

Billings City Administration Weekly Report

April 5, 2019

1) **Legislative Update – also see attached Crowley Fleck report**

- a. **HB – 325 & 357** - Billings, along with the MLCT, MACo, School Board Superintendents and School Boards opposed HB 325 & 357. Both bills restrict local government's authority to regulate guns in public buildings (schools, courts, city halls etc.) Since both bills sailed through both houses we are working the Governor's office for an amendatory veto. If successful, the bills may be back on the house floor next week.
- b. **SB 160** - the presumptive illness bill passed out of committee unanimously this week and is headed to the house floor for second reading today. Current estimates from the Montana Municipal Inter-local Authority (MMIA) estimate that the bill will increase the City's costs by over \$750,000 annually. Additional amendments have been made proposed to reduce
- c. **SB 147** – the human trafficking bill carried by Sen. Margie MacDonald had its hearing in the House Judiciary Committee on Wednesday. The bill passed the senate 49-1. We expect executive action next week to advance SB 147 to the House floor.
- d. **HB 773** – shifts costs from the State to local government for the Office of Public Defenders. The bill has been amended into a study bill. The bill will be heard Monday in front of the Senate Finance and Claims Committee. We need this bill to pass. Any help contacting local legislators who sit on the committee is appreciated.

2) **Budget Presentations** – We spent much of the week in budget presentations. All departments have completed their presentations. Our team will spend the next several weeks balancing the budget. Public presentations will take place throughout April and May.

3) **Board meetings**

- a. **SBURA** – The board approved the amended payback agreement, as recommended by the administration, between Steve Zeier and SBURA. The amended agreement shortens the pay-pack timeline from December to June 2019. This matches the current contract period between the two parties.

The board also discussed a proposal, from the administration, to have SBURA pay for the City's law enforcement evidence building. The project is in the design phase and is estimated to cost ~\$3.8 million. Finance, PD and administration will attend the next SBURA meeting to present the project and answer questions. If SBURA and the Council agree to use TIF funds to pay for the project, it will help our public safety fund prepare for anticipated investments in upcoming years.

- b. **North Park** – Superintendent Upham presented the high school levy to the task force and answered questions. Mail ballots go out later in April for the May 7 election. PD presented the police activity report and the task force chair highlighted the City’s CIP and recently adopted priorities for 2019.

- 4) **Citizen Police Academy** – I was accepted into the Citizen Police Academy. The 8-week course starts April 16 and runs through June 4. This is a great way to learn about the opportunities and challenges our officer’s face. There may still be a slot available if anyone you know (hint/hint) wants to join me.

- 5) **Pryor/Chief Plenty Coups** – Thank you council member Yakawich for introducing me to a number of wonderful people at the Pryor senior center. Lunch was great and the conversations were invaluable. I look forward to building trusting relationships with our neighbors.

Have a great weekend



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WEEKLY ABRIDGED SESSION REPORT











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PLEASE NOTE: This is an abridged report which includes bills in the following categories: (1) bills which the City of Billings has taken a support or oppose position and which have survived transmittal or not yet reached its transmittal deadline; (2) bills of interest which the City of Billings has specifically requested to be included on this list; and (3) newly introduced bills that we are requesting the City of Billings to review and inform us of a position. A full report of every bill being tracked for the City of Billings is maintained at the offices of Crowley Fleck, PLLP and is available upon request.

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Bills with positions that have survived or not yet reached transmittal deadline



