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Missoula in Session Gives View of City Legislative Work

Citizens interested in bills the City of Missoula is tracking during the 2011 session of the Montana State Legislature can log on to the City's new website, Missoula in Session.

Find the website by jumping off the City's home page at www.ci.missoula.mt.us using the left-hand navigation or by going directly to <http://missoulainsession.com/>.

The website shows all bills that City leadership is looking at because they could affect City government or residents. Website users can see at a glance each bill's status with tags of Support, Modify, Oppose, Watch and Undecided.

Missoula in Session also allows users to see bills being reviewed by City departments simply by clicking on the departments' names. Users can also go directly to a bill's text. Links connect to the Montana Legislature's LAWS website, back to the City, to the directory of legislators and elsewhere. The site is also easily searchable.

"We've built a utilitarian website that provides City Council members, staff, administration and citizens basic information about bills we're tracking, their status and the City's position," said Mayor John Engen. "It's a public window into our work during the session."

The website was a joint project of the Mayor's Office and the Information Technologies Department.

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