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Under the “goat’s tail”

House Appropriations took executive action on HB 13 Wednesday morning and after an 11/11 tie, voted to table the bill in committee. Representative Moffie Funk, the bill sponsor, managed to get a blast motion on the floor Wednesday evening but it failed 46-53. Please take a moment to thank [Representative Funk](#) and [Representative Kelly McCarthy](#) for their strong support of the pay raise. State employees will remember this happened two years ago until Senate Finance and Claims chair, Senator Llew Jones (R), put a modified version of the pay raise with a later implementation date into HB 2. Whether that’s a possibility again this legislative session is uncertain.

On a positive note, Senate Bills 369 and 371 regarding Montana State Fund were both tabled in committee last week shortly after the update went out to our members. The legislature giveth and the legislature taketh away. Meanwhile HB 2 is moving along and Senate Finance and Claims has backfilled some of the cuts made by the House.

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 – Senate Finance and Claims amended the bill on 03/29/2017 backfilling some of the cuts made by the House.
- **[HB 13](#) State employee pay raise – tabled in committee 03/29/2017; not quite dead but definitely on life support**
- **[HB 14](#) Bonding program (Governor Bullock’s infrastructure bill) – tabled in committee 03/27/2017 although the House and Senate both have watered down versions of Governor Bullock’s infrastructure bill that might see their way to the governor’s desk.**
- **[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 – amended by (S) Judiciary 3/29/2017
- **[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 – 03/22/2017 returned to House with amendments
- **[HB 262](#) Vetoed by Governor 2/23/2017**
- [HB 273](#) Generally revise concealed weapons laws – transmitted to the Governor 03/29/2017
- **[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 – amended 03/29/2017 (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 – Passed H third reading 03/29/2017
- **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 – 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 – heard 03/22/2017 (H) Judiciary
- **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 – enrolled 03/27/2017
- **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 - amended 03/29/2017 (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 – second reading (S) State Administration 03/30/2017
- **SB 369 Create a study commission on the state fund – tabled (S) Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs 03/24/2017; hopefully gone for good**
- **SB 371 Revise workers' compensation insurance and dissolve state fund – tabled 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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