

2021 VOTING REVIEW

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the Montana Legislature



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Countless Wins for Business in 2021 Legislature

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The Montana Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present the 2021 Voting Review of the 67th regular session of the Montana Legislature and Governor. This review is the most comprehensive analysis of business and economic issues addressed during the session. We publish this review to provide our members and Montana voters with information on pro-business bills, anti-business bills, and how legislators and the governor addressed both. While no voting study tells the entire story of a legislator's approach to business issues, we report on a diverse selection of bills that collectively impact the entire business community.

The session adjourned *sine die* on Thursday, April 29 after 80 working days. Guided by our 10-year strategic plan, Envision 2026, the Montana Chamber recorded several victories by advancing business-friendly legislation and defeating proposals that would harm our business climate. In all, the Montana Chamber had more than 450 introduced bills on its watch list this session, and we testified on nearly 100 of them on behalf of business.

The Montana Chamber's "core four" priority bills delivered meaningful reform to ensure a more predictable legal climate in our state:

- HB 254 modernizes Montana's Wrongful Discharge from Employment Act for the benefit of both employers and employees;
- SB 65 enacts COVID-19 liability protections for all Montana businesses;
- SB 251 clarifies that medical expense damages in personal injury lawsuits are limited to amounts actually paid to health care providers; and
- SB 338 reins in property owner liability to unwanted trespassers.

The Montana Chamber also worked with the Gianforte administration on tax reform that will drive investment into our state. Business equipment tax relief, income tax reductions, and incentives to encourage startup companies are major victories for Montana's economy. We also completed some unfinished business from a previous legislature by helping pass long-needed tax code simplification.

To address workforce development, the Montana Chamber removed barriers to work-based learning and advocated for career and technical education. Legislative victories included funding for trades education, clarifying workers' compensation coverage in work-based learning, and lifting regulations to allow experienced tradespeople to teach.

The Montana Chamber and Montana Infrastructure Coalition (MIC) collaborated with lawmakers to fund critical-need infrastructure projects across the state. Funding bills this session were backed with federal COVID-19 relief money, providing Montana with an opportunity to chip away at its infrastructure deficit without having to issue bonds. This comes in addition to nearly \$600 million in federal relief for local water and capital projects and \$275 million for broadband infrastructure.

As the only statewide organization that represents general business interests, the Montana Chamber was often the leading voice for business to prevent consequential policy in human resources. With help from our pro-business allies, we also defeated bills to increase taxes, workers' compensation costs, and unnecessary regulation. Preventing an erosion of Montana's business climate is just as important as advancing proposals to improve it.

The Montana Chamber thanks our state's 150 citizen legislators and the governor. While we agree or agree to disagree on business issues, we respect and appreciate every lawmaker. Also essential were the legislative staff, all of whom were helpful during each step of the lawmaking process.

Special thanks are in order to the lobbying team with Browning, Kaleczyc, Berry & Hoven and contract help in Leo Berry, Dave Galt, Brian Thompson and Steve Wade. The Montana Chamber would not have covered all its bases without them, and their legal expertise gave our organization an edge with well-vetted bill language ahead of session. Montana Chamber president and CEO Todd O'Hair was an excellent leader, and we effectively engaged our members with the help of communications manager Kimberly Seligman.

Aside from our staff, local chambers, trade groups, and business lobbyists who partnered with us to get things done, the participation of our committed board of directors and members was vital to our success. When we called on you to testify, contact lawmakers, or provide input, you were there. With the 2021 legislative session behind us, we still have work to do. As your 24/7/365 business advocate, the Montana Chamber will continue working toward achieving the objectives of Envision 2026 and beyond.



METHODOLOGY BEHIND THE BUSINESS SCORE

The Montana Chamber's top bills embodied the priorities of Envision 2026 — our strategic plan for Montana's future. We started by selecting a number of floor votes from each legislative body. We assigned different points for these votes, since some bills were more important to us than others. We also looked at the votes of members who sat on business-related committees, such as Business and Labor and Taxation. Finally, we added points for legislators who introduced or carried pro-business bills and subtracted points from legislators who introduced or carried anti-business bills.

