

2019 VOTING REVIEW

66th regular session of
the Montana Legislature



**MONTANA
CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE**

Business issues drive the 2019 Legislature

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The Montana Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present the 2019 Voting Review of the 66th regular session of the Montana Legislature and Governor. This review is the most comprehensive analysis of business and economic issues addressed during the session. We publish this review to provide our members and Montana voters with information on pro-business bills, anti-business bills, and how legislators and the governor addressed both. While no voting study tells the entire story of a legislator's attitude and actions on business issues, we report on a diverse selection of bills that collectively impact the entire business community.

The session adjourned *sine die* on Thursday, April 25 after 87 working days. Guided by our 10-year strategic plan, Envision 2026, the Montana Chamber recorded several victories by advancing business-friendly legislation and defeating proposals that would harm our business climate. In all, the Montana Chamber had more than 300 introduced bills on its watch list this session, and we testified on nearly 120 of them on behalf of business.

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 our workers. Governor Bullock signed bills that will modernize career and technical education programs for Montana students, in addition to a public-private partnership model that will assist workers in targeted industries. Legislators also recognized that workers' compensation premiums are often a barrier for companies to bring students to the workplace – they passed a bill to create premium offsets for those businesses who wish to engage in work-based learning. With our participation in coordinated efforts, the Montana Chamber will continue to push for effective workforce policy in future legislative sessions.

In conjunction with the Montana Infrastructure Coalition (MIC), the Montana Chamber helped secure the passage of a bonding bill to supplement statewide infrastructure investment. HB 652 creates jobs, improves public safety and gets construction of critical-need projects back on track. A companion bill designed to restructure the bonding process was also a reassuring development in this legislature. One of the greatest disappointments this session was the failure of an alternative financing mechanism to build and maintain public assets. The Montana Chamber and MIC will continue to drive the agenda with creative proposals, in partnership with our growing base of stakeholders.

Maintaining an optimal business climate and reducing the cost of doing business are Montana Chamber mainstays. We tallied wins in taxation, natural resource development, and proposals to encourage business investment. Unfortunately, a good bill that would have enacted a tax credit for job creation was vetoed by the governor. We are gearing up to improve our legal climate, deliver business property tax relief, and simplify the tax code in the 2021 session.

The Montana Chamber strongly supported a funding renewal for organizations like the Montana Manufacturing Extension Center and the Small Business Development Center, which are essential business resources for entrepreneurial sustainability. Legislation that mandates timely approval of professional and occupational licensing will also help new businesses reach their potential.

As the only statewide organization that represents general business interests, the Montana Chamber was at times the sole voice or lead testimony for business on sweeping policy concepts in human resources. With help from our pro-business allies, we also defeated bills to increase taxes, workers' compensation costs, and unnecessary regulation. Preventing an erosion of Montana's business climate is equally important as advancing proposals to improve it.

The Montana Chamber thanks our state's 150 citizen legislators and the governor. While we agree or agree to disagree on business issues, we respect and appreciate every lawmaker. Also essential were the legislative staff, all of whom were helpful during each step of the lawmaking process.

Special thanks are in order to Cary Hegreberg, an outstanding leader and top-notch advocate for business who stepped up as the Montana Chamber's interim president and CEO during the 66th Legislature.

Aside from local chambers, trade groups, and business lobbyists who partnered with us to get things done, the participation of our committed board of directors and general membership was vital to our success. When we called on you to testify, contact lawmakers, or provide input, you were there. With the 2019 legislative session behind us, we still have work to do. As your 24/7/365 business advocate, the Montana Chamber will continue working toward achieving the objectives of Envision 2026 and beyond.



METHODOLOGY BEHIND THE BUSINESS SCORE

The Montana Chamber's 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 to us 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 from 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 Montana 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 Montana 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 Montana Chamber. If a legislator sponsored an anti-business bill that was opposed by the Montana Chamber, points were subtracted. The number of points awarded/deducted from a legislator's score are proportional to a given bill's assigned value. Points were 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 Montana Chamber position. No points were awarded for votes against the Montana Chamber position, but the opportunity to have voted for the pro-business position is calculated in those legislators' scores.

LEGISLATOR SCORE:

Legislators have a different number of points possible, depending on floor votes, 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 reliable indicator of how lawmakers prioritize business issues. [The Governor's Score is explained on Page 22 of this Review.](#)

LIFETIME SCORE:

The Montana Chamber also indicates each legislator's "lifetime" score, the average of each legislator's scores with the Montana Chamber throughout their tenure in the legislature. The Montana Chamber recognizes that budget constraints or political dynamics will often prevent the legislature from considering all issues that matter to business in each session. Therefore, the "lifetime" score demonstrates a legislator's general reliability on business issues as they are addressed over multiple sessions.



Floor Value	Sponsor Points	Carrier Points
15	5	4
10	4	3
5	3	2
3	2	1
1	1	0

RECOGNITION OF PRO-BUSINESS POLICYMAKERS

Most policymakers do not get the credit or thanks they deserve for their sacrifice and hard work. This review is designed to recognize reliable policymakers who stand up for job creation, free enterprise, and economic development. These are the awards we are distributing after the 2019 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 Legislator Score that meets or exceeds 90%; (2) no sponsorship of anti-business legislation; (3) supported the Montana Chamber’s top six priorities; and (4) sponsored a major piece of pro-business legislation that was a top priority of the Montana Chamber.



*Sen. Jeff Welborn
(Dillon)*

MVP OF THE 2019 LEGISLATURE: Sen. Jeff Welborn (SD 36 - Dillon)

Sen. Jeff Welborn led the charge on infrastructure legislation that was critical to the Montana Chamber’s agenda. He sponsored one of our top priorities in SB 307, alternative project delivery legislation for publicly-owned infrastructure assets. While politics and questionable speculation caused the bill to fail, Sen. Welborn demonstrated unparalleled leadership in our quest to get SB 307 passed. Sen. Welborn served as Chair of the influential Senate Natural Resources Committee, an important committee for the business community. On the Senate 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 90%; (2) no sponsorship of anti-business legislation; and (3) supported the Montana Chamber’s top six priorities.

SENATE: Duane Ankney (SD 20 - Colstrip), Steve Fitzpatrick (SD 10 - Great Falls), Pat Flowers (SD 32 - Belgrade), Terry Gauthier (SD 40 - Helena), Bruce Gillespie (SD 9 - Ethridge), Jen Gross (SD 25 - Billings), Nate McConnell (SD 48 - Missoula), Tom Richmond (SD 28 - Billings), Dan Salomon (SD 47 - Ronan), Jon Sesso (SD 37 - Butte), Jason Small (SD 21 - Busby), Jeff Welborn (SD 36 - Dillon)

HOUSE: Fred Anderson (HD 20 - Great Falls), David Bedey (HD 86 - Hamilton), Edward Buttrey (HD 21 - Great Falls), Geraldine Custer (HD 39 - Forsyth), Julie Dooling (HD 70 - Helena), Ross Fitzgerald (HD 17 - Fairfield), Frank Garner (HD 7 - Kalispell), Bruce Grubbs (HD 68 - Bozeman), Kenneth Holmlund (HD 38 - Miles City), Mike Hopkins (HD 92 - Missoula), Llew Jones (HD 18 - Conrad), Joel Krautter (HD 35 - Sidney), Walt Sales (HD 69 - Manhattan), Ray Shaw (HD 71 - Sheridan), Tom Welch (HD 72 - Dillon)

“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 meets or exceeds 80%; (2) supported SB 307 and HB 652, which were the Montana Chamber’s top two priorities; and (3) no sponsorship of multiple pieces of anti-business legislation.

SENATE: Bryce Bennett (SD 50 - Missoula), Kenneth Bogner (SD 19 - Miles City), Mike Cuffe (SD 1 - Eureka), Janet Ellis (SD 41 - Helena), Tom Jacobson (SD 11 - Great Falls), Margaret MacDonald (SD 26 - Billings), Mary McNally (SD 24 - Billings), Ryan Osmundson (SD 15 - Buffalo), Mike Phillips (SD 31 - Bozeman), Russ Tempel (SD 14 - Chester), Fred Thomas (SD 44 - Stevensville)

HOUSE: Rodney Garcia (HD 52 - Billings), Josh Kassmier (HD 27 - Fort Benton), Kathy Kelker (HD 47 - Billings), Denley Loge (HD 14 - Saint Regis), Wendy McKamey (HD 19 - Great Falls), Eric Moore (HD 37 - Miles City), Joe Read (HD 93 - Ronan), Bridget Smith (HD 31 - Wolf Point)





The four core objectives of the Montana Chamber of Commerce’s 10-year strategic plan, Envision 2026, continued a roadmap for the Montana Chamber during the 2019 legislative session.

