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Bill No.	Subject Matter	Date In	Sponsor	Hearing Date	Committee Action	Date Out
HB 43	An act to amend Section 76-3-08, MCA, to modify and define the public interest criteria for local government review of subdivisions.	Jan. 4	Shelden		Reassigned to Local Government	Jan. 9
HB 44	To amend Title 50, Chapter 60, Parts 1 and 3, to conform with previously enacted authority for counties to adopt building codes.	Jan. 4	Shelden	Jan. 12	DO PASS	Jan. 15
HB 48	An act to generally revise and clarify the laws relating to land resources and use.	Jan. 4	Rep. Rex Manuel	Jan. 17	DO PASS AS AMENDED	Jan. 17
HB 130	Designates the Board of Oil and Gas Conservation as the Montana jurisdictional agency for purposes of the natural gas policy of 1978, etc.	Jan. 12	Ramirez	Jan. 17	DO PASS AS AMENDED CONSENT CALENDAR	Jan. 17
HB 160	Impose a moratorium on coal strip-mine development pending resolution of the court challenge on the validity of the the severance tax.	Jan. 15	Frates	Feb. 12	Tabled	Feb. 14
HB 163	Revises and clarifies the law relating to planning, research, development; etc.	Jan. 16	Kvaalen	Jan. 24	DO PASS	Jan. 24

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HB 192	Revises and clarifies the law relating to environmental protection.	Jan. 17	Manuel	Jan. 24	DO PASS AS AMENDED	Jan. 21
HB 202	Act requiring the consideration of using public lands for the location of facilities whenever possible and compatible to environmental factors.	Jan. 17	Ernst	Jan. 26	DO PASS AS AMENDED	Jan. 29
HB 216	Act to include woodburning stoves in the definition of recognized nonfossil forms of energy generation, making them eligible for a tax credit	Jan. 17	Vincent	Jan. 24	Referred to Taxation	Jan. 23
HB 222	Act to require the DNRC to establish a program for the removal of silt from reservoirs behind dams.	Jan. 17	Prates	Jan. 24	DO NOT PASS	Jan. 26
HB 253	Requires the Board of NR&C to issue as part of a certificate a time limit during which a facility must be constructed.	Jan. 18	Thoft	Jan. 26	DO PASS AS AMENDED	Jan. 29
HB 280	Act to revise the Major Facility Siting Act; including a provision for appeal with order of appeal with posting of security bond; etc.	Jan. 19	Scully	Feb. 14	Tabled	Feb. 19

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HB 312	Act to designate the PSC as the decision making authority under the Montana Major Facility Siting Act.	Jan. 23	Huennekens	Jan. 31	DO NOT PASS	Feb. 20
HB 313	Act requiring performance of a life-cycle cost analysis before any state agency may lease or construct a facility.	Jan. 23	Huennekens	Jan. 31	DO PASS AS AMENDED	Feb. 2
HB 372	Repeals the rollback tax on agricultural land.	Jan. 24	Fabrega		Went to Taxation	Jan. 29
HB 373	Provides renewable resource development loans to farmers and ranchers in the same manner that such loans are provided to state and local governmental entities.	Jan. 24	Roth	Feb. 9	Do Pass as Amended	Feb. 12
HB 377	Directs the DNR&C to develop and implement a master plan for completing a statewide soil survey and mapping program, etc.	Jan. 24	Nathe	Feb. 2	Do Pass As Amended	Feb. 7
HB 406	Allows the use of introduced species in revegetation of areas disturbed by coal or uranium.	Jan. 26	Conroy		Went to Agri.	Jan. 29

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HB 431	Provides that the Board of NR&C may require meters on only those wells in controlled groundwater areas.	Jan. 27	Day	Feb. 5	DO PASS AS AMENDED	Feb. 9
HB 434	Act to rename the Board of Sanitariums as the Board of Professional Sanitariums; to add two public members to the Board; to generally revise the sanitarian law, etc.	Jan. 27	Lory	Feb. 5	DO NOT PASS	Feb. 5
SB 103	Act to amend to clarify water and air quality requirements	Jan. 27	S. Brown	March 5	Be Concurred In	Mar. 5
HB 444	Remove uranium mining from application of the strip and Underground Mine Siting Act and the Montana Strip and Underground Mine Rec. laws, etc.	Jan. 29	Lien	Feb. 7	DO NOT PASS	Feb. 19
HB 452	Amends the Montana Major Facility Siting Act by exempting certain electric generation facilities, etc., that commenced prior to Jan. 1, 1979, etc.	Jan. 29	Conroy		Rereferred	Jan. 30
HB 18	Recognize and express appreciation for the efforts of Champion Intern. Corp. in the conservation of the scenic and recreational resources, etc.	Jan. 29	Waldron	Feb. 5	DO NOT PASS	Feb. 5