Using all these factors allows the Montana Chamber to more accurately gauge an individual lawmaker's overall friendliness to business, economic development, and job creation legislation. Here is how the **Legislator Score** is calculated:

FLOOR VOTES:

On floor votes, legislators earned between 1 and 15 points for each bill when the legislator supported the Montana Chamber position. If a bill is assigned a higher point value, it indicates the bill was more important. No points were awarded for votes against the Montana Chamber position. For bills debated on the House or Senate floor, this review usually used Third Reading votes, as taken from the House and Senate journals. The Third Reading vote is the last vote on each bill, and represents a legislator's final decision on any matter before them. If the bill did not reach Third Reading or a legislator was absent or excused for Third Reading, we went back and looked at how the legislator voted on Second Reading and scored accordingly. A legislator's score was not impacted if the legislator was excused for both Second and Third Reading votes on a bill.

SPONSOR and CARRIER POINTS:

Points were awarded to legislators who sponsored a pro-business bills that was supported by the Montana Chamber. If a legislator sponsored an anti-business bill that was opposed by the Montana Chamber, points were subtracted. The number of points awarded/deducted from a legislator's score are proportional to a given bill's assigned value. Points were awarded or subtracted for legislators who carried select bills on the floor.

COMMITTEE VOTES:

Legislators on certain committees were given points for each bill when the legislator supported the Montana Chamber position. No points were awarded for votes against the Montana Chamber position, but the opportunity to have voted for the pro-business position is calculated in those legislators' scores.

LEGISLATOR SCORE:

Legislators have a different number of points possible, depending on floor votes, committee assignments, and bill sponsorship. A legislator's individual points earned were divided by the total points possible for that legislator. This final number is the legislator's score. While this score does not encompass all votes on business issues, it is a reliable indicator of how lawmakers prioritize business issues. [The Governor's Score is explained on Page 18 of this Review.](#)

LIFETIME SCORE:

The Montana Chamber also indicates each legislator's "lifetime" score, the average of each legislator's scores with the Montana Chamber throughout their tenure in the legislature. The Montana Chamber recognizes that budget constraints or political dynamics will often prevent the legislature from considering all issues that matter to business in each session. Therefore, the "lifetime" score demonstrates a legislator's general reliability on business issues as they are addressed over multiple sessions.



Floor Value	Sponsor Points	Carrier Points
15	5	4
10	4	3
5	3	2
3	2	1
1	1	0

RECOGNITION OF PRO-BUSINESS POLICYMAKERS

Most policymakers do not get the credit or thanks they deserve for their sacrifice and hard work. This review is designed to recognize reliable policymakers who stand up for job creation, free enterprise, and economic development. These are the awards we are distributing after the 2021 Legislative session:

“MOST VALUABLE POLICYMAKER” (MVP) AWARD:

The Montana Chamber recognizes a policymaker for exceptional service to business with a “Most Valuable Policymaker” (MVP) Award. This award is reserved for a policymaker who worked diligently to improve Montana’s business climate by creating jobs and economic opportunity. To be considered for the MVP Award, a policymaker must meet the following criteria: (1) received a Legislator Score that meets or exceeds 90%; (2) no sponsorship of anti-business legislation; (3) supported the Montana Chamber’s top six priorities; and (4) sponsored a major piece of pro-business legislation that was a top priority of the Montana Chamber.



Steve Fitzpatrick
SD 10 - Great Falls

MVP OF THE 2021 LEGISLATURE: Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (SD 10-Great Falls)

Having passed nearly 50 bills, Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick stayed busy in the 2021 Legislative Session. Among these was SB 65 – COVID-19 business liability protections – a Montana Chamber priority that the senator was able to fast track through the process and become the first significant policy legislation signed by the new governor. Sen. Fitzpatrick was instrumental in advancing nearly every pro-business bill, whether he was sponsor or provided drafting guidance. This leadership and engagement at every stage of policymaking made him an easy choice for MVP. Sen. Fitzpatrick served as Chair of the influential Senate Business and Labor Committee for a second consecutive session while taking every opportunity to speak in support of good business bills and in opposition to harmful proposals.

“CHAMPION OF BUSINESS” AWARD:

The Montana Chamber recognizes policymakers from the House and Senate with its “Champion of Business” Award. To be considered for the “Champion of Business” Award, a policymaker must meet the following criteria: (1) received a Legislator Score that meets or exceeds 90%; (2) no sponsorship of anti-business legislation; and (3) supported the Montana Chamber’s top four priorities.