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

SB 307

Revise Alternative Project Delivery Laws

Sponsor: Sen. Welborn – Dillon
Carrier: Rep. Grubbs – Belgrade

SB 307 would have provided an optional mechanism to help address Montana’s public infrastructure needs and create jobs in our state. A collaborative effort, the legislation was designed to add provisions to the existing design-build statute with the option of using private financing to advance public infrastructure projects that may not otherwise secure the funding for construction. At a time when infrastructure investment has become an increasingly complicated process in the legislature, this innovative financing tool could have operated in tandem with the traditional methods we use to fund projects. SB 307 was a top priority for the Montana Chamber, but it faced political hurdles and speculation late in the session. While SB 307 passed 36-14 in the Senate, it failed 33-67 in the House on second reading. This vote is worth 15 points.



HB 652

Bonding for Statewide Infrastructure

Sponsor: Rep. Hopkins – Missoula
Carrier: Sen. Sesso – Butte

HB 652 provides funding and authorization for capital and infrastructure projects statewide. This \$79.9 million bonding package is the first of its kind to pass the legislature in nearly a decade, and its success is attributable to the passage of framework legislation and positive negotiations between leadership and the Bullock administration. Not only will this bill deliver construction jobs, but it contains specific projects that will help educate Montana’s future workforce. Because bonding legislation requires a two-thirds vote of the House and Senate, the Montana Chamber and Montana Infrastructure Coalition worked overtime to secure the necessary support for this priority bill. HB 652 passed 68-30 in the House and 40-10 in the Senate. Governor Bullock signed the bill. This vote is worth 15 points.



SB 266

Revise Taxes to Promote Job Creation

Sponsor: Sen. Blasdel – Kalispell
Carrier: Rep. Fern – Whitefish

SB 266 was a tax credit to incentivize high-wage job creation. Businesses that hire 10 new employees in the first year and 15 in each year thereafter would have been eligible to receive this nonrefundable income tax credit. The credit claimed was equal to one half of the U.S. federal payroll tax, or



3.825% of the wages or salary of each qualifying employee hired. Each qualifying employee was to earn an annual wage of at least \$45,000, plus benefits, a provision that will drive wage growth in Montana. The Montana Chamber supported SB 266 because it was an all-industry approach, with income tax revenue and economic activity driven by these new wage earners benefiting all of Montana. While it passed 30-20 in the Senate and 70-27 in the House, Governor Bullock vetoed the bill. This vote is worth 10 points.

HB 553

Bonding for Infrastructure Guidelines

Sponsor: Rep. Eric Moore – Miles City
Carrier: Sen. Cary Smith – Billings

HB 553 establishes needed framework in guiding the legislature to execute reasonable levels of bonding to invest in Montana infrastructure projects. Specifically, it creates a new structure that directs financing for building projects and deferred maintenance, sets debt limits, and creates new funds for capital developments, maintenance, and repair. HB 553 sets expectations for when future legislatures contemplate the amount they wish to bond for infrastructure. By pre-selecting the items that will be funded, the “politics of picking projects” is effectively removed from the process. HB 553 passed 95-4 in the House and 50-0 in the Senate. Governor Bullock signed the bill. This vote is worth 10 points.



HB 52

Continue Funding for Economic Development Programs

Sponsor: Rep. Keane – Butte
Carrier: Sen. Ankney – Colstrip



Bridger Mahlum discusses priority legislation with Sen. Pat Flowers of Belgrade and other lawmakers during the 2019 Legislature.

HB 52 revises and extends the funding for a variety of economic development programs in the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Commerce. Certain programs administered by Commerce are especially important to Montana Chamber members, including the Small Business Development Center and Montana Manufacturing Extension Center (MMEC). The Montana Manufacturing Association is a subsidiary of the Montana Chamber, and the MMEC provides essential guidance for manufacturers across Montana. HB 52 continues funding for these programs and others for the next eight years. New and established businesses rely on the expertise that these economic development programs can provide. HB 52 passed 64-32 in the House and 45-5 in the Senate. Governor Bullock signed the bill. This vote is worth 10 points.



SB 318 **Pre-Approval of Property Tax Abatement**

Sponsor: Sen. Webb - Billings
Carrier: Rep. White - Bozeman

SB 318 modifies the tax abatement for new and expanding industry. This legislation allows a taxpayer to apply for a project and receive approval for a tax abatement prior to commencement of

construction. This is an important clarification regarding the use of this tool for business investment because companies can now submit plans and learn about their tax options before making large capital expenditures. SB 318 sends a strong message in that Montana is open for business. The bill also ensures that this tax benefit may not be denied once approved. SB 318 passed 47-3 in the Senate and 72-25 in the House. Governor Bullock signed the bill. This vote is worth 10 points.



HB 387 **Advanced Opportunity Act for Montana Students**

Sponsor: Rep. Jones - Conrad
Carrier: Sen. Blasdel - Kalispell

HB 387 expands personalized career and technical education opportunities for middle school and high school students. Workforce development is a priority for the Montana Chamber, and that mission is aided by this appropriation to school districts. The bill defines advanced opportunity as any course, exam, experimental, online, or other learning opportunity that is incorporated in a school district's plan. This legislation therefore promotes the utilization of work-based learning methods to fulfill student education needs and assist employers with potential workforce recruitment. HB 387 is also designed to make these more specialized forms of learning more affordable by reducing out-of-pocket expenses for eligible pupils. This bill passed 77-17 in the House and 33-16 in the Senate. Governor Bullock signed the bill. This vote is worth 5 points.

HB 631 **P3 to Help Workers in Targeted Industries**

Sponsor: Rep. Dudik - Missoula
Carrier: Sen. Small - Busby

HB 631 creates a pilot grant program for public-

private partnerships to increase skills training in high-demand industries and for job-readiness assistance among target populations. Administered by the Department of Labor & Industry and coordinated with other relevant state agencies, this legislation actively engages the business community to develop in the next generation of employees the skills required at their workplaces. Program expenses are minimized with the requirement that existing resources are utilized to administer the program, and accountability is built in with a progress report to the governor and legislature within two years. HB 631 passed 61-36 in the House and 27-23 in the Senate. Governor Bullock signed the bill. This vote is worth 5 points.

HB 295 **Work-Based Learning Program**

Sponsor: Rep. Anderson - Great Falls
Carrier: Sen. Salomon - Ronan

HB 295 assigned a one-time appropriation to create a work-based learning innovation program in Montana. The purpose of the legislation was to encourage school districts to collaborate with employers to implement high-quality learning opportunities at the workplace. The appropriation was designed to be allocated to up to 20 school districts that have shown a commitment to implementing such programs. These districts would have also been in areas that are experiencing a skilled workforce shortage and demonstrated an availability of area employers to engage in the partnerships. The concept was presented with the expectation that this appropriation would get these programs started, while partnering businesses would help finance their continuation. While HB 295 passed 79-16 in the House and 41-8 on second reading in the Senate, the bill was tabled in the Senate Finance & Claims Committee due to its price tag. This vote is worth 5 points.

HB 218 **Funding for Career and Technical Education**

Sponsor: Rep. Vinton - Billings
HB 218 would have infused \$1.85 million in additional funding for K-12 career and technical education statewide. With the emerging

recognition of trades programs and industry-based certificates as viable alternatives to supply our workforce, the business community is invested in the availability of career and technical education for students. Of the appropriation, \$1 million was to be spent in programs offered for grades 9 through 12, while the remaining \$850,000 would go toward grades 6 through 8. There was some debate among legislators over whether to fund career and technical education through this block appropriation to school districts, or a method that instructs the money to “follow the student” as described in HB 387. The latter approach prevailed, but the Montana Chamber supported both bills. While HB 218 passed 90-4 in the House, it was later tabled in the Senate Education Committee. This vote is worth 5 points.

