

# CITY OF MISSOULA LOBBYIST REPORT

*For the week of January 12 – January 16, 2015*

## **Issues Update**

- 1) Infrastructure Development – First priority testimony on HB5, Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> concerning two Missoula water treatment projects eligible for infrastructure funding. Talking points and background material provided via e-mail from third-party architect. City supports HB5.
- 2) Pretrial Diversion Laws – Second priority testimony on HB195, Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup> allowing deferral of prosecution to be entered into upon notice by the prosecutor. Due to hearing time conflict with HB5, we prepared letters from the City supporting the bill delivered to the committee secretary and bill sponsor. Emails sent to Missoula delegation members on the House Judiciary Committee urging their support for the bill. City supports HB195.
- 3) Local Option Authority - Led by the League, we are continuing to push the local option authority bill. Final language approved and bill sponsors are lined up.

## **Direct Lobbying Update**

- 1) Inspection of Rental Property - Met with Rep. Tom Steenberg and the League to further discuss thoughts around the inspection of rental dwellings bill. We have run into some technical and legal issues, but continue to have conversations to address this issue. Meetings have included participation by interested party, Sen. Jon Sesso of Butte.
- 2) Oversize Loads - Met with the League and lobbyists from Billings and Shelby regarding HB222 which would limit local governments with self-governing powers from requiring fees and permits for movement of oversize loads on certain highways. This is an issue directly from Missoula regarding permit requirements for the “mega loads”. Issue is currently under review/comment.

## **Bill Review Update**

- 1) 7 House Bills identified with review requests to City staff
- 2) 3 Senate Bills identified with review requests to City staff

## **Bill Action Update**

- 1) SB18 – PASSED – revised time frame for the calculation of the entitlement share growth rate – City position Support