

CITY OF MISSOULA LOBBYIST REPORT

For the week of February 16 – February 20, 2015

Issues Update

Local Option Authority – Elevated our continued discussions with the League on Monday and Wednesday discussions about the local option. Actively secured additional letters from Mayors across the state to represent position and value. Met briefly with Rep. Essmann to discuss the status of the bill. Met with members of the Missoula delegation (Facey, Bennett, Wolken, Barrett; and Larson) to update and discuss same issue.

Worked with Glendive lobbyist and mayor to discuss local option impact fee bill LC2411. Working with other municipal lobbyists to see about introducing this as a back up to the local option. Met with the League and the House Speaker to discuss infrastructure funding and strategy for the municipalities.

Bill Review Update

- 1) 10 House Bills identified with review requests to City staff
- 2) 9 Senate Bills identified with review requests to City staff

Bill Action Update

- 1) **HB280**: Generally revise and clarify laws related to bicycle traffic.
 - a. Testified in SUPPORT of bill.
- 2) **HB484**: Require certain delivery and disclosure of utility bills
 - a. Testified in OPPOSITION of bill. Bill tabled in committee.
- 3) **HB485**: Revise net metering laws
 - a. Per sponsor's request and discussions with City, monitored bill only. Bill tabled in committee.
- 4) **SB239**: Protect property rights of dog owners by prohibiting breed-specific ordinances
 - a. Appeared on behalf of the League. Testified against bill. Bill passed committee.
- 5) **SB251**: Revise prevailing wage laws to match local government contracting
 - a. Appeared on behalf of the League. Testified in favor. Bill passed committee
- 6) **SB301**: Revise laws on public service commission regulation of municipal utilities
 - a. City continues to OPPOSE and monitor. Bill tabled in committee