	72%	1.86
Welborn, Jeffrey	36	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	_	S	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+3	0/1	83%	4.01
Whitford, Lea	8	+	+	_	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	_	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-2	1/1	58%	1.56
Wolken, Cynthia	48	+	+	_	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-*	-	+	+	+	-		1/1	65%	-0.53

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Abbott, Kim	83	+	-	_	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	_	_	+	_	_	_	+	+	-	_	-	+	+	-	-2	1/17	48%	0.67
Anderson, Fred	20	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	S	+	-	+	С	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+3	10/10	98%	2.07
Bachmeier, Jacob	28	+	-	_	+	_	+	+	-	+	-	+	_	_	+	1	1	+	+	+	+	_	+	+	+	+			52%	1.92
Ballance, Nancy	87	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		0/1	79%	4.05
Bartel, Dan	29	_	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	1	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	_	+	+		0/1	69%	3.80
Beard, Becky	80	-	+	+	-	+	1	-	+	-	+	-	+	1	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		13/13	60%	3.67
Bennett, Bryce	91	+	-	-	+	1	+	+	-	+	1	+	+	1	+	ı	1	-1	+	+	-	-	ı	+	+	-			50%	-2.55
Berglee, Seth	58	1	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	ı	+	+	+	1	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		4/5	64%	3.91
Bishop, Laurie	60	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	1	+	ı	1	+	+	+	-	-	ı	+	+	-		1/7	77%	1.82
Brodehl, Randy	9	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	ı	+	+	+	ı	+	+	+	+	_	+	+		0/1	60%	2.61
Brown, Bob	13	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	_	ı	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		8/9	59%	4.16
Brown, Zach	63	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	ı	ı	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-		1/17	60%	-1.07
Burnett, Tom	67	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	ı	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-1	0/1	53%	1.81
Cook, Rob	18	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	Е	S	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-2	0/1	90%	3.26
Court, Virginia	50	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	ı	I	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-		0/9	56%	0.86
Cuffe, Mike	2	-	+	+	С	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	ı	ı	ı	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+1	0/1	65%	4.13
Curdy, Willis	98	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-		0/14	57%	-0.35
Curtis, Amanda	74	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+*	-	+	-	-	+	ı	ı	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-		0/10	43%	-0.76
Custer, Geraldine	39	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		1/2	94%	4.34
Doane, Alan	36	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-*	+*	+		4/5	76%	4.09
Dudik, Kimberly	94	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+2	1/1	57%	0.61
Dunwell, Mary Ann	84	+	-	_	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	_	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-3	4/13	44%	0.83
Eck, Jenny	79	+	_	_	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	_	-	+	-	-	-	+	+*	_	_	-	+	+	_		1/5	46%	0.39
Ehli, Ron	86	-	+	+	-	С	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+1	10/13	69%	2.39
Ellis, Janet	81	+	_	_	+	_	+	+	_	+	_	+	+	_	+	-	-	-	+	+	_	_	_	+	+	_		1/1	50%	0.80