HB 11 **Treasure State Regional Water Program**

Sponsor: Rep. Keane – Butte
Carrier: Sen. Ankney – Colstrip

HB 11, the Treasure State Regional Water Program, is legislation that is considered in each session. It appropriates from a restricted account to provide regional water authorities with assistance to construct and maintain major water system projects. The bill utilizes more than \$23.5 million for infrastructure in the form of water and wastewater systems, bridges, county grants, and emergency funds. The Montana Chamber and Montana Infrastructure Coalition have made a strong case for critical-need infrastructure investment, calling on the legislature to prioritize roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems. HB 11 passed 91-0 in the House and 50-0 in the Senate. Governor Bullock signed the bill. This vote is worth 5 points.

HB 658 **Reauthorize Medicaid Expansion**

Sponsor: Rep. Buttrey – Great Falls
Carrier: Sen. Small – Busby
HB 658 revises and continues Montana’s Medicaid expansion program for six years. Among other substantive changes, HB 658 creates a

community engagement program for participating members, eliminates the current patient co-pay for participants, and creates or increases various utilization fees to finance the program. The workforce development components continue in the renewal plan, including the HELP-Link program, and a new employer grant program to encourage employers to hire or train Medicaid participants. The Montana Chamber supported HB 658 because nearly 57% of private Montana businesses today have at least one employee enrolled in Montana Medicaid. Of concern to the business community during this bill’s process was the inclusion of a new premium tax on Montana State Fund policyholders. We were successful in removing this cost of doing business through an amendment that was introduced and passed in the Senate Finance and Claims Committee. We also scored legislators in the House on a related floor amendment earlier in the session (HB 658A) that was introduced by Speaker Hertz, but it failed 42-58. The final version of HB 658 passed 61-35 in the House and 28-22 in the Senate. Governor Bullock signed the bill. This vote is worth 3 points.

HB 405 **“Catch and Keep” Program for Rural Economic Development**

Sponsor: Rep. Krautter – Sidney

HB 405 would have created a grant program designed to attract and retain working professionals in Montana’s rural communities. Addressing population shifts from rural to urban areas, this bill was designed to create an incentive to build careers and generate economic activity in rural areas. The program also would have included an income tax credit based on property taxes paid. The bill clarified high-need and low-need counties by population to determine grant amounts for the applicants. Among other stakeholders, individual businesses would have been invited to participate as “sponsors” of grantees by backing part of the financing. Workforce development is a big issue, and this bill took the next step by encouraging legislators to ask where within Montana are skilled workers needed the most. While HB 405 passed

61-37 on second reading in the House, it was later tabled in Senate Finance & Claims over concerns about implementation details and the cost. This vote is worth 3 points.

HB 386 **Revise Procedure for Cancellation of Delinquent Taxes**

Sponsor: Rep. Hertz – Polson
Carrier: Sen. Hoven – Great Falls

HB 386 revises the provisions for suspension of delinquent property taxes on commercial property. Before this bill was introduced, owners of commercial property were required to utilize the property as a profit-oriented business for three years from the date of purchase before a governing body could elect to cancel the collection of delinquent property taxes accrued by the property’s previous owner. HB 386 revises this law by allowing the purchaser to request a public hearing at any point after purchase to allow the governing body to determine whether cancellation of the delinquent taxes is in the public’s best interest. This change will encourage commercial revitalization of otherwise unused structures, now that large delinquent tax bills may no longer hinder the choice to invest. HB 386 passed 97-0 in the House and 49-0 in the Senate. Governor Bullock signed the bill. This vote is worth 3 points.

HB 581 **Timely Licensure by Professional, Occupational Boards**

Sponsor: Rep. Casey Knudsen – Malta
Carrier: Sen. Small – Busby

HB 581 requires timely action on professional and occupational licensing applications, including notification of missing application information. In issuing routine licenses, the relevant department shall issue a license within 45 days from the time of receiving an application or, within 10 calendar days, provide notice and a timeline for the applicant to correct deficiencies in the application. This change brings greater certainty to the licensing process

Color code: **Workforce Development** **Business Climate** **Infrastructure Investment** **Entrepreneurship**



(L to R): Montana Chamber board member Richard Miltenberger, Bridger Mahlum, Senate Majority Leader Fred Thomas - Stevensville, and Montana Chamber President/CEO Cary Hegreberg.

and therefore the regulatory environment for many Montana businesses. HB 581 passed 99-0 in the House and 49-0 in the Senate. Governor Bullock signed the bill. This vote is worth 3 points.

HB 547

Revise Laws Related to Disclosure of Wage Information

Sponsor: Rep. Bishop - Livingston

HB 547 would have brought significant changes to the hiring process. It would have prohibited an employer from requiring an applicant's past wages, benefits, or other salary history as a condition of employment. Further, it would have restricted employers from asking prospective employees to refrain from discussing those topics with their peers. The Montana Chamber believes that while many employers may not be requiring this of their applicants, there should not be a prohibition on making those inquiries. When employers advertise opening salaries as "commensurate with experience," that term could have different meanings and expectations for those in the salary negotiation process. Pay difference among employees can also be taken out of context - there's a lot that goes into how much an individual is being compensated, and employees aren't typically exposed to those factors. It is the responsibility of employers to provide

information about why pay is different for various positions, rather than advancing legislation that may inadvertently encourage speculation among employees. While HB 547 passed 52-47 in the House, it was tabled in the Senate Business & Labor Committee. This vote is worth 3 points.

SB 142

Revise Tax Haven List

Sponsor: Sen. Barrett - Missoula

HB 142 would have removed certain countries and added others to Montana's tax haven list for corporate income tax purposes. Montana is currently the only state that maintains a formal list of countries for this specific purpose, and the Montana Chamber has long opposed its existence. Foreign direct investment by companies based in other countries brings jobs and economic development to Montana. By continuing to amend our tax haven list, we become an unpredictable destination for these corporate investments - any country can end up on Montana's "blacklist" every two years. Amending the list only encourages its continued use and perpetuates the consequences as described. SB 142 failed 24-26 on second reading in the Senate. This vote is worth 3 points.

SB 329

Allow for Extension of State Coal Leases

Sponsor: Sen. Richmond - Billings

Carrier: Rep. Bob Brown - Thompson Falls

SB 329 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 years 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. SB 329 also stipulated a fee of \$2,500 by the lessee and a cap of one extension that may not exceed 10 years. The Montana Chamber supported SB 329 because it accounts for permitting processes and other factors that delay production at no fault of the

lessee. SB 329 passed 28-21 in the Senate and 66-31 in the House. Governor Bullock vetoed the bill. This vote is worth 3 points.

HB 351

Encourage Transformational Learning

Sponsor: Rep. McKamey - Great Falls

Carrier: Sen. Salomon - Ronan

HB 351 is a new learning program that works in conjunction with HB 387 to achieve positive outcomes in career and technical education. This bill instructs eligible school districts to utilize community-based, experimental, online, and work-based learning that incorporate face-to-face and virtual connections. The \$2.6 million appropriation provides a state distribution to schools in support of "transformational learning," which is defined in the bill as a flexible system of pupil-centered learning designed to develop the full potential of each student. The business community backed this legislation because it demonstrates a creative approach to supply the talent pipeline. Work-based learning programs are likely to emerge as school districts apply for this funding. HB 351 passed 68-26 in the House and 43-6 in the Senate. Governor Bullock signed the bill. This vote is worth 3 points.

HB 732

Work Comp Premium Reimbursement in Work-Based Learning

Sponsor: Rep. Schreiner - Great Falls

Carrier: Sen. Small - Busby

HB 732 provides for state reimbursement of worker's compensation premiums to eligible private employers who hire students enrolled in a high-quality, work-based learning program. Forgiving the added costs of an employer's work comp premium as a result of hiring a student will encourage additional opportunities for learning in the workplace. The reimbursement is subject to available funds in the existing work comp administration fund and employer adherence to safe working conditions. The costs associated with hiring student-aged workers have prevented many employers from participating in work-based learning. This bill potentially removes one of those

expenses. HB 732 passed 61-36 in the House and 31-19 in the Senate. Governor Bullock signed the bill. This vote is worth 3 points.