| Bill Type - Number | LC Number | Primary Sponsor | Status | Status Date | Short Title | Position: Support; Monitor; Oppose |
|--|-----------|------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| HB 16   | LC0131 | Dave Fern (D) HD 5 | (S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading | 04/03/2019 | Establish affordable housing loan program | Support |
| HB 146   | LC1314 | Kenneth L Holmlund (R) HD 38 | (S) Committee Report-- Bill Concurred -- (S) Judiciary | 04/01/2019 | Establish laws regarding sanctuary cities in Montana | Oppose |
| HB 192   | LC2899 | Marilyn Ryan (D) HD 99 | (H) Returned from Enrolling | 04/01/2019 | Revise laws related to privacy in communications | Support |
| HB 218   | LC1297 | Sue Vinton (R) HD 56 | (S) Hearing -- (S) Education and Cultural Resources | 03/22/2019; 3:00 PM, Rm 422 | Generally revise laws related to career and technical education | Support |
| HB 232   | LC2402 | Bill Mercer (R) HD 46 | (S) Tabled in Committee -- (S) Taxation | 03/12/2019 | Revise assessment of taxes during condemnation proceedings | Oppose |

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|--|-----------|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| HB 236   | LC3012 | Dave Fern (D) HD 5 | (S) Tabled in Committee -- (S) Local Government | 03/11/2019 | Generally revise building code program laws | Support |
| HB 292   | LC0232 | Barry Usher (R) HD 40 | (S) Scheduled for 2nd Reading | 04/03/2019 | Extend funding to Coal Board | Support |
| HB 295   | LC1296 | Fred Anderson (R) HD 20 | (S) 2nd Reading Concurred | 04/03/2019 | Create grant program to encourage work-based learning | Support |
| HB 325   | LC2922 | Matt Regier (R) HD 4 | (S) Returned to House | 04/02/2019 | Generally revise firearm laws | Oppose |
| HB 357   | LC2997 | Matt Regier (R) HD 4 | (S) Returned to House | 04/02/2019 | Revise concealed carry laws | Oppose |
| HB 462   | LC3199 | Tom Burnett (R) HD 67 | (S) Tabled in Committee -- (S) Taxation | 03/25/2019 | Revise administration of tax increment financing districts | Oppose |
| HB 567   | LC1875 | Derek Skees (R) HD 11 | (S) Committee Report-- Bill Concurred -- (S) Judiciary | 04/02/2019 | Establish Montana school marshal program | Oppose |
| SB 2   | LC0125 | Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) SD 26 | Chapter Number Assigned | 03/20/2019 | Allow government accounting standards to include DOA framework | Support |
| SB 24   | LC0154 | Terry Gauthier (R) SD 40 | (H) Hearing -- (H) Fish, Wildlife and Parks | 03/28/2019; 3:00 PM, Rm 172 | Increase optional light motor vehicle registration fee for parks and recreation | Support |
| SB 147   | LC1029 | Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D) SD 26 | (H) Hearing -- (H) Judiciary | 04/03/2019; 8:00 AM, Rm 137 | Revising laws concerning human trafficking and sex crimes to protect victims | Support |

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|--|-----------|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--|--|
| SB 160   | LC1077 | Nate McConnell (D) SD 48 | (H) Hearing -- (H) Business and Labor | 03/15/2019; 8:30 AM, Rm 172 | Provide workers' compensation for presumptive diseases of firefighters | Support |
| SB 164   | LC1472 | Fred Thomas (R) SD 44 | (H) Tabled in Committee -- (H) Education | 04/01/2019 | Generally revise school safety laws | Oppose |
| SB 254   | LC3240 | Diane Sands (D) SD 49 | (H) Hearing -- (H) State Administration | 04/02/2019; 8:00 AM, Rm 455 | Revise laws regarding chief municipal judges | Support |
| SB 276   | LC0690 | Roger Webb (R) SD 23 | (H) Scheduled for 3rd Reading | 04/03/2019 | Revise laws related to condos and townhouses | Bill would be acceptable if amendments are added |
| SB 300   | LC2998 | Kenneth Bogner (R) SD 19 | (H) Committee Report-- Bill Concurred as Amended -- (H) Judiciary | 04/02/2019 | Generally revise property laws to protect property rights | Oppose |