SENATE: Mark Blasdel (SD 4), Bob Brown (SD 7), Mike Cuffe (SD 1), Jason Ellsworth (SD 43), John Esp (SD 30), Chris Friedel (SD 26), Terry Gauthier (SD 40), Bruce Gillespie (SD 9), Carl Glimm (SD 2), Greg Hertz (SD 6), Steve Hinebauch (SD 18), Brian Hoven (SD 13), David Howard (SD 29), Doug Kary (SD 22), Mike Lang (SD 17), Theresa Manzella (SD 44), Tom McGillvray (SD 23), Ryan Osmundson (SD 15), Keith Regier (SD 3), Walt Sales (SD 35), Daniel Salomon (SD 47), Cary Smith (SD 27), Gordon Vance (SD 34), Jeffrey Welborn (SD 36)

HOUSE: Fred Anderson (HD 20), Dan Bartel (HD 29), Becky Beard (HD 80), David Bedey (HD 86), Seth Berglee (HD 58), Marta Bertoglio (HD 75), Larry Brewster (HD 44), Ed Buttrey (HD 21), Jennifer Carlson (HD 69), Geraldine Custer (HD 39), Julie Dooling (HD 70), Neil Duram (HD 2), Paul Fielder (HD 13), Ross Fitzgerald (HD 17), Frank Fleming (HD 51), Gregory Frazer (HD 78), John Fuller (HD 8), Steven Galloway (HD 24), Wylie Galt (HD 30), Frank Garner (HD 7), Jane Gillette (HD 64), Steve Gist (HD 25), Kenneth Holmlund (HD 38), Mike Hopkins (HD 92), Llew Jones (HD 18), Joshua Kassmier (HD 27), Scott Kerns (HD 23), Casey Knudsen (HD 33), Rhonda Knudsen (HD 34), Dennis Lenz (HD 53), Brandon Ler (HD 35), Denley Loge (HD 14), Marty Malone (HD 59), Ron Marshall (HD 87), Wendy McKamey (HD 19), Bill Mercer (HD 46), Braxton Mitchell (HD 3), Terry Moore (HD 54), Fiona Nave (HD 57), Jimmy Patelis (HD 52), Bob Phalen (HD 36), Amy Regier (HD 6), Linda Reksten (HD 12), Vince Ricci (HD 55), Kerri Seekins-Crowe (HD 43), Lola Sheldon-Galloway (HD 22), Barry Usher (HD 40), Sue Vinton (HD 56), Kenneth Walsh (HD 71), Tom Welch (HD 72), Kathy Whitman (HD 96), Katie Zolnikov (HD 45)

“HONORABLE MENTION” AWARD:

The Montana Chamber also recognize policymakers who voted pro-business most of the time. To be considered for the Montana Chamber “Honorable Mention” Award, a policymaker must meet the following criteria: (1) received a Legislator Score that meets or exceeds 80%; (2) supported at least two of the Montana Chamber’s top four priorities; and (3) no sponsorship of more than one piece of anti-business legislation.

SENATE: Duane Ankney (SD 20), Kenneth Bogner (SD 19), Bob Keenan (SD 5), Jason Small (SD 21), Russel Tempel (SD 14)

HOUSE: Michele Binkley (HD 85), Sharon Greef (HD 88), Steve Gunderson (HD 1), Ed Hill (HD 28), Caleb Hinkle (HD 68), Jedediah Hinkle (HD 67), Brian Putnam (HD 9), Joe Read (HD 93), Matt Regier (HD 4), Jerry Schillinger (HD 37), Derek Skees (HD 11), Mallerie Stromswold (HD 50), Brad Tschida (HD 97)





The four core objectives of the Montana Chamber of Commerce’s 10-year strategic plan, Envision 2026, guided the Montana Chamber during the 2021 legislative session.

We have color coded each bill number with its Envision 2026 objective.

