

STATUS SHEET

WATER COMMITTEE

1981 Legislature

Bill No.	Subject Matter	Date In	Sponsor	Hearing Date	Committee Action	Date Out
SB 243	To delegate authority to the DNRC to authorize diversions from the Yellowstone River Basin under Art. X of the Y. Riv. Compact.	2/21	Graham	3/12/81	AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN	3/24/81
SB 470	To regulate the construction of dams and reservoirs; to provide for inspections and penalties; amending MCA.	3/3	Stimatz	3/19/81	transferred to Appropriations Committee	3/23
HJR 53	Encourages the Secretary of Interior to take steps to turn over the management of the Mission, Flathead, and Jocko Irrigation districts to a local entity.	3/19	Jensen Turnage	3/24/81	Indefinitely Postponed	3/24
SB 409	To create a water dev. program est. a loan & grant program for water development projects and activities; est. an account etc.	3/26	Manning	3/31/81	AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN	4/3
HB 846	To appropriate funds to the DNRC for the rehabilitation of the Tongue River Dam and to approve the issuance of stat of MT coal sev. tax bonds for a st-fed cost share	4/3	Asay	4/3	BE CONCURRED IN	4/3
HB 851	Authorizing the issuance of and creating a state debt for water development bonds in an amount not to exceed \$5 million; and providing an effective date.	4/3	Bardanoue	4/3	BE CONCURRED IN	4/3

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HB 667	Revising and clarifying the adjudication of water rights re: water master, filing fee, prelim. decree, time limit extension etc.	2-6	Roth	2/19/81	DO PASS	2/20
HB 670	To ensure effective utilization of potential of the agricultural lands in Montana by reserving limited amounts of ground water.	2/6	Curtiss	2/19/81	TABLED	2/19
SB 176	For an exception to permit requirements whenever appropriation of groundwater is by means of a well or dev. spring with a max appro. of less than 100 gal per min. etc. To prohibit the board of Nat. Resources and Cons. from granting a min. flow reservation a preference over or priority date earlier than an ag. reserv. cons. concurr.	2/7	Stimatz	3-10-81 2/17/81	AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN	3/24
SB 285	To create the office of chief water judge; to provide for the appointment, responsibilities, jurisdiction, and admin. requirements.	2/10	Story	3/5/81	BE NOT CONCURRED IN	3/26
SB 347	To create the office of chief water judge; to provide for the appointment, responsibilities, jurisdiction, and admin. requirements.	2/18	Galt	3/10	transferred to Appropriations Committee AS AMENDED BE CONCURRED IN	3/23
SB 297	To define "surface water and to amend the definition of "groundwater" amending Sections 85-2-102 and 85-2-501, MCA.	2/19	Turnage	3/12	BE NOT CONCURRED IN	3/20/81

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HB 551	To establish a public interest criterion for the issuance of water right permits; amending MCA providing an imme. eff. date.	1/28/81	Kemmis	Sponsor Working on Amend. Ext: 2/17/81	Do Not Pass As Amend	2/19/81
SB 59	To amend MCA to provide that the exemption for a stock watering pit of less than 15 acre ft. applies only if the parcel is 40 acres or larger.	1/29/81	S. Brown	2/12/81 2/3/81	Do Pass As Amend. Be Not Concurred In	2/12/81 2/5/81
SB 110	An act deleting the requirement that a decree of water right be certified to evoke an exception to the filing fee.	1/30/81	Story	3/5/81	As amend. Be Concurred In	3/10/81
HB 596	To recognize a secondary easement for maint. of a canal; to prohibit impairment of easements; to provide costs and attorney's fees in actions under this act.	1/31/81	Williams	1/12/81	Do Pass	2/17/81

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HB 120	To remove law for reservation of water by govt. entities & repeal the Yellowstone River Basin moratorium provisions regarding reservations.	1/12/81	Conroy	Hold	Tabled	
HB 194	To make a water reservation or a modification of a reservation provisional and subject to repeal or change by Legislature.	1/14/81	Ellison Roth	2/3 1/27	Do Not Pass	2/5/81
HB 269	An Act to revise the law concerning administration of irrigation districts; limits on levies, vacancies, document filling, raising contract and removing contract req.	1/16/81	McLane	ES 2/3 1/22/81	Do Pass As Amended	2/3/81
HB 324	Amending Sec. 85-2-306, MCA, to except from the water appropriation permit process the requirement for application for permit, etc.	1/19/81	Burnett	E.S. 2/3/81 1/27/81	Do Not Pass As Amend. Recon: Do Pass As Amend.	2/3/81 2/5/81
HB 494	To require the board of NRC to allow adequate time for a conservation district to develop plan for reservation of H ₂ O and assist the district.	1/26/81	Curtiss	2/5/81	Do Pass As Amend.	2/10/81
HB 529	To require applicants for and holders of reservations of water to maintain minimum flow or quality to prove that sufficient unappropriated water is available.	1/28/81	Roth	2/17/81	Do Pass As Amend.	2/20/81