

CITY OF MISSOULA
LOBBYING REPORT
WEEK ENDING 1/18/19

HB 6: Renewable resource grants. Strong support. Dale reviewed. Fiscal note printed. No hearing date set.

HB 15: Revise laws related to nonmotorized vehicle and mobile home disposal. Support. Jessica and Dale discussed. MacDonald visited with the sponsor, Curdy, who notes that this is related strictly to counties. I checked the codes being amended and both are county-related. We may not have a pony in this race. Hearing set for House Local on Jan 24, 3p.m. Room 472

HB 16: Establish affordable housing loan program. Support. MacDonald testified in SUPPORT at House Tax on 1-11. Met with housing advocates after and traded information in order to assist in tracking this bill as it moves forward. There was no opposition in the committee and very strong support from housing advocates, disability advocates, private lenders, private builders. Still in committee. No executive action.

HB 47: Generally revise criminal records laws. Monitor. MacDonald: Monitoring for Missoula and Montana Newspapers. Bill was in response to unintended consequences of legislation last year that decriminalized certain offenses. At hearing on 1-14, AG has apparently agreed to amendments to clarify that the fingerprinting and mug shots would be ONLY for cases in which a person must be booked into jail. No executive action yet.

HB 125: Limit use of emergency ordinances by local governments. Oppose. Jessica reviewed & sent talking points to MacDonald. MacDonald has met one-on-one with most members of Senate Local Government to let them know the city opposes. Tim Burton took the lead on this. Continuing to monitor and getting in touch with other committee members. Executive action believed to be on 1-21. Currently relatively sure this bill will die in committee.

HB 134: Revise prostitution statute to include nonpenetrative sex acts. Support. Detective Baker with Missoula spoke on the bill at Dudik's request. MacDonald attended a portion of the hearing, then met with Dudik and Baker after to exchange info and make sure they know he is available in the future. No executive action yet. Bill is likely to pass.

HB 138: Include exposure to prostitution in acts constituting child abuse and neglect. Support. Detective Baker supporting at request of Dudik. Fiscal note printed. No exec action yet.

HB 146: Establish laws regarding sanctuary cities in Montana. Oppose. Discussed with Mayor and Dale. MacDonald has visited with ACLU and others, who are specifically seeking law enforcement support. Missoula will support, but also unlikely to take a lead role on this one. No hearing date set.

HB 147: Referendum to establish sanctuary city laws in Montana. Oppose. Discussed with Mayor and Dale. Similar to above, except this is a referendum. ACLU and others are concerned because if it passes

the legislature, it's nearly impossible for the governor to do anything to keep it off the ballot. No hearing date set.

HB 155: Generally revise Montana weapons laws. Initially set to Oppose. Reviewed by Brady and Nugent. MacDonald has followed up with Brady and Nugent with a suggestion to possibly stand down, or only offer light opposition. Moving to MONITOR

HB 192: Revise laws related to privacy in communications. Support. Reviewed by Nugent. No hearing date set. This is the "revenge porn" bill similar to last session which makes it a crime to post or publish nude photos of a person without that person's permission. MacDonald is monitoring for both the city and the Montana Newspaper Association. No hearing set.

HB 194: Revise lodging and rental car taxes including local option. Support. Support per Dale. House Tax hearing set for Jan. 29 at 9 a.m. 152.

HB 195: Provide for local option luxury sales tax to fund infrastructure. Support. Support per Dale. House Tax hearing set for Jan. 30 at 9 a.m. Room 152. MacDonald requesting additional information and suggests meeting to discuss further.

HB 232: Revise assessment of taxes during condemnation proceedings.

HB 236: Generally revise building code program laws. NO INFO YET

SB 13: Allocating supportive housing grant funds to those serving Am Indian offenders. HCD awaiting more information on this bill. NO position yet.

SB 15: Allow certain state funds to be used for affordable housing infrastructure. Support. TABLED in Committee.

SB 18: Establish workforce housing tax credits. Support.. We are monitoring and will support. A one-page fact sheet and talking points on this bill was provided to Jessica. Senate Taxation hearing Jan. 23, 8 a.m. Room 405.

SB 19: Revise laws related to local government budgeting and accounting. Oppose. This bill includes new audit requirements that could conflict with financial reporting requirements that are established by the Government Accounting Standards Board. MacDonald stayed out of the room for this very contentious hearing that included accusations of racism. The League is taking the lead. We are confident this bill has enough problems that it will die. No action yet.

SB 52: Generally revise laws on sexual assault kits. Strong support. Formalizes process for submission and requirements for testing sex assault kits. MacDonald testified in support, along with Passed Senate Judiciary Committee. Awaiting Floor Vote in Senate. Likely to pass

SB 103: Revise laws on PSC regulation of municipalities. Oppose. Dale reviewed. The League is gathering information on this from different communities. MacDonald will be getting talking points and will follow the League's advice on how to proceed, but will be working legislators in the halls and likely to testify against. Hearing set Senate Energy and Telecommunications. Hearing set at Jan 22. At 3 p.m. room 317.

SB 117: Revise highway de-icer laws. Oppose. Identical to SB 106 in 2017 session. Hearing set for Jan. 22 at 3p.m. Room 405. MacDonald requesting information

SB 138: Revise fair market valuation with respect to eminent domain. We are concerned this could be related to or in response to Missoula Water.