

CITY OF MISSOULA LOBBYIST REPORT

For the week of February 2 – February 6, 2015

Issues Update

Local Option Authority - Met with Rep. Essman, the League and Missoula delegation members, Butte and Billings lobbyists several times to discuss the progress of this and determine strategy moving forward. The League board is holding a conference call on Friday to discuss requests/demands now in place and to determine a position moving forward.

Bill Review Update

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

Bill Action Update

- 1) **HB84:** Generally revise election laws
 - a. City continues to monitor process. Bill was approved unanimously by Senate State Administration and will be scheduled for a floor vote shortly.
- 2) **HB99:** Revise fuel tax laws
 - a. City continues to monitor progress. Upon request, did not testify and no committee action occurred. Anticipate bill likely to be tabled.
- 3) **HB222:** Revise laws related to oversize loads
 - a. City continued to OPPOSE. McDonald met with League and encouraged representatives from the Districts of every Senate Local Government members call them to seek a NO vote. We prepped for a Friday afternoon hearing before Senate Local Government and will be pushing for the committee to kill the bill in favor of the approach we'd discussed with the DOT and almost had an agreement on with the sponsors before the bill went to executive action without our knowledge.
- 4) **HB262:** Revise resort tax laws
 - a. City continued to monitor progress. Did not testify.
- 5) **HB312:** Require MDT to consider growth policies and neighborhood plans
 - a. Testified in SUPPORT of bill.
- 6) **HB330:** Establish standards for law enforcement use and acquisition of certain equipment
 - a. Testified in OPPOSITION of bill. Bill would put limits and conditions on what kind of military surplus equipment local police departments may purchase. Bill may have difficulty getting out of committee due to opposition from law enforcement.
- 7) **HB364:** Revise laws related to certain municipalities setting highway speed limits
 - a. Signed in SUPPORT of bill. McDonald spoke with committee members but did not testify.
- 8) **SB237:** Revise laws governing impact fees
 - a. City continued to monitor progress. Did not testify.