



Legislative Update

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Under the “goat’s tail”

It’s been a busy week at the legislature. As predicted, sixty days in and things are starting to move faster, HB 13 was heard on Tuesday March 21 and to no one’s surprise it did not receive rousing support from anyone except the sponsor Representative Moffie “Uptown” Funk who did a stellar job. See the bill list below for more information on the hearing and don’t forget you can use the [watch & listen](#) function.

In the meantime two recent bills, SB 369 and SB 371, both related to Montana State Fund have to potential to seriously impact our members who work at MSF as well as all Montana workers. We are monitoring these two bills and will definitely speak in opposition to SB 371.

Senate Finance and Claims has backfilled some of the cuts implemented in the House, returning \$11 million to Higher Education but still leaving them \$12.4 million short. Whether or not they continue attempting to balance the scales for other agencies such as DPHHS, DOR, MDT, OPI, and others where our members work.

Legislative watch list

Please contact your [MPEA staff](#) regarding bills on this list or bills you believe MPEA should be tracking. Bills tabled in committee appear in **bold red**. Bills vetoed by Governor Bullock appear in **bold green**.

Bills

- [HB 2](#) General Appropriations Act – Still in Senate Finance and Claims where the committee is combing through it.
- [HB 13](#) State employee pay plan – The hearing was held on Tuesday March 21. Hopefully they will take executive action before the end of this week or mid-week next. In the meantime, you can read an assessment in [People’s Voice](#).
- [HB 14](#) Bonding program (Governor Bullock’s infrastructure bill) – hearing scheduled 03/24/2017
- **[HB 72 Increase university system supplemental contributions to TRS – tabled in \(H\) State Administration](#)**
- [HB 94](#) Generally revise public safety officer standards/training council laws – referred to (S) Judiciary hearing scheduled 3/14/2017
- **[HB 136 Actuarial funding for the Game Wardens’ and Peace Officers’ retirement system – tabled in House Appropriations 02/08/2017](#)**
- **[HB 155 Eliminate election day as state holiday – tabled in \(H\) State Administration](#)**
- **[HB 169 Tabled in House Business & Labor](#)**
- **[HB 181 Tabled in \(H\) Judiciary Committee](#)**
- **[HB 185 Tabled in Committee](#)**
- **[HB 202 Vetoed by Governor 3/02/2017](#)**
- [HB 208](#) Provide that it is unlawful to retaliate against public whistleblowers – 03/20/2017 returned to House with amendments.
- [HB 248](#) Revise anti-bullying laws – 03/20/2017 returned to House with amendments
- **[HB 262 Vetoed by Governor 2/23/2017](#)**
- [HB 273](#) Generally revise concealed weapons laws – 03/23/2017 returned to House
- **[HB 341 Generally revise state employee travel and per diem laws – heard in \(H\) State Administration 02/07/2017 – TABLED IN COMMITTEE](#)**

- **HB 354 Revise unemployment insurance retirement considerations – Tabled in (H) Business and Labor**
- [HB 383](#) Provide actuarial required funding for Sheriffs' Retirement System – heard 03/20/2017 (S) State Administration
- **HB 385 Missed deadline for general bill transmittal**
- **HB 392 Creating the family and medical leave insurance act – Tabled in committee**
- **HB 436 Require voter approval for employer contribution increases in retirement systems- Tabled in committee 02/24/2017**
- **HB 464 Missed deadline for general bill transmittal**
- [HB 439](#) Introduced by Representative Ron Ehli (R) HD 86 clarifying when a state employment receives additional comp for supervisory duty – heard (H) Appropriations 03/14/2017
- [HB 473](#) Revise highway revenue laws – hearing scheduled 03/27/2017 in (H) /Appropriations
- **HB 499 Require actuarial report using alternative assumption for investment earnings – Tabled in committee**
- [SB 5](#) Revise INTERCAP loan program – Signed by the Governor and chapter number assigned 02/08/2017
- [SB 57](#) Clarify highway patrol funding sources and increase certain registration fees – 03/21/2017 passed Senate on 3rd reading transmitted to House first reading 03/23/2017
- **SB 69 Tabled in committee**
- [SB 85](#) Signed by President of the Senate and Speaker of the House and filed with the Secretary of State
- **SB 87 Revise campaign finance report laws – Tabled in (S) State Administration**
- [SB 99](#) Prohibit enforcement of federal firearms laws by Montana public employees – transferred to House assigned to (H) Judiciary hearing scheduled for 03/22/2017
- **SB 141 Tabled in (S) State Administration Committee**
- **SB 148 Tabled in (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs Committee**
- [SB 152](#) Revise laws relating to state employees – passed House 3rd reading returned to Senate 03/23/2017
- **SB 211 Revise laws governing MUS board of regents' acceptance of gifts – Tabled in Committee**
- [SB 294](#) Generally revise laws related to state government pay plans - hearing scheduled 03/24/2017 (H) Administration
- **SB 326 Introduced by Senator Brian Hoven (R) SD 13 revise worker laws to ban certain criminal history in job applications – tabled in (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs**
- [SB 368](#) Generally revise campaign practices laws – referred to (S) State Administration hearing scheduled 03/27/2017
- [SB 369](#) Create a study commission on the state fund – referred to (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs hearing scheduled 03/24/2017
- [SB 371](#) Revise workers' compensation insurance and dissolve state fund – Hearing scheduled 03/24/2017 (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs

Bill drafts – only new bill drafts will be listed in future legislative updates.

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