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From the exec's chair

The first few weeks of a legislative session rarely, if ever, produces anything substantive other than posturing and party politics. This session is no different but throw in the fact that everyone agrees the budget will be extremely tight, there really isn't anything to fight about except which party is the most fiscally responsible. I suspect things will heat up soon and once again we can all be bemused, appalled, and proud in equal parts of the work of our citizen legislature. In the meantime, stay informed and get involved.

Legislative watch list

During the [legislative session](#) your [MPEA staff](#) dedicates hundreds of hours roaming the halls of the capitol engaging legislators in the House and Senate on issues of importance to our members. Below is a short list of bills and bill drafts that we believe may impact our members in a positive or negative way. We encourage our members to actively engage in this process, providing input on bills, and even alerting us to bills or bill drafts that do not appear on the list.

Bills

- [HB 13](#) State employee pay plan
- [HB 72](#) Increase university system supplemental contributions to TRS
- [HB 94](#) Generally revise public safety officer standards/training council laws
- [HB 155](#) Eliminate election day as state holiday
- [HB 169](#) Raise minimum wage in Montana
- [HB 185](#) Establish grant program to eliminate tuition for certain postsecondary programs
- [HB 202](#) Generally revise laws related to government employees and officers
- [HB 208](#) Provide that it is unlawful to retaliate against public whistleblowers
- [SB 5](#) Revise INTERCAP loan program
- [SB 57](#) Clarify highway patrol funding sources and increase certain registration fees
- [SB 69](#) Create task force to study public employee health benefits
- [SB 87](#) Revise campaign finance report laws

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

- LC0026 Generally revise labor laws
- LC0066 Generally revise labor laws
- LC0089 Revise laws governing MUS board of regents acceptance and naming of buildings
- LC0144 Generally revise labor laws
- LC0145 Generally revise labor laws
- LC0313 Generally revise MPERA public employee retirement systems for tax qualifications
- LC0350 Generally revise labor laws
- LC0352 Generally revise concealed weapons law
- LC0354 Montana school safety act
- LC0581 General revise labor laws
- LC0796 Revise campaign finance laws
- LC0986 Generally revise labor laws
- LC0987 Generally revise labor and business laws

- LC0988 Generally revise laws related to labor unions
- LC1003 Generally revise election laws
- LC1004 Generally revise election laws
- LC1005 Generally revise campaign finance laws
- LC1006 Generally revise campaign laws
- LC1021 Establish commission to study legislative compensation and conduct
- LC1022 Establish the pay equity act
- LC1106 Generally revise overtime laws
- LC1125 Generally revise state employee travel and per diem laws
- LC1140 Revise minimum wage laws
- LC1202 Generally revise laws on political practices and campaign finance reporting
- LC1240 Generally revise public employee retirement plans
- LC1251 Generally revise worker laws
- LC1623 Generally revise pension laws
- LC1627 Generally revise laws related to public officials and employees
- LC1673 Generally revise state pay plan laws
- LC1674 Repeal closure of Montana Development Center
- LC1770 Require actuarial report using alternative actuarial assumptions
- LC1771 General revise public employee pensions
- LC1772 Require voter approval for employer retirement contribution increases
- LC1773 Allow TRS and PERS to recover audit costs from plan participants
- LC1821 Generally revise privatization laws
- LC1831 generally revise local government laws
- LC1839 revise tax laws related to higher education loans
- LC2065 Generally revise labor laws
- LC2103 Generally revise economic development laws
- LC2105 Revise anti-bullying laws
- LC2147 Generally revise concealed carry regulations for legal gun owners

Contact your legislator

Democracy is about voice so don't hesitate to add yours and engage your legislators—House, Senate—or Governor about the issues important to you, your family, and co-workers. Citizen legislators respond faster and more positively from constituents who come from their district. Not sure about your House or Senate district, no problem Legislative Services has a webpage for that [find a legislator](#). Call or email individuals or entire committees through the Legislative Services Division online [contact your legislator](#) page.

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