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Essmann, Jeff	54	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	S	+	_	_	+	_	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	S	+	+3	13/13	84%	2.29
Fern, Dave	5	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	1	1	+	+	+	-	ı	ı	+	+	-	+2	4/13	78%	1.34
Fitzgerald, Ross	17	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+1	14/14	96%	4.34
Fleming, John	93	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	_	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-		0/4	50%	3.00
Flynn, Kelly	70	1	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	1	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		14/17	70%	4.40
Funk, Moffie	82	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	1	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+1	0/10	66%	0.50
Galt, Wylie	30	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	1	1	+	1	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		14/17	66%	4.74
Garner, Frank	7	S	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	С	+	+	ı	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+4		98%	1.17
Glimm, Carl	6	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	1	1	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	ı	+	+		0/1	69%	3.49
Greef, Edward	88	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	1	+	+	1	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			78%	4.13
Grubbs, Bruce	68	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1	+	+	ı	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		10/10	95%	3.05
Gunderson, Steve	1	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+*	+	+	+	1	+	+	ı	+	+	+	+	+	+	I	+	+		11/14	63%	3.40
Hamilton, Jim	61	+	+	+	+	-	S	+	ı	+	_	+	_	_	+	I	ı	+	+	+	ı	ı	I	+	+	_	+3/-2	4/13	67%	-0.48
Hamlett, Bradley Maxon	23	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	ı	+	ı	+	-	1	+	ı	ı	+	+	+	ı	I	+	+	+	+		1/1	80%	0.39
Harris, Bill	37	-	+	+	+	+	-	_	+	-	+	+	+	_	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+1	4/5	70%	5.06
Hayman, Denise	66	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	ı	+	-	+	+	ı	+	I	I	ı	+	+	ı	ı	ı	+	+	-		0/2	57%	-2.37
Hertz, Adam	96	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	ı	+	+	I	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		11/15	65%	0.91
Hertz, Greg	12	_	+	+	-	+	+	_	S	+	+	_	+	-	+	+	+	S	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+4	10/13	72%	2.29
Hill Smith, Ellie	90	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	ı	-	+	+*	-	ı	-	+	+	-		0/5	53%	-1.09
Holmlund, Kenneth	38	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	_	+	+	+	+	+	S	+	+	+	ı	+	+	+1	0/1	97%	2.81
Hopkins, Mike	92	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	ı	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+		0/1	79%	1.32
Jacobson, Tom	21	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+		1/13	73%	1.77
Jones, Donald	46	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	_	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		0/1	54%	1.24
Karjala, Jessica	48	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	ı	+	ı	1	ı	+	+	-	ı	ı	+	+	-	-2		45%	0.16
Keane, Jim	73	+	_	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	_	+	-	-	+	Е	-	-	+	+	_	-	+	+	+	+		0/1	58%	0.33

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Kelker, Kathy	47	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-*	+	_	-	+	-	_	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-		0/5	53%	-0.28
Kipp III, George	15	+	-	_	+	+	+	+	+	+	-*	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-*	-	+	+	-	-1	4/13	60%	2.15
Knokey, Jon	65	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		1/1	85%	-0.68
Knudsen, Austin	34	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		2/2	58%	4.37
Knudsen, Casey	33	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	С	+1	6/7	64%	3.47
Lavin, Steve	8	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		13/13	90%	3.19
Lenz, Dennis	53	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+			61%	2.59
Loge, Denley	14	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	1	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		10/10	82%	3.55
Lynch, Ryan	76	+	-	_	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	_	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+1	1/1	58%	0.52
Mandeville, Forrest	57	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	1	+	1	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1	+	+			65%	5.22
Manzella, Theresa	85	ı	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	1	ı	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1	+	+		8/9	63%	3.91
McCarthy, Kelly	49	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1	+	ı	+	-	ı	+	-	ı	1	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-		1/1	76%	-0.38
McConnell, Nate	89	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	ı	+	-	1	+	ı	1	-	+	+	ı	1	-	+	+	ı	-5	0/7	41%	-0.43
McKamey, Wendy	19	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	ı	+	+	I	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			87%	3.80
Morigeau, Shane	95	+	С	_	+	-	+	+	_	+	I	+	_	_	+	-	I	-	+	+	ı	_	_	S	+	ı	+2	1/7	59%	-1.95
Mortensen, Dale	44	-	+	+	-*	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	ı	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		8/9	60%	1.60
Noland, Mark	10	ı	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	_	+	_	+	+	I	+	+	+	C	S	+	-	+	+	+2	14/14	70%	3.70
O'Hara, James	27	ı	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	ı	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		12/15	55%	4.20
Olsen, Andrea	100	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	ı	+	-	ı	+	ı	I	-	+	+	ı	-	-	+	+	ı	-2	0/12	41%	-2.69
Patelis, Jimmy	52	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	_	+	+	I	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		0/1	74%	1.07
Peppers, Rae	41	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	_	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-		1/1	60%	3.48
Perry, Zac	3	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	S	-	+	-	-	+	ı	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+2	0/7	55%	3.38
Pierson, Gordon	78	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	_	_	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+		0/10	55%	2.53
Price, Jean	24	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+*	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-			55%	0.62
Redfield, Alan	59	_	+	С	-	+	_	-	+	_	+	+	+	_	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+2	12/15	61%	3.45