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SB 118	Act to generally revise and clarify the laws relating to minerals, oil, and gas.	Jan. 29	Nelson	March 5	Be Concurred In Consent Calendar	Mar. 5
HB 534	To further define 'Recognized Nonfossil Forms of Energy Generation' to include passive solar energy	Feb. 2	McBride	Feb. 7	Referred to Taxation	Feb. 7
HB 554	Act providing for the organ. financing, admin., operation and maintenance of a county alternative energy district; etc.	Feb. 3	Vincent		Rereferred to Local Gov.	Feb. 5
HB 555	Act to prohibit the DNC&C from constructing, operating and maintaining water projects for the development of power.	Feb. 3	Hand	Feb. 12	Do pass as Amended	Feb. 14
HB 563	Act to create a recreational waterway system for the purpose of giving the general public the right to use for outdoor recreational purposes certain waters of the state	Feb. 3	Dozier	Feb. 9	DO NOT PASS	Feb. 9
HJR 26	Encourages the examination of the impact of more restrictive occupational and health standards to determine that	Feb. 3	Donaldson	Feb. 9	Do pass	Feb. 14

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HJR 27	Urges that the provisions of the Wilderness Act of 1964 calling for consultation with local officials be fully utilized while recognizing the national significance of, etc.	Feb. 3	Fagg		Rereferred to Agriculture	Feb. 6
HB 583	An act to allow additional uses for land dedicated to the public under the Montana subdivision and platting act.	Feb. 6	Dozier	2/12	Tabled	Feb. 14
HB 605	Act to revise the definition of a facility under the Mont. Major Facility Siting Act as it applies to geothermal resources.	Feb. 6	McBride	2/14	Do pass	Feb. 14
HB 617	Montana Scenic Resources Act. Establishes a mechanism for the nomination and designation of scenic corridors; establishing guidelines for, etc.	Feb. 6	Baeth	2/16	Do Pass As Amended	Feb. 18
HJR 30	Requests the PSC to adopt as its primary objective the insuring of the availability of the least costly form of energy to residents of the state; etc.	Feb. 6	Johnson	2/19	DO NOT PASS	Feb. 19
HB 313	Returned to Committee	Feb. 7	Huennekens	2/12	Do Pass As Amended -- and attached a copy of Intent	2/12

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HB 676	Act to restrict the nature of the estate which may be obtained by eminent domain for reservoir and dam purposes, etc.	Feb. 9	Nathe	2/14	Do Pass	Feb. 14
HB 684	Act to revise the Metal Mine Reclamation laws; etc.	Feb. 9	Hand	2/16	DO NOT PASS	Feb. 19
HB 694	An act delegating authority to the Board of NR&C to authorize diversions from the Yellowstone River Basin under Article X of the, etc.	Feb. 9	Day	2/14	Do Pass As Amended	Feb. 18
HB 715	Act to require the Board of HES to adopt the federal ambient air quality standards promulgated by the EPA; etc.	Feb. 10	Marks	2/16	Do No Pass	Feb. 18
HB 716	Act to amend the Clean Air Act of MT to grant the Board of HES authority to adopt rules required by federal law.	Feb. 10	Kemmis	2/16	Do Pass As Amended	Feb. 18
HB 739	Revises the Montana Strip and Underground Mine Rec. Act, etc.	Feb. 10	Day	2/14	Do Pass	Feb. 14

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HB 742	Act to clarify the authority of state agencies, boards, and commissions to use information gained in preparing EICs to implement the policies, etc.	Feb. 10	Shelden	2/19	DO PASS	2/19
HB 746	Act to restrict the acceptance by the state of land obtained through condemnation procedures by the US unless approved by the MT legislature, etc.	Feb. 12	Curtiss	2/19	Referred to Judiciary	Feb. 15
HB 759	Act to revise and clarify the laws related to forest fire hazard reduction withholding rates and make them more enforceable, etc.	Feb. 12	Bertelsen	2/19	DO PASS	2/19
HJR 36	Urges development of the Missouri River channel in order to accommodate barge traffic to transport cereal grains and other cargo.	Feb. 12	Nathe	2/19	DO PASS	2/19
HB 773	Act to create a pilot grant cost-sharing program on Flathead Lake for marina operators to install facilities for the proper disposal of human wastes from boat, etc.	Feb. 13	Seibert		Referred to B&I	2/14
HB 785	Revise the laws relating to antiquities; creating a preservation advisory board and an historical preservation office, etc.	Feb. 13	Dussault	2/19	DO PASS	2/19

