

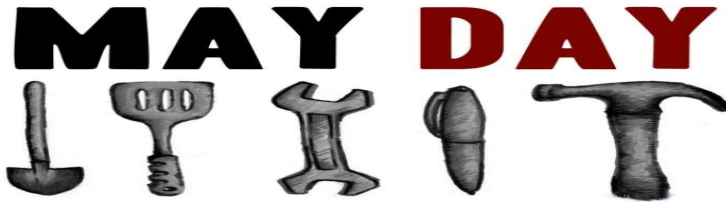
## Legislative Update

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Under the “goat’s tail”



The 65<sup>th</sup> Legislative Assembly died with a whimper again as last minute deals fell through and once again the legislature failed to pass an infrastructure (jobs) bill. This was a huge hit to those communities in the infrastructure bill not to mention our brothers and sisters in the construction trades. Only two more years to go and they can try again.

On a high note, the House did pass SB 294 the state and university employees’ pay raise with implementation dates of mid-February for 2018 and 2019. That means we have plenty of time to bargain chapter contracts without getting up against the new fiscal year. As such, take a hard long look at your contracts there might not be much money in agency budgets but you may find some non-monetary items to put on the table. If you have questions contact your field reps, they are always happy to help.

May 1 the international community celebrates the workers of the world. This happened after the [Haymarket Riot](#) in Chicago, IL on May 4, 1886 three days after American labor unions called for nationwide demonstrations for the 8-hour day. International labor unions around the world chose May 1 as the workers’ day as a sign of solidarity after the arrest, prosecution, and sentencing to death of seven of the Haymarket 8. The U.S. Labor movement refused to adopt the holiday established in honor of their sacrifice because it was too controversial for the federal government and their capitalist masters. This is why we celebrate Labor Day in September.

*“Eight Hours for Work, Eight Hours for Rest, Eight Hours for What We Will!”*

### Legislative watch list

Bills tabled in committee appear in **bold red**. Bills vetoed by Governor Bullock appear in **bold green**. Bills appearing in **bold dark blue** sent to enrolling but still awaiting signature or veto by Governor Bullock. **Dark brown** signed by the Governor.

### Bills

- **HB 2 General Appropriations Act – Passed 3<sup>rd</sup> reading 04/24/2017 sent to enrolling**
- ~~**HB 13 State employee pay raise – tabled in committee 03/29/2017; DEAD**~~
- ~~**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 – passed 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of the Senate 04/20/2017 and sent to enrolling.
- ~~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 – signed by the Governor 04/20/2017.
- **HB 248** Revise anti-bullying laws – signed by the Governor 04/20/2017
- ~~HB 262 Vetoed by Governor 2/23/2017~~
- **HB 273** Generally revise concealed weapons laws – signed by the Governor 04/07/2017 chapter number assigned
- ~~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 – sent to enrolling 04/20/2017
- ~~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—missed deadline for appropriations bill transmittal; officially dead.~~
- **HB 473** Revise highway revenue laws – Passed 3<sup>rd</sup> reading House 4/22/2017
- ~~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 8** Revise requirements for interim committees to review advisory boards, reports – signed by the Governor, chapter number assigned 03/31/2017
- **SB 57** Clarify highway patrol funding sources and increase certain registration fees – Passed 3<sup>rd</sup> reading Senate 04/21/2017 sent to enrolling
- ~~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 – Signed by the Senate President and House Speaker
- ~~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 – Signed by the Governor 04/10/2017

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- ~~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 – passed House on 3<sup>rd</sup> reading 04/28/2017 sent to enrolling
- ~~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 – pass 3<sup>rd</sup> reading House 04/26/2017 sent to enrolling
- ~~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~~

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