SB 239

Property Tax Moratorium for Broadband

Sponsor: Sen. Ellsworth – Hamilton
Carrier: Rep. Redfield – Livingston

SB 239 would have provided a five-year property tax exemption for fiber optic and coaxial cable installed and placed in service after July 2019. After five years, the value was to be phased in at a rate of 20% per year until after year 10, when the property would become fully taxable. Broadband investment is very capital intensive, especially fiber deployment. The Montana Chamber backed SB 239 because it was a well-designed incentive for broadband and fiber development in underserved and rural areas of Montana. With a reasonable phase out, this bill supported entrepreneurs who need access to improved internet speeds and addresses an ongoing challenge for members of the Montana Manufacturing Association. The success of these broadband-reliant businesses yields economic activity in their communities. SB 239 passed 36-14 in the Senate and 67-30 in the House. Governor Bullock vetoed the bill. This vote is worth 3 points.

SB 331

Montana Energy Security Act

Sponsor: Sen. Richmond – Billings
Carrier: Rep. Zolnikov – Billings

SB 331 was designed to give Montana an opportunity to manage its own energy future. With oversight from the Public Service Commission, the bill was intended to grant NorthWestern Energy with an opportunity to pursue the purchase of an additional share of Unit 4 of the Colstrip coal-fired power plant. The bill would have secured availability of reliable, affordable, 24/7 power for Montana businesses and a future for the jobs that the Colstrip plant supports. Passage of this legislation would have reduced NorthWestern's reliance on



purchasing energy on the market, a more expensive approach to meet consumer demand. SB 239, while it passed 27-22 in the Senate, faced political scrutiny in the House where it failed 37-60 on third reading. This vote is worth 3 points.

HB 269

Constitutional Limit of Two Tax Types

Sponsor: Rep. Skees – Kalispell

HB 269 would have proposed on the 2020 ballot a constitutional amendment to prohibit any taxes other than income tax, property tax, and a general statewide sales tax. It further required that only two of those tax types may be imposed at the same time. While we appreciated the purpose of this bill, the Montana Chamber opposed HB 269 because the policy would have put additional pressure on increasing the taxes we already pay, further entrenching an imbalanced tax structure. Passage of this bill would have limited Montana's options for meaningful, long-term tax reform. HB 269 failed 38-62 on the House floor during second reading. This vote is worth 3 points.

SB 338

Funding for Montana Heritage Center

Sponsor: Sen. Gauthier – Helena
Carrier: Rep. Dooling – Helena

SB 338 creates the Montana Museums Act of 2020,

utilizing a 1% increase in the accommodations sales tax, existing bonding authority, and private contributions to construct the Montana Heritage Center (MHC) and establish an historical preservation grant program. In addition to the redevelopment of the historical society properties in Helena, the grant program will fund infrastructure projects across Montana for its many museums, local historical societies, and historic sites. The Montana Chamber supported SB 338 because of the economic multiplier that this investment can deliver in the form of jobs and tourism. Visitors are more likely to spend an extra night at their hotels and frequent more retail establishments when they have more sites to visit that are tied to the MHC. SB 338 passed 33-16 in the Senate and 58-40 in the House. Governor Bullock signed the bill. This vote is worth 3 points.

HB 764

Electric Vehicle Registration Fee and Study

Sponsor: Rep. Loge – St. Regis

HB 764 would have established a new fee for electric and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles. The Montana Chamber and Infrastructure Coalition backed this legislation because it creates an appropriate user fee for these vehicle owners to invest in the infrastructure they use, just as every other driver does when they purchase fuel. The proceeds from the new fee would have been allocated to the highway maintenance account and toward another account to study how the increased use of these vehicles will impact infrastructure. While HB 764 passed 65-34 in the House, it was tabled in the Senate Highways & Transportation Committee. This vote is worth 1 point.

SB 111

Continue Charitable Endowment Tax Credit

Sponsor: Sen. Blasdel – Kalispell
Carrier: Rep. Fern – Whitefish

SB 111 extends the long-standing charitable endowment tax credit in Montana for another six years. This credit is an incentive for individuals

Color code: **Workforce Development**

Business Climate

Infrastructure Investment

Entrepreneurship



(L to R): Rep. Kim Dudik - Missoula, Bridger Mahlum, and Gov. Steve Bullock at the signing of HB 631.

and corporations to make contributions to qualified charitable endowments. This opportunity offers individual contributors a credit of 40% of the qualifying gift, whereas contributions from businesses can claim 20%. The Montana Chamber has long supported this credit because it benefits both the contributor and the endowment receiving the gift. SB 111 passed 50-0 in the Senate and 94-3 in the House. Governor Bullock signed the bill. This vote is worth 1 point.

HB 457 **Internet Access Service Customer Privacy Act**

Sponsor: Rep. Zolnikov - Billings

HB 457 would have required internet service providers (ISPs) to adhere to a set of unique regulations and enforcement when it comes to use of a customer's personal information. While the Montana Chamber recognizes the bill sponsor's intent, the business community would rather see uniform regulation on this issue that applies to all stakeholders in data privacy, rather than targeting just the ISPs. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce's privacy principles are a more attractive alternative to this legislation, calling for a nationwide

framework that encourages transparency, industry neutrality, collaborative compliance and more. While HB 457 passed 75-23 in the House, it was tabled in the Senate Judiciary Committee. This vote is worth 1 point.

HB 293 **Provide for Film Tax Credits**

Sponsor: Rep. Galt - Martinsdale
Carrier: Sen. Malek - Missoula

HB 293 is a tax credit for film production companies for 20% of production expenditures that can increase to a maximum of 35% of total base investment. Also included is a 25% credit of qualified post-production expenditures. This legislation is reminiscent of the former "Big Sky on the Big Screen Act" that terminated in 2014. The Montana Chamber supported HB 293 because encouraging film companies to bring their projects to Montana delivers positive economic activity in the form of jobs, tax revenue, and business for hoteliers and retail establishments. HB 293 passed 75-22 in the House and 29-21 in the Senate. Governor Bullock signed the bill. This vote is worth 1 point.

SB 18 **Workforce Housing Tax Credits**

Sponsor: Sen. MacDonald - Billings

SB 18 would have established a housing tax credit administered by the Department of Commerce in conjunction with federal low-income housing tax credits. The credit could have been claimed by corporations, pass-through entities, and individuals. While taxpayers can claim a similar credit on their federal returns, they cannot make this election on their Montana income taxes. The Montana Chamber supported SB 18 because it could have been an incentive for businesses to invest in the development of affordable workforce housing. The lack of housing at a reasonable price has made it more difficult for employers to convince prospective employees to relocate. While SB 18 had a good hearing in the Senate Taxation Committee, it failed 23-27 on the Senate floor on second reading. This vote is worth 1 point.

SB 241 **Allow Resort Tax Increase for Infrastructure**

Sponsor: Sen. Welborn - Dillon
Carrier: Rep. Shaw - Sheridan

SB 241 allows areas that can levy a resort tax (populations under 5,500) to set an additional resort tax levy up to 1% for specific infrastructure needs. The levy would be subject to voter approval and would be temporary, as it would expire once the designated infrastructure project costs and debt were paid in full. The Montana Chamber supported SB 241 for many reasons: 1) Montana communities need to utilize approaches that will generate new funding to address their infrastructure deficits; 2) resort communities are impacted by seasonal population swings, which put strain on their existing facilities; and 3) the relatively narrow definition of "infrastructure" in the bill ensures that selected projects for the levy are of critical-need for the given community. SB 241 passed 33-16 in the Senate and 71-26 in the House. Governor Bullock signed the bill. This vote is worth 1 point.

SB 240 **Allow for Rescission of Insurance Contracts**

Sponsor: Sen. Ellsworth - Hamilton
Carrier: Rep. Krautter - Sidney

SB 240 restores the ability to rescind insurance contracts in the event of fraud, material misrepresentation, and other circumstances. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners estimates that insurance fraud costs over a hundred billion dollars per year and is financially damaging to not only insurance companies, but also to insurance consumers. The Montana Chamber supported SB 240 to combat the detrimental effect that insurance fraud has on our economy. SB 240 passed 50-0 in the Senate and 84-13 in the House. Governor Bullock signed the bill. This vote is worth 1 point.

