

# **Council Legislative Committee**

**DATE: Wednesday, March 22, 2023**

**TIME: 4:00 PM**

**PLACE: City Hall Conference Room  
210 N. 27th Street, Billings, MT-**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Mayor/Council:** X Kendra Shaw – Ward 1; Roy Neese – Ward 2; X Danny Choriki – Ward 3; X Pam Purinton – Ward 4; Tom Rupsis – Ward 5

**Staff:** Chris Kukulski

**Public:**

## **Agenda**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**00:17** (Public comment is limited to three minutes or as set by the presiding officer. Please sign in on the roster provided Comments are to be directed to agenda items and items within the scope of this committee)

**TOPIC # 1 –**

**00:36** HB 844 to be presented by Tim Lofing (5 min...call in)

**PRESENTER**

Timothy Lofing

**NOTES /  
OUTCOME:**

MEDIA act - raise the incentive tax credit cap  
Goals: studio outside Billings (job creator); education; positive ROI back to the state of MT  
Upcoming hearing: house taxation 3/27/23

**TOPIC # 2 -**

**16:20** Discuss and formulate options on current bills in the legislature and on the Crowley Fleck report. (50 min)

**PRESENTER**

*Pam Purinton/Chris Kukulski*

<b>NOTES / OUTCOME:</b>	<p>SB 131 - substitute bill being drafted to lift \$200 fee (support if amended)</p> <p>HB 827 - Brewster's bill \$17 million for reservoir (hearing Monday 3/27 at 3pm)</p> <p>Senate public safety bills - hearing tomorrow (3/23)</p> <p>SB 182 - CM Owen recommends city support</p> <p>HB 692 - "Revising laws related to appointment of counsel" (city opposes as currently written)</p> <p>SB 511- "Revise government entity limitations on property tax increases" (city opposes as a concept; monitor 1st hearing)</p> <p>SB 517 - "Establish graduated fee on short term rentals with money going to housing" (monitor)</p> <p>SB 519 - "Revise maximum mill levy collection" (monitor)</p> <p>SB 523 - TIF laws - any bonding must have voter approval; cannot buy land; blight definition change (oppose)</p> <p>HB 128 - Marijuana (monitor)</p> <p>HB 355 - Infrastructure (support)</p> <p>HB 828 - "Authorize an ambulance provider assessment program" (monitor)</p> <p>SB 245 - Multi-family zoning: height restrictions, setbacks, parking (oppose without amendments on height restriction)</p> <p>SB 272 - Sheriff's First bill (oppose)</p> <p>HB 35 - Heights Water District (support)</p> <p>HB 381 - Meth reporting (support)</p> <p>HB 675 - Consolidation of Water Districts (support)</p> <p>HB 534 - Raising cap in municipal court (3/29 hearing, 3pm)</p> <p>HB 523 - MERA reporting bill (monitor)</p> <p>HB 426 - DOC pre-release program (support)</p> <p>SB 195 - "Exempt certain structures from building code fire sprinkler requirement" (??)</p> <p>HB 681 - Revise DUI blood testing laws (monitor)</p>
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<b>TOPIC # 3</b>	
<b>NOTES / OUTCOME:</b>	

<b>TOPIC # 4</b>	Items to add to next or future meeting agenda
<b>PRESENTER</b>	

<b>NOTES / OUTCOME:</b>	Continue above discussion on bills addressing city's priorities.
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<b>Public Comment</b>	
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<b>Adjourn by 5:00 PM</b>	<b>1:16:00</b>
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