**City of Billings
Bills of interest**





| Bill Draft No. (LC No.) | Request Date | Primary Sponsor | Status | Status Date | Short Title | Position: Support; Monitor; Oppose |
|--|--------------|------------------------------|--|-------------|--|---|
| HB 299   | LC2936 | Jasmine Krotkov (D) HD 25 | Chapter Number Assigned | 04/01/2019 | Generally revising laws related to improvement district bonds | Monitor |
| SB 48   | LC0440 | Tom Richmond (R) SD 28 | (H) 2nd Reading Concurred | 04/03/2019 | Revise variances to water quality standards | Monitor |
| LC0181 | 08/24/2018 | Terry Gauthier (R) SD 40 | (C) Draft On Hold | 11/07/2018 | Generally revise human trafficking and child exploitation laws | CoB's CM not in favor, but hasn't seen specific language yet |
| LC1082 | 11/12/2018 | Mary Caferro (D) HD 81 | (C) Draft On Hold | 03/23/2019 | Revise employment leave laws for certain paid, unpaid situations | Monitor |
| LC1168   | 11/13/2018 | Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42 | (C) Draft Delivered to Requester | 02/15/2019 | Generally revise zoning laws | Oppose |
| LC1173   | 11/13/2018 | Jill Cohenour (D) SD 42 | (C) Draft Ready for Delivery | 02/09/2019 | Generally revise subdivision and plating laws | Oppose |
| LC1550 | 11/26/2018 | Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45 | (C) Draft On Hold | 12/06/2018 | Generally revise human trafficking laws | Similar to 1029...Billings CM supports this bill |
| LC1685   | 11/28/2018 | Janet Ellis (D) SD 41 | (C) Draft Delivered to Requester | 01/09/2019 | Clarify that local governments can issue bonds for street maintenance projects | Support |
| LC1893 | 12/03/2018 | Derek Skees (R) HD 11 | (C) Draft On Hold | 12/06/2018 | Revise TIF laws regarding use of tax increments | Monitor |
| LC2417 | 12/05/2018 | Gordon Vance (R) SD 34 | (C) Draft On Hold | 12/07/2018 | Prohibit housing provisions in land use regulations | Monitor |

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| LC3087   | 01/07/2019 | Jason W Ellsworth (R) SD 43 | (C) Draft Ready for Delivery | 02/07/2019 | Create fairness in subdivision exemption law | Monitor; Oppose as written |
| LC3088 | 01/07/2019 | Jason W Ellsworth (R) SD 43 | (C) Draft On Hold | 01/07/2019 | Objective review of subdivision exemptions | Monitor; Oppose as written |

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Newly introduced bills that we are requesting the City of Billings to review and inform us of a position

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| HB 652   | LC2785 | Mike Hopkins (R) HD 92 | (S) Hearing -- (S) Finance and Claims | 04/02/2019; 8:00 AM, Rm 317 | Revise the long range building bonding program | |
| HB 656   | LC1861 | Joel G Krautter (R) HD 35 | (S) Hearing -- (S) Taxation | 04/10/2019; 9:00 AM, Rm 405 | Generally revise oil and gas tax and distribution laws | |
| HB 718   | LC1516 | Robert Farris-Olsen (D) HD 79 | (H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal* | 04/01/2019 | Generally revise domestic violence protections | |
| HB 730   | LC1598 | Lola Sheldon- Galloway (R) HD 22 | (H) Missed Deadline for | 04/01/2019 | Increase penalties for certain crimes committed against a pregnant woman | |

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| | | | Revenue Bill Transmittal* | | | |
| HB 749   | LC0043 | Daniel Zolnikov (R) HD 45 | (S) Hearing -- (S) Judiciary | 04/11/2019; 9:00 AM, Rm 303 | Generally revise human trafficking laws | |
| SB 307   | LC0518 | Jeffrey W Welborn (R) SD 36 | (H) Committee Report--Bill Concurred -- (H) Business and Labor | 04/03/2019 | Generally revising alternative project delivery laws | |
| SB 324   | LC1219 | Tom Jacobson (D) SD 11 | (H) Referred to Committee -- (H) Judiciary | 04/02/2019 | Revise definition of elder abuse | |