Review of Committee Votes – Senate

Senate Business and Labor

HB 547 Revise laws related to employee disclosure of wage information (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

Motion to do pass

For: Boland, Fitzpatrick, Malek, F. Smith, Vuckovich

Against: Brown, Ellsworth, Gauthier, Small, Vance

Senate Energy & Telecommunications

SB 189 Establish a carbon tax and distribute revenue (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

Motion to table

For: Ankney, Cuffe, Gauthier, Kary, Regier, Richmond, Small, Tempel

Against: Barrett, Malek, McNally, Phillips, Vuckovich

SB 190 Establish targets, reporting, and monitoring for CO2 emissions (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

Motion to table

For: Ankney, Cuffe, Gauthier, Kary, McNally, Regier, Richmond, Small, Tempel

Against: Barrett, Malek, Phillips, Vuckovich

Senate Education

HB 218 Funding for career and technical education (Chamber supported; 3 pts)

Motion to do pass

For: Salomon

Against: Blasdel, Bogner, Boland, McClafferty, Regier, Tempel, Webber

Senate Finance and Claims

HB 295 Grant program to encourage work-based learning (Chamber supported; 3 pts)

Motion to table

For: Bogner, Cuffe, Howard, Kary, Keenan, Lang, Olszewski, Osmundson, Sesso, C. Smith

Against: Ankney, Ellis, Flowers, Jacobson, McConnell, McNally, Salomon, Webber, Welborn

HB 405 “Catch and keep” program for rural economic development (Chamber supported; 3 pts)

Motion to do pass

For: Bogner, Ellis, Flowers, Jacobson, McConnell, McNally, Salomon, Sesso, Webber

Against: Ankney, Cuffe, Howard, Kary, Keenan, Lang, Olszewski, Osmundson, C. Smith, Welborn

HB 658B Amendment to remove MSF premium tax in Medicaid (Chamber supported; 3 pts)

Motion to do pass

For: Ankney, Bogner, Cuffe, Ellis, Flowers, Howard, Jacobson, Kary, Keenan, Lang, McConnell, McNally, Olszewski, Osmundson, Salomon, Sesso, C. Smith, Webber, Welborn

Senate Highways and Transportation

HB 764 Generally revise electric vehicle laws (Chamber supported; 1 pt)

Motion to table

For: Bennett, Brown, Esp, Fitzpatrick, Gross, Sands, Vance, Webb, Welborn

Against: Boland

Senate Judiciary

HB 457 Opt-in consent for use of internet customer personal information (Chamber opposed; 1 pt)

Motion to table

For: Esp, Fielder, Gross, Hinebauch, MacDonald, Regier, Sales, Sands, Vance

Against: Bennett

Senate Natural Resources

SB 97 Revise laws related to common carrier pipelines (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

Motion to do pass

For: Barrett, Cohenour, Flowers, Jacobson, Pomnichowski

Against: Ankney, Esp, Gillespie, Hoven, Richmond, Sales, Welborn



(L to R): Rep. Chris Pope - Bozeman, talks with Montana Chamber President/CEO Cary Hegreberg during the 2019 Montana Legislature.

Senate Taxation

HB 148 Require 2/3 of legislature to enact/increase tax or fee (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

Motion to table

For: Barrett, Cohenour, Gillespie, Hoven, McClafferty, Pomnichowski, Tempel

Against: Blasdel, Phillips, Richmond, Thomas, Webb

SB 141 Repeal water’s-edge election for corporate income taxation (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

Motion to do pass

For: Barrett, Cohenour, McClafferty, Phillips, Pomnichowski

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

Review of Committee Votes – House

House Business and Labor

HB 208 Establishing family medical leave insurance (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

Motion to do pass

For: Curdy, Funk, Harvey, Olsen, Pierson, Pope, Sullivan

Against: Anderson, Buttrey, Duram, Fitzgerald, Grubbs, Gunderson, Krautter, Loge, Noland, Ricci, Stewart-Peregoy, Vinton

HB 313 Choice of treating physician in work comp (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

Motion to do pass

For: Curdy, Funk, Harvey, Krautter, Olsen, Pierson, Pope, Stewart-Peregoy, Sullivan

Against: Anderson, Buttrey, Duram, Fitzgerald, Grubbs, Gunderson, Loge, Noland, Ricci, Vinton

HB 345 Stepped increase in minimum wage (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

Motion to table

For: Anderson, Buttrey, Duram, Fitzgerald, Grubbs, Gunderson, Krautter, Loge, Noland, Ricci, Vinton

Against: Curdy, Funk, Harvey, Olsen, Pierson, Pope, Stewart-Peregoy, Sullivan

HB 677 Require corporations and LLCs to disclose beneficial owners (Chamber opposed; 3pts)

Motion to table

For: Anderson, Buttrey, Duram, Fitzgerald, Grubbs, Gunderson, Loge, Noland, Ricci, Vinton

Against: Curdy, Funk, Harvey, Krautter, Olsen, Pierson, Pope, Stewart-Peregoy, Sullivan

HB 678 Revise procurement laws regarding preference, responsible bidders (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

Motion to table

For: Anderson, Buttrey, Duram, Fitzgerald, Grubbs, Gunderson, Harvey, Krautter, Loge, Noland, Pierson, Pope, Ricci, Sullivan, Vinton

Against: Curdy, Funk, Olsen, Stewart-Peregoy

HB 679 Clarify workweek overtime-eligible employees (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

Motion to table

For: Anderson, Buttrey, Duram, Fitzgerald, Grubbs,

Gunderson, Krautter, Loge, Noland, Ricci, Vinton

Against: Curdy, Funk, Harvey, Olsen, Pierson, Pope, Stewart-Peregoy, Sullivan

SB 160A Amendments to improve presumptive illness bill (Chamber supported; 3 pts)

Motion to do pass

For: Anderson, Buttrey, Duram, Fitzgerald, Grubbs, Gunderson, Krautter, Loge, Noland, Ricci, Vinton

Against: Curdy, Funk, Harvey, Olsen, Pierson, Pope, Stewart-Peregoy, Sullivan

House Education

HB 759 Provide for digital literacy and computer science coordinator (Chamber supported; 3 pts)

Motion to do pass

For: Bachmeier, Bishop, Funk, Karjala, Keogh, Runningwolf, Schreiner

Against: Anderson, Beard, Berglee, DeVries, Fuller, Grubbs, Hertz, McKamey, Tschida, Vinton

House Energy, Telecommunications, and Federal Relations

HB 203 Provide bonding for purchase of coal-fired energy generation (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

Motion to table

For: Custer, Doane, Duram, Galt, Hayman, Olsen, Pope, Redfield, Skees, Stewart-Peregoy, Sullivan, Zolnikov

HB 241 Require public utilities to report a plan for 100% renewable use (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

Motion to do pass

For: Hayman, Olsen, Pope, Stewart-Peregoy, Sullivan

Against: Custer, Doane, Duram, Galt, Redfield, Skees, Zolnikov

HB 438 Establishing restructuring requirements for electric utility industry (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

Motion to table

For: Custer, Doane, Duram, Galt, Hayman, Olsen, Pope, Redfield, Skees, Stewart-Peregoy, Sullivan, Zolnikov

HB 479 Eliminate certain automatic utility rate

adjustments for taxes (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

Motion to table

For: Custer, Doane, Duram, Galt, Hayman, Olsen, Pope, Redfield, Skees, Stewart-Peregoy, Sullivan, Zolnikov

House Judiciary

HB 772 Protections and clarifications regarding employment contracts (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

Motion to table

For: Berglee, B. Brown, DeVries, Doane, Dunn, C. Knudsen, Lenz, Manzella, T. Moore, Skees, Usher

Against: Bessette, Bishop, Farris-Olsen, Kelker, Keogh, Krotkov, Morigeau, Perry

House Natural Resources

HB 271 Revise laws related to siting pipelines (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

Motion to table

For: B. Brown, Fitzgerald, Gunderson, C. Knudsen, R. Knudsen, Manzella, Mortensen, Noland, White

Against: Z. Brown, Curdy, Farris-Olsen, Kerr-Carpenter, Marler, Weatherwax

HB 417 Revise major facility siting act (Chamber opposed; 3pts)