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Regier, Matt	4	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		4/5	58%	4.40
Ricci, Vince	55	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	С	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+1	10/10	56%	2.88
Rosendale, Adam	51	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		12/12	61%	0.59
Ryan, Marilyn	99	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-		1/1	56%	-0.40
Sales, Walt	69	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			93%	3.72
Schreiner, Casey	26	+	-	_	+	+	+	S	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+2	0/10	53%	0.75
Shaw, Ray	71	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			93%	4.58
Sheldon-Galloway, Lola	22	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	_	+	ı	+	+	+	+	-	+	+*	+	+	ı	+	+		4/5	63%	2.05
Skees, Derek	11	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	1	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	ı	+	+		2/2	62%	4.20
Smith, Bridget	31	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+1	4/13	59%	1.34
Staffanson, Scott	35	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	ı	+	+	ı	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+			69%	3.87
Stewart-Peregoy, Sharon	42	+	-	_	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	ı	+	-	ı	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-		1/12	56%	3.07
Swanson, Kathy	77	+	-	_	+	+	+	+	ı	+	ı	+	_	1	+	-	I	+	+	+	ı	_	-	+	+	-			58%	3.00
Trebas, Jeremy	25	ı	+	+	ı	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	1	+	+	1	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		7/10	74%	0.43
Tschida, Brad	97	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	ı	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		0/1	57%	2.19
Usher, Barry	40	ı	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	_	+	+	_	1	_	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	I	+	+		4/5	67%	4.57
Vinton, Sue	56	ı	+	+	+	+	1	-	+	-	+	+	+	1	+	+	1	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	ı	+		10/10	68%	3.00
Wagoner, Kirk	75	-	+	+	_	+	_	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	Е	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		4/5	58%	4.29
Webb, Peggy	43	ı	+	+	ı	+	1	+	+	-	+	+	+	1	+	+	1	+	*	+	+	+	+	ı	+	+			61%	2.89
Webber, Susan	16	+	-	ı	+	ı	+	+	ı	+	ı	+	-	1	+	-1	1	-1	+	+	ı	-	-	+	+	-			47%	1.01
Welch, Tom	72	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	ı	+	+	ı	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		10/13	91%	3.39
White, Kerry	64	-	+	+	_	+	_	+	+	-	+	_	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	С	+	+	+	+2	14/17	64%	1.86
Windy Boy, Jonathan	32	+	-	_	+	+	+	+	-	+*	-	+	_	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-1	0/14	52%	2.60
Woods, Tom	62	+	-	_	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	_	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-3	1/1	41%	-1.26
Zolnikov, Daniel	45	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		12/12	58%	2.52

Governor Steve Bullock

This report is the most comprehensive look at the Governor's record on business issues. Like our previous voting 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. The state's overall B-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 Score** is calculated:

SPONSOR/COMMITTEE POINTS: For bill sponsorship, points were awarded to the Governor if he, or an agency he oversees, proposed a pro-business bill. If he, or an agency he oversees, sponsored an anti-business bill, points were subtracted. Committee points represent instances in which an agency that the Governor oversees testified on pro and anti-business legislation that was not explicitly included in the Governor's 2017 Legislative agenda.

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 bill. Allowing a pro-business bill to become law without his signature does not impact his score.

GOVERNOR SCORE: Finally, the Governor's total points earned were divided by the total points possible. This final number is the Governor's 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.



Bills Selected to Determine Sponsor Points (+/-) and Committee Points (points/possible)

PRO-BUSINESS LEGISLATION:

ANTI-BUSINESS LEGISLATION:

