

HOUSE BILL NO. 511

1/26 Introduced  
1/26 Referred to Judiciary  
2/12 Hearing  
2/23 Adverse Committee Report  
2/25 Objection to Adverse Committee Report  
2/26 Rereferred to Judiciary  
Died in Committee

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2    INTRODUCED BY Stamm

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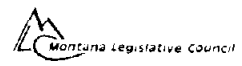
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16    example and by way of punishing the defendant. Punitive  
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ON JUDICIARY  
AS AMENDED  
RECOMMEND DO NOT PASS  
OBJECTION RAISED TO  
ADVERSE COMMITTEE REPORT

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