Motion to do pass

For: Z. Brown, Curdy, Farris-Olsen, Kerr-Carpenter, Marler, Weatherwax

Against: B. Brown, Fitzgerald, Gunderson, C. Knudsen, R. Knudsen, Manzella, Mortensen, Noland, White

HB 627 Revise laws regarding conservation licenses on state lands (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

Motion to table

For: B. Brown, Z. Brown, Curdy, Farris-Olsen, Fitzgerald, Gunderson, Kerr-Carpenter, C. Knudsen, R. Knudsen, Manzella, Marler, Mortensen, Noland, Weatherwax, White

House State Administration

HB 452 Tribal consultation regarding impacts to heritage properties (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

Motion to table

For: Bachmeier, Bahr, Custer, Dooling, Fleming, Garcia, Garner, Greef, Hayman, Karjala, Mandeville,

Review of Committee Votes – House

McKamey, Mortensen, Runningwolf, Sales, Shaw, Sweeney, Weatherwax, Webb, Winter

House Taxation

HB 193 Establish a carbon tax and distribute revenue (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

Motion to do pass

For: Dunwell, Marler, Smith

Against: Abbott, Beard, Z. Brown, Fern, Fuller, Galt, Hertz, Kassmier, Kerr-Carpenter, R. Knudsen, Redfield, Sheldon-Galloway, Welch, White, Zolnikov

HB 194 Revise lodging and rental car taxes including local option (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

Motion to do not pass

For: Beard, Fuller, Galt, Hertz, Kassmier, R. Knudsen, Redfield, Sheldon-Galloway, Welch, White, Zolnikov

Against: Abbott, Z. Brown, Dunwell, Fern, Kerr-Carpenter, Marler, Smith

HB 377 Revoke property tax exemption for payment of excessive compensation (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

Motion to do pass

For: Galt, Hertz, R. Knudsen, Redfield, Sheldon-Gal-

loway, Zolnikov

Against: Abbott, Beard, Z. Brown, Dunwell, Fern, Fuller, Kassmier, Kerr-Carpenter, Marler, Smith, Welch, White

HB 651 Revise intangible personal property taxation (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

Motion to do pass

For: Abbott, Z. Brown, Dunwell, Fern, Kerr-Carpenter, Marler, Sheldon-Galloway, Smith

Against: Beard, Fuller, Galt, Hertz, Kassmier, R. Knudsen, Redfield, Welch, White, Zolnikov

HB 691 Eliminate oil and gas tax holiday (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

Motion to do pass

For: Abbott, Z. Brown, Dunwell, Kerr-Carpenter, Marler

Against: Beard, Fern, Fuller, Galt, Hertz, Kassmier, R. Knudsen, Redfield, Sheldon-Galloway, Smith, Welch, White, Zolnikov

HB 707 Revise capital gains tax credit (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

Motion to do pass

For: Abbott, Z. Brown, Dunwell, Fern, Kerr-Carpenter, Marler, Smith, Zolnikov

Against: Beard, Fuller, Galt, Hertz, Kassmier, R. Knudsen, Redfield, Sheldon-Galloway, Welch, White

HB 737 Tax profits of regulated utilities that exceed certain rate of return (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

Motion to table

For: Abbott, Beard, Z. Brown, Fern, Fuller, Galt, Hertz, Kassmier, Kerr-Carpenter, R. Knudsen, Marler, Redfield, Sheldon-Galloway, Smith, Welch, White, Zolnikov

Against: Dunwell

SB 360 Revise sales tax on rental cars (Chamber opposed; 3 pts)

Motion to do pass

For: Abbott, Z. Brown, Dunwell, Fern, Kerr-Carpenter, Marler, Smith

Against: Beard, Fuller, Galt, Hertz, Kassmier, R. Knudsen, Redfield, Sheldon-Galloway, Welch, White, Zolnikov

Key metrics for Envision 2026

TOP 10
OF ALL US STATES
IN % OF JOB GROWTH



Montana is currently 23rd in two-year job growth percentage (-0.93%).

TOP HALF
PER CAPITA
PERSONAL INCOME



Montana is currently 34th in per capita personal income. (\$47,120).

TOP 10
OF ALL US STATES IN
PER CAPITA PERSONAL
INCOME GROWTH



Montana currently ranks 10th in per capita personal income growth (10-year: 37.46%).

TOP 10
OF ALL US STATES
IN GSP GROWTH



Montana is currently 33rd in 10-year gross state product growth (24.0%).

*Citations for all statistics can be found on the Envision 2026 dashboard at www.MontanaChamber.com.

Legislation selected for sponsorship points

PRO-BUSINESS LEGISLATION (POINTS ADDED)

HB 11	Rep. Keane	+3	Treasure State Regional Water Program
HB 52	Rep. Keane	+4	Revise funding for various economic development programs
HB 214	Rep. Ricci	+1	Revise laws relating to the State Fund
HB 218	Rep. Vinton	+3	Generally revise laws related to career and technical education
HB 293	Rep. Galt	+1	Provide for film tax credits
HB 295	Rep. Anderson	+3	Create grant program to encourage work-based learning
HB 351	Rep. McKamey	+2	Encourage transformational learning
HB 386	Rep. Hertz	+2	Revising the procedure for canceling delinquent taxes on commercial property
HB 387	Rep. Jones	+3	Create advanced opportunity act for Montana students
HB 403	Rep. Usher	+1	Generally revise coal tax laws
HB 405	Rep. Krautter	+2	Create catch and keep program for rural economic development
HB 421	Rep. Dooling	+1	Generally revise criminal code
HB 458	Rep. Keogh	+1	Revise tax laws related to opportunity zones
HB 487	Rep. Skees	+1	Revise RPS to include hydropower
HB 523	Rep. Sullivan	+1	Revise state trade and marketing promotion activities
HB 553	Rep. E Moore	+4	Generally revise infrastructure funding laws
HB 581	Rep. C Knudsen	+2	Requiring timely licensure by professional, occupational boards
HB 631	Rep. Dudik	+3	Create public private partnership for rural economic development
HB 652	Rep. Hopkins	+5	Revise the long range building bonding program
HB 657	Rep. Bedey	+1	Study community college funding formula and CTE funding
HB 658	Rep. Buttrey	+2	Generally revise healthcare laws and permanently expand Medicaid
HB 658A	Rep. Hertz	+2	Floor amendment to remove Montana State Fund premium tax from Medicaid
HB 568B	Rep. Buttrey	+2	Committee amendment to remove Montana State Fund premium tax from Medicaid
HB 732	Rep. Schreiner	+2	Provide workers' compensation premium offset in certain learning programs
HB 759	Rep. Kerr-Carpenter	+2	Provide for digital literacy and computer science coordinator
HB 764	Rep. Loge	+1	Generally revise electric vehicle laws
HJ 4	Rep. Read	+1	Resolution to Congress to streamline/take control of the exportation of coal
HJ 35	Rep. Redfield	+1	Interim study of state and local tax policy
SB 18	Sen. MacDonald	+1	Establish workforce housing tax credits
SB 28	Sen. Richmond	+1	Revise taxation of certain incremental oil production
SB 111	Sen. Blasdel	+1	Extend termination date of qualified endowment tax credit
SB 160A	Rep. Vinton	+2	Amendments to improve presumptive illness bill
SB 178	Sen. Jacobson	+1	Exempt hemp processing equipment from taxation
SB 182	Sen. Bogner	+1	Revise definition of microdistillery relating to production
SB 203	Sen. Pomnichowski	+1	Add a district court judge to the 18th judicial circuit
SB 239	Sen. Ellsworth	+2	Provide for moratorium on property taxes for broadband fiber and cable
SB 240	Sen. Ellsworth	+1	Allow for rescission of insurance contracts under certain circumstances
SB 241	Sen. Welborn	+1	Allow increased resort tax for infrastructure
SB 252	Sen. Ankney	+1	Revise major facility siting act amendment process
SB 266	Sen. Blasdel	+4	Revise taxation to promote new business and economic activity
SB 305	Sen. Gauthier	+1	Revise the unemployment insurance appeals board membership
SB 307	Sen. Welborn	+5	Generally revising alternative project delivery laws
SB 318	Sen. Webb	+4	Provide for pre-approval of property tax abatement for new and expanding industry
SB 328	Sen. Richmond	+1	Authorize local abatement of coal gross proceeds tax for surface mines
SB 329	Sen. Richmond	+2	Allow for extension of state coal leases
SB 331	Sen. Richmond	+2	Establish the Montana Energy Security Act
SB 338	Sen. Gauthier	+2	Provide for construction of the Montana Heritage Center and create museum grants