HB 88	Revise incumbent worker program training requirements	+1	HB 169	Increase Montana's minimum wage	0/3
HB 141	Active supervision of licensing boards in antitrust liability cases	+1	HB 598	Limit capital gains income tax credit	-2
HB 226	Increase property tax abatement for new/expanding industry	+2	SB 105	Repeal water's-edge election on corporate income tax	0/3
HB 308	Apprenticeship tax credit with increased amount for veterans	+2	SB 328	Increase alcohol taxes	0/3
HB 602	Provide for a Montana film tax credit	1/1	SB 330	Property assessed clean energy financing	-2
SB 9	Provide for primary enforcement of seatbelt laws	1/1	SB 338	Coal-Fired Generating Unit Mitigated Retirement Act	0/1
SB 85	Submit 6-mill levy to voters to support MUS	1/1	SB 350	Provide for a new uppermost tax rate	-2
SB 312	Provide for drug formulary in workers' compensation system	+1	SB 351	Constitutional amendment to ban statewide sales tax	-2
SB 367	Bonding for statewide infrastructure	1/1	SB 373	Revise selective sales and use taxes	0/3

Chamber Position	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Sponsor/	Committee	GOVERNOR	State
Legislation	HB 473	SB 293	SB 317	SB 132	HB 308	HB 226	SB 184	HB 550	HB 511	HB 574	SB 325	HB 232	SB 116	HB 358	SB 235	HB 185	HB 44	Carrier Points	Points	SCORE	B-base
GOVERNOR																					
Bullock, Steve	+	Е	Е	Е	+	+	-	+	1	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+7/-8	4/17	61%	2.08

+ = Business Positive — = Business Negative E = Passed Without Signature



The 2017 Session introduced the Montana Chamber's 10-year strategic plan, Envision 2026, to the Montana Legislature. Four issue areas — workforce development, business climate, infrastructure investment, and entrepreneurship — focused the Chamber's advocacy efforts. The results speak for themselves. Montana advanced significant infrastructure funding for its roads and bridges. We passed needed legislation to increase access to our state's university systems and incentivize companies to start apprenticeship programs. The 65th Legislature also reformed several interest laws that were out of sync with modern economic reality. We are proud of what we have achieved towards Envision 2026, but there is still plenty of work to do!

Envision 2026 expands beyond the Legislative session. We are constantly working to improve Montana's business climate and develop long-term initiatives to ensure a bright economic future right here in Big Sky Country.

AN INVESTMENT WORTH MAKING

Whether it's \$500 or \$50,000 — you can make a difference in transforming Montana. Envision 2026 is funded by Business leaders like you. Together, we can improve Montana's economy. Envision 2026 is about igniting sustained economic growth in this great state. We need your help.

Become an Envision 2026 investor today.

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Key Metrics for Envision 2026

TOP 10

OF ALL US STATES
IN % OF JOB GROWTH



TOP HALF
PER CAPITA
PERSONAL INCOME



OF ALL US STATES IN PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME GROWTH

TOP 10



TOP 10
OF ALL US STATES
IN GSP GROWTH



Montana is 25th in two-year job growth percentage (3.20%).

Montana is currently 37th in per capita personal income (\$49,509.00).

Montana currently ranks 11th in per capita personal income growth (ten-year; 21.86%).

Montana is currently 8th in ten-year Gross State Product Growth (34.40%).

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Montana has the second highest high school graduation rate in the nation (92.6 percent). **Maintain a top-five ranking in high school graduations.**

Montana ranks 12th in Active Apprenticeships (1.66 per 1,000 residents), 18th in New Apprenticeships (0.56), and 14th in Apprenticeships who complete their program. Increase the number of active apprenticeships above 1.75 per 1,000 residents.

BUSINESS CLIMATE

Improve Montana's ranking among US States in the Institute for Legal Reform's Legal Environment Index from 34th to the top ten.

Improve Montana's workers' compensation system. Raise Montana's ranking in the Oregon Department of Business and Consumer Services' workers' compensation cost ranking from 38th **to the top 25.**

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

Improve Montana's grade among US States in the ASCE Infrastructure Report Card from **C-**-

47.95 percent of roads in Montana are not in good condition. Wyoming, South Dakota, Idaho, and North Dakota all have percentages below 43 percent. Lower our percentage to below 43 percent.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Maintain Montana's **top 10 ranking** among US States in rate of New Business Start-ups.

Increase the amount of venture capital invested in Montana startups. Currently 41st in the nation with \$5.49 in venture capital spent per capita.

^{*}Citations for all statistics stated above can be found on the Envision 2026 dashboard at www.MontanaChamber.com.



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