

## City of Missoula Lobbyist Report for Week of Feb 7

### Committees and Bills Testified:

Spent several mornings in Joint Appropriations meeting listening to discussion regarding various aspects of state funding.

Senate Local Government, SB 240: Revise laws related to street lighting improvement districts. Attended but did not testify.

House State Administration, HB 350: Revise expiration of state contracts. Testified in opposition.

Senate Business and Labor, SB 259: Require impoundment of license plates if driver is uninsured. Testified in opposition.

House Judiciary, HB 332: Restore the right of a fully informed jury. Attended but did not testify.

Senate Taxation, SB 265: Reduce property taxes on new construction for use of gray water systems.

Arrived too late to testify in opposition. But met with Sen. Erickson and Kaufman after and expressed city's opposition.

Senate Local Government, SB 234: Generally revise municipal solid waste services and SB 236, Revise solid waste laws related to local government. Attended but did not testify.

House Agriculture, HB 407: Define potentially dangerous and dangerous dog, provide exemptions, penalties. Testified as informational. Sought minor changes at Jim Carlson's request.

Senate Judiciary, SB 154: Regulating medical marijuana provider supply system. Attended but did not testify.

House Human Services, HB 429: Revise procedures related to the Medical Marijuana Act. Attended but did not testify.

### Other Direct Lobbying

Extensive work during the week regarding HB304, the special district legislation. Met individually with all members of the Missoula delegation who serve on the House Local Government Committee and provided additional written material and background on the issue. Worked with Harold Blattie on proposed amendments in case the bill appears to be moving forward.

Continued efforts regarding the Subdivision for Rent or Lease issue. Builders provided their proposed language which has been reviewed by the OPG and is being discussed. The Realtors are proposing their own and I visited with Rep. Reinhart about any further bills – possibly a committee bill – that might still be in the works, including some draft language from the Planners. We are down to the wire on this one and I'm not sure where we will end up.

Met a number of times with the Realtors lobbyist to discuss expected language on the Esp bill on subdivisions that we are anticipating. They've agreed to accept Missoula's language on the waiting period – including a provision that the governing body must "schedule and hold" the element review meeting within 10 days of the request. However, the bill will include language to change the "ag impact" standard, and language attempting to require that agency officials not testify on matters or provide information not backed up by "science."

Continuing efforts to persuade carrier of HB516 to not move forward with her bill. She picked it up on Friday and dropped it off almost immediately, so it has been referred to House Judiciary, where she sits. The hearing has not yet been scheduled.

**Other Activities**

None.