Legislation selected for sponsorship points

ANTI-BUSINESS LEGISLATION (POINTS SUBTRACTED)

HB 148	Rep. Mandeville	-2	Require 2/3 of legislature to enact a new tax or fee or a tax or fee increase
HB 165	Rep. Marler	-1	Phaseout use of styrofoam
HB 193	Rep. Dunwell	-2	Establish a carbon tax and distribute revenue
HB 194	Rep. Dunwell	-2	Revise lodging and rental car taxes including local option
HB 203	Rep. Garcia	-2	Provide bonding for purchase of coal-fired energy generation
HB 208	Rep. Funk	-2	Establishing family medical leave insurance
HB 241	Rep. Olsen	-2	Require public utilities to report a plan for 100% renewable use
HB 269	Rep. Skees	-2	Constitutional amendment for taxpayer protection act to limit tax types
HB 271	Rep. Smith	-2	Revise laws related to siting pipelines
HB 300	Rep. White	-1	Generally revise taxes and the distribution of revenue through sales tax
HB 313	Rep. Olsen	-2	Allow worker to choose treating physician in workers' compensation cases
HB 345	Rep. Dunwell	-2	Provide a stepped increase in minimum wage to a living wage
HB 377	Rep. Regier	-2	Revoke property tax exemption for payment of excessive compensation
HB 417	Rep. Weatherwax	-2	Generally revise major facility siting act
HB 438	Rep. Woods	-2	Establishing restructuring requirements for electric utility industry
HB 448	Rep. Funk	-1	Provide that employers allow employees reasonable time off for voting
HB 452	Rep. Windy Boy	-2	Revising laws related to tribal consultation re: impacts to heritage properties
HB 457	Rep. Zolnikov	-1	Protect personal information of internet customers, require opt in consent
HB 479	Rep. Woods	-2	Eliminate certain automatic utility rate adjustments for taxes
HB 547	Rep. Bishop	-2	Revise laws related to employee disclosure of wage information
HB 618	Rep. Mercer	-1	Establish a fee for statewide safety communications systems
HB 627	Rep. Hamilton	-2	Revise laws regarding conservation licenses on state lands
HB 651	Rep. Dunwell	-2	Revise property tax on intangible personal property
HB 674	Rep. White	-1	Increase state gas tax distribution to recreation-related programs
HB 677	Rep. Karjala	-2	Require corporations and LLCs to disclose beneficial owners
HB 678	Rep. Karjala	-2	Revise procurement laws regarding preference, responsible bidders
HB 679	Rep. Karjala	-2	Clarify workweek overtime-eligible employees
HB 691	Rep. Woods	-2	Eliminate oil and gas tax holiday
HB 697	Rep. Hamilton	-1	Revise individual income tax laws
HB 707	Rep. Abbott	-2	Revise capital gains tax credit
HB 737	Rep. Woods	-2	Tax profits of regulated utilities that exceed certain rate of return
HB 742	Rep. Woods	-1	Revise individual income tax and reduce school property taxes
HB 772	Rep. Winter	-2	Providing protections, clarifications regarding employment contracts
HJ 13	Rep. Dunn	-1	Resolution regarding the federal telecommunications law
HJ 59	Rep. Karjala	-1	Interim study of overtime wage laws and wage exploitation in Montana
SB 97	Sen. F Smith	-2	Generally revising laws related to common carrier pipelines
SB 120	Sen. Malek	-1	Limiting restaurant distribution of plastic straws unless requested
SB 121	Sen. Malek	-1	Establish a fee for disposable carryout bags
SB 141	Sen. Barrett	-2	Repeal water's-edge election for corporate income taxation
SB 142	Sen. Barrett	-2	Revise tax haven list for corporate income tax purposes
SB 189	Sen. Barrett	-2	Establish a carbon tax and distribute revenue
SB 190	Sen. Phillips	-2	Establish targets, reporting, and monitoring for CO2 emissions
SB 206	Sen. Olszewski	-1	Revise the labeling and marketing of certain ag products
SB 360	Sen. Jacobson	-2	Revise sales tax on rental cars

MONTANA SENATE

VOTING REVIEW KEY:

- + = Business Positive Vote
- = Business Negative Vote
- S = Bill Sponsor
- C = Bill Carrier
- E = Excused
- * = Used Second Reading Vote

Chamber Position	Legislation	District	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Sponsor/ Carrier Points	Committee Votes	2019 LEGISLATOR SCORE	LIFETIME LEGISLATOR SCORE	Sessions	
			SB 307	HB 652	SB 266	HB 553	HB 52	SB 318	HB 387	HB 631	HB 295*	HB 11	HB 658	HB 386	HB 581	SB 142	SB 329	HB 351	HB 732	SB 239	SB 331	SB 338	SB 111	HB 293	SB 18*	SB 241	SB 240								
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Ankney, Duane		20	+	+	+	+	C	+	+	+	+	C	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+6	15/18	100%	97%	7				
Barrett, Dick		45	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	S	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-6	3/15	67%	33%	6					
Bennett, Bryce		50	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+		0/2	83%	56%	5					
Blasdel, Mark		4	-	+	S	+	+	+	C	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	S	-	-	+	+	+7	3/9	80%	92%	7					
Bogner, Kenneth		19	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+1	6/12	85%	85%	1					
Boland, Carlie		12	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+		1/7	79%	53%	5					
Brown, Dee		2	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+		3/4	53%	81%	8					
Cohenour, Jill		42	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+		3/9	79%	35%	7					
Cuffe, Mike		1	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+		9/15	86%	87%	5				
Ellis, Janet		41	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+		9/9	80%	59%	3					
Ellsworth, Jason		43	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	S	+	-	+	-	-	+	+3	3/3	63%	63%	1					
Esp, John		30	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	E	+		4/5	48%	86%	7				
Fielder, Jennifer		7	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	E	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+		1/1	50%	68%	4				
Fitzpatrick, Steve		10	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+		0/4	95%	95%	5				
Flowers, Pat		32	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+		9/12	91%	91%	1					
Gauthier, Terry		40	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	S	+	+	+	+	+3	9/9	100%	95%	2					
Gillespie, Bruce		9	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		9/9	97%	97%	1				
Gross, Jen		25	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+		1/2	92%	75%	2					
Hinebauch, Steve		18	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+		1/1	44%	51%	2				
Hoven, Brian		13	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	C	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+1	9/9	79%	87%	6					
Howard, David		29	+	-	+	+	+	+	E	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	E	E	+	-	-	-	-	+		3/9	71%	84%	6				
Jacobson, Tom		11	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+1/-2	9/12	91%	72%	4					
Kary, Doug		22	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+		9/15	70%	86%	5				
Keenan, Bob		5	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+		3/9	41%	74%	9				
Lang, Mike		17	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+		3/9	59%	85%	4				

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SENATOR																															
MacDonald, Margaret	26		+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	S	+	+	+1	1/1	87%	52%	6
Malek, Sue	46		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-2	0/9	83%	43%	6	
McClafferty, Edith	38		+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+		3/9	79%	54%	6	
McConnell, Nate	48		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+		9/9	93%	61%	3	
McNally, Mary	24		+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+		12/15	84%	68%	5	
Olszewski, Albert	6		+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+1	3/9	63%	66%	3	
Osmundson, Ryan	15		+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+		3/9	84%	86%	5	
Phillips, Mike	31		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-2	0/12	83%	41%	7	
Pomnichowski, JP	33		+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+1	3/9	69%	37%	6	
Regier, Keith	3		-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+		7/10	50%	83%	6
Richmond, Tom	28		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	S	+	+	+	S	+	+	+	-	+	+6	12/15	99%	98%	3	
Sales, Scott	35		-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+		4/4	50%	72%	8
Salomon, Daniel	47		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	C	+	+	+	+	+	+	C	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+3	12/12	100%	99%	5	
Sands, Diane	49		+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+		1/2	78%	42%	7	
Sesso, Jon	37		+	C	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+4	6/9	94%	48%	8	
Small, Jason	21		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	C	+	+	C	+	C	-	+	+	C	+	+	+	+	-	+	+5	9/9	100%	94%	2	
Smith, Cary	27		-	+	+	C	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+3	3/9	74%	88%	6	
Smith, Frank	16		+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-2	0/3	71%	50%	8	
Tempel, Russ	14		+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-		12/15	83%	78%	2
Thomas, Fred	44		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+		3/6	89%	91%	12
Vance, Gordon	34		-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+		4/5	53%	82%	6
Vuckovich, Gene	39		+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+		0/9	74%	55%	5	
Webb, Roger	23		-	-	+	+	-	S	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+4	3/7	54%	81%	4	
Webber, Susan	8		+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+		9/12	78%	56%	3	
Welborn, Jeffrey	36		S	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	S	+6	9/13	96%	95%	6