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HB 790	Creates an interim legislative committee to study the problem of controlling the use, disposal, and recycling of beverage containers for beer and soft, etc.	Feb. 13	Hemstad	Feb. 19	Tabled	2/19
HJR 37	Outlines the plan for implementing the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act.	Feb. 13	Azzara		Referred to B&I	2/14
HB 792	Establishes compensation for the surface owner due to damage to the surface and interference with the use of the surface arising from oil and gas drilling and production, etc.	Feb. 14	Day	Feb. 19	Do Not Pass	2/20
HB 816	Act to amend the Hard Rock Mining Act to further define terms and provide additional requirements before exploration and mining may occur; etc.	Feb. 14	Day	Feb. 19	Do Pass	2/19
HJR 42	Urges the committee on priorities to assign to an interim joint legislative subcommittee the study of Montana's Greenbelt Law.	Feb. 14	Azzara	March 2	DO PASS	3/2
SB 185	Act to add "sewage effluent" to the definition of water as used in Title 85, Chapter 2, MCA.	Feb. 14	Dover	March 7	Be Concurred In	3/7

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HB 2	Established refund values for beverage containers sold in MT, labeling requirements for beverage containers, requirements for redemption centers, retailers, etc.	2/15	Vincent	2/19	Do Pass	2/19
HB 823	Revises the underground conversion of utilities law to provide for allocation of costs, etc.	2/15	Fagg	2/19	Do Pass	2/19
HB 829	Revise the major facilities and siting; etc.	2/15	Bardanoue	2/16	Tabled	2/19
HB 329	Act extending the period of effectiveness of the act establishing the energy supply alert and vesting emergency powers in the governor, etc.	2/15	Shelden	2/19	Do Pass	2/19
HJR 45	Urges the United States Interstate Commerce Commission to revise rail freight rates so as not to discriminate against recycled materials.	2/16	House Natural Resources Committee	2/19	Do Pass	2/19
SJR 8	Urgine the completion of the rereg dam on the Kootenai River	2/16	Hafferman	3/12	Be Concurred In As Amended	3/21

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HB 869	Requires the recording and annual registration of all mineral rights; providing a penalty for failure to pay the recording and registration, etc.	Feb. 17	Hirsch		Referred to Taxation	Feb. 19
HB 883	Generally revises the law relating to major facilities and siting; etc.	Feb. 20	Bardanoue Scully	Feb. 19	No Recommendation	Feb. 19
SB 320	Act clarifying definitions under the Montana Major Facility Siting Act.	Feb. 19	Story	March 9	Be Not Concurred In	March 19
SB 323	Act providing that certain natural gas or crude oil facilities and associated facilities are not within the definition of 'facility' under the MESA, etc.	Feb. 19	E. Smith	March 7	Be Concurred In As Amended	March 19
SB 246	Act to change the composition of the EQC and rename it the Legislative Environmental Council, etc.	Feb. 20	Hager	March 2	Be Not Concurred In	3/2
SB 453	Act to generally revise the metal mine reclamation laws, etc.	Feb. 22	Manley	March 19	Tabled	March 19

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SJR 18	Requests immediate action to resolve the uncertainties surrounding land proposed as wilderness, discourage delay, and to require in-depth analysis before any decision.	2/22	Roskie	March 7	Referred from committee to second reading	March 13
SB 506	Amends the MT Environmental Policy Act to specify that the act does not expand the substantive decisionmaking authority of state agencies.	2/28	Natural Resources Committee	3/16	Be Not Concurred In	March 19
SB 514	Act to revise the MFSA Act.	2/28	Roskie	March 9	Table	March 19
SB 515	Act to make only those amendments necessary to bring the Montana Strip and Underground Mine Rec. Act into compliance with public law, etc.	2/28	Graham	March 14	Be Concurred In As Amended	March 21
SB 368	Requires counties to distribute forest reserve funds to municipalities within the county according to population, etc.	3/1	Himsl	March 16	Be Not Concurred In	March 19
HBK 51	Have the EQC study the problems of bentonite development.	3/5	Bertelsen	March 16	Do Pass	March 19

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HJR 60	Requests the EQC to study laws relating to review procedures for permits required for projects which contemplate the use of the state's natural resources for the purpose of co-ordinating such permit procedures.	Mar. 22	Nathe	March 30	Do Pass As Amended	March 30
HJR 67	Encourages the examination of a policy of the Bur. of Rec. regarding the fencing of Tiber Reservoir in North Central Montana.	April 7	Underdahl	April 9	Do Pass	April 9