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REPRESENTATIVE	District	307	652	266	553	52	318	387	631	295	218	11	658	658A	405	386	581	547	329	351	732	239	331	269	338	764	111	457	293	241	240						
Abbott, Kim	83	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-2	9/24	57%	53%	2		
Anderson, Fred	20	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	S	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+3	21/24	96%	97%	2	
Bachmeier, Jacob	28	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	6/6	73%	63%	2		
Bahr, Jade	50	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	3/3	64%	64%	1		
Ballance, Nancy	87	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+			84%	85%	4	
Bartel, Dan	29	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			71%	70%	2	
Beard, Becky	80	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	24/27	57%	59%	2	
Bedey, David	86	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+1		98%	98%	1	
Berglee, Seth	58	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	3/6	57%	71%	3		
Bessette, Barbara	24	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	0/3	71%	71%	1		
Bishop, Laurie	60	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	S	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-2	3/6	64%	71%	2	
Brown, Bob	13	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	C	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+1	12/12	53%	62%	3	
Brown, Zach	63	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	12/33	72%	62%	3		
Burnett, Tom	67	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+			33%	67%	4	
Buttrey, Edward	21	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	S	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+4	21/21	100%	97%	5
Caferro, Mary	81	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+			54%	35%	8	
Curdy, Willis	98	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	3/30	66%	59%	3		
Custer, Geraldine	39	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	15/15	95%	96%	3		
DeVries, Greg	75	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	3/6	33%	33%	1	
Doane, Alan	36	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	15/15	63%	82%	4		
Dooling, Julie	70	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	C	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+2	3/3	94%	94%	1	
Dudik, Kimberly	94	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	S	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+3		75%	60%	4	
Dunn, David	9	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-1	3/3	50%	50%	1	
Dunwell, Mary Ann	84	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-8	3/24	51%	45%	3	
Duram, Neil	2	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	33/33	62%	62%	1		

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Keogh, Connie	91	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+1	3/6	64%	64%	1	
Kerr-Carpenter, Emma	49	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+2	12/33	60%	60%	1	
Knudsen, Casey	33	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	S	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+2	12/12	61%	63%	2	
Knudsen, Rhonda	34	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	30/33	54%	54%	1		
Krautter, Joel	35	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	S	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+2	15/21	93%	93%	1		
Krotkov, Jasmine	25	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	0/3	62%	62%	1		
Lenz, Dennis	53	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	3/3	46%	67%	3		
Loge, Denley	14	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	S	+	-	-	-	+	+1	21/21	88%	85%	2
Lynch, Ryan	76	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-			79%	61%	4
Mandeville, Forrest	57	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-2	3/3	61%	74%	3
Manzella, Theresa	85	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	12/12	47%	63%	3	
Marler, Marilyn	90	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-1	9/33	56%	56%	1	
McKamey, Wendy	19	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	S	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+2	3/6	88%	92%	3	
Mercer, Bill	46	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	*	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-1		51%	51%	1
Moore, Eric	37	+	+	+	S	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+4		89%	87%	5	
Moore, Terry	54	-	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	3/3	50%	50%	1		
Morigeau, Shane	95	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	0/3	74%	67%	2		
Mortensen, Dale	44	-	+	*	+	+	-	+	+	*	-	*	E	+	*	-	+	-	*	E	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	12/12	64%	67%	3	
Noland, Mark	10	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	30/30	65%	78%	3	
Olsen, Andrea	100	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-4	9/33	53%	44%	3	
Peppers, Rae	41	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+			60%	57%	4	
Perry, Zac	3	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	0/3	78%	62%	3		
Pierson, Gordon	78	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	3/21	75%	57%	4		
Pope, Christopher	65	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	12/33	72%	63%	2		
Read, Joe	93	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+1			89%	94%	2	

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Redfield, Alan	59	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+2	33/36	53%	75%	4	
Regier, Matt	4	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-2		31%	45%	2	
Ricci, Vince	55	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+1	21/21	55%	70%	3		
Runningwolf, Tyson	16	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		6/6	81%	81%	1		
Ryan, Marilyn	99	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+			64%	60%	2	
Sales, Walt	69	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+		3/3	97%	95%	2	
Schreiner, Casey	26	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	S	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+2	3/3	82%	61%	4
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Sheldon-Galloway, Lola	22	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+		18/24	45%	54%	2
Skees, Derek	11	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	S	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+1/-2	15/15	52%	66%	3	
Smith, Bridget	31	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-2	9/24	81%	66%	4	
Stewart-Peregoy, Sharon	42	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-		12/33	65%	38%	6	
Sullivan, Katie	89	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+1	12/33	75%	75%	1	
Sweeney, Mark	77	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+		3/3	83%	83%	1	
Tschida, Brad	97	-	-	-*	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+		0/3	35%	61%	3	
Usher, Barry	40	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+1	3/3	50%	59%	2	
Vinton, Sue	56	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	S	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+5	21/24	71%	70%	2	
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Webb, Peggy	43	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+		3/3	57%	59%	2	
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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 — legislation that originates from the executive branch is also considered. This broader approach recognizes the true impact of the governor and executive agencies on the legislative process. 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 business legislation that was not explicitly included in the governor’s 2019 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 bills. Allowing a pro-business bill to become law without his signature does not impact his score.

GOVERNOR SCORE: 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 reliable indicator of what level of priority he puts on business and economic issues.

Bills selected to determine sponsorship points (+/-) and committee points (points/possible)

PRO-BUSINESS LEGISLATION:

HB 52	Revise funding for various economic development programs	+4
HB 458	Revise tax laws related to opportunity zones	1/1
HB 759	Provide for digital literacy and computer science coordinator	1/1
HB 764	Generally revise electric vehicle laws	1/1
SB 307	Generally revising alternative project delivery laws	5/5

ANTI-BUSINESS LEGISLATION:

HB 148	Require 2/3 of legislature to enact/increase a new tax or fee	3/3
HB 208	Establishing family medical leave insurance	0/3
HB 300	Revise taxes and the distribution of revenue through sales tax	1/1
HB 345	Stepped increase in minimum wage to a living wage	0/3
HB 547	Revise laws related to employee disclosure of wage information	0/3
HB 627	Revise laws regarding conservation licenses on state lands	3/3
HB 651	Revise property tax on intangible personal property	0/3
HB 674	Increase state gas tax distribution to recreation programs	1/1
HB 677	Require corporations and LLCs to disclose beneficial owners	0/3
HB 679	Clarify workweek overtime-eligible employees	0/1
HB 697	Revise individual income tax laws	0/1
HB 707	Revise capital gains tax credit	0/3
HB 141	Repeal water’s-edge election for corporate income taxation	0/3
HB 142	Revise tax haven list for corporate income taxation	0/3
HB 360	Revise sales tax on rental cars	-2

Chamber Position	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Sponsor Points	Committee Votes	2019 GOVERNOR SCORE	LIFETIME GOVERNOR SCORE	Sessions
	HB 652	SB 266	HB 553	HB 52	SB 318	HB 387	HB 631	HB 11	HB 658	HB 386	HB 581	SB 329	HB 351	HB 732	SB 239	SB 338	SB 111	HB 293	SB 241					
GOVERNOR																								
Steve Bullock	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+4/-2	16/42	71%	62%	4



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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

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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