HB 254

Revise the Wrongful Discharge Act

Sponsor: Rep. Fitzgerald – Fairfield
Carrier: Sen. Fitzpatrick – Great Falls

HB 254 modernizes Montana’s unique Wrongful Discharge from Employment Act (WDEA), which is a set of rules that govern the employment relationship and provide for an exclusive remedy in wrongful termination claims. Drafted by employment law experts, this bill extends the default employee probationary period to one year, clarifies the timeline to file and serve a WDEA claim, and limits other liability where appropriate. A Montana Chamber top priority, HB 254 allows more time for employers to evaluate employee fit and performance while maintaining the right to lost wages for employees with legitimate claims. HB 254 passed 66-34 in the House and 28-22 in the Senate. Governor Gianforte signed the bill. This vote is worth 15 points.



SB 65

COVID-19 Business Liability Protections

Sponsor: Sen. Fitzpatrick – Great Falls
Carrier: Rep. Noland – Bigfork

SB 65 is the COVID-19 liability bill that establishes reasonable protections to businesses that are doing the best they can to follow public health guidance and survive the pandemic. A top Montana Chamber priority, the legislation prevents businesses from being sued over exposure on their property. Additionally, SB 65 protects manufacturers that have converted their operations to combat the virus and offers health care providers greater discretion when delivering medical care related to COVID-19. Preventing frivolous lawsuits against businesses inspires confidence in the private sector, which helps re-open Montana’s economy and get people back to work. SB 65 was fast-tracked through the legislature, passing 32-18 in the Senate and 64-36 in the House. Governor Gianforte signed the bill. This vote is worth 15 points.



SB 251

Revise Liability Laws Related to Damages

Sponsor: Sen. Smith – Billings
Carrier: Rep. Duram – Eureka

SB 251, priority tort reform for the Montana Chamber, clarifies medical expense recoveries in personal injury lawsuits. Injured plaintiffs with a good case should be compensated for amounts they or their insurer



paid for medical care. But when recoveries are calculated using billed charges rather than actual reimbursement, “phantom damages” are created of which neither the patient nor their insurer ever paid or owed. Before this legislation, plaintiffs were receiving damages above and beyond the expenses necessary to make them whole. SB 251 limits a plaintiff’s recovery of medical expense damages to the sums actually paid to health care providers. It brings needed fairness to calculating damages, which will help reduce liability costs and stabilize liability insurance premiums for Montana businesses. SB 251 passed 31-19 in the Senate and 63-34 in the House. Governor Gianforte signed the bill. This vote is worth 15 points.

SB 338

Revise Liability Laws Regarding Trespassers

Sponsor: Sen. Lang – Malta
Carrier: Rep. Phalen – Lindsay

Another priority bill for the Montana Chamber, SB 338 clarifies the limited liability owed to trespassers on real property. It used to be common law in Montana that a land possessor was not liable for injuries sustained by a trespasser. But that changed in the 1980s when a court ruling placed our state among a small minority that require land possessors to exercise “ordinary care in the circumstances” to all entrants on the land, including unwanted trespassers. This approach has been rejected by most other states. SB 338 provides that trespassers are liable for themselves and that no duty of care is owed to them except in cases of willful or wanton misconduct by the land possessor. This legislation makes Montana’s legal climate more predictable for businesses and landowners. SB 338 passed 32-17 in the Senate and 66-31 in the House. Governor Gianforte signed the bill. This vote is worth 15 points.





Bridger Mahlum testifies during the 2021 Session.

HB 303

Business Investment Grows Jobs Act

Sponsor: Rep. Kassmier – Fort Benton
Carrier: Sen. Hoven – Great Falls

A major victory for small businesses and manufacturers, HB 303 significantly reduces the business equipment tax by increasing the exemption amount to the first \$300,000 of equipment market value. Raising the exemption threefold will end this tax for thousands of Montana businesses. It also reimburses local governments, schools, and the university system for lost revenue from the reduction in taxable value of Class 8 property. HB 303 passed 64-33 in the House and 39-11 in the Senate. Governor Gianforte signed this priority bill for his administration. This vote is worth 10 points.

SB 399

Revise and Simplify Income Taxes

Sponsor: Sen. Hertz – Polson
Carrier: Rep. Rhonda Knudsen – Culbertson

SB 399 helps individual and corporate income taxpayers across the state by making filing status the same as federal and requiring Montana returns to start with federal taxable income. Simplification is achieved by substantially reducing the additions, subtractions, and credits from federal taxable income. SB 399 also reduces the individual income tax rates from seven to two: 4.7% and 6.5%. The

Montana Chamber worked with CPAs, legislators, and Governor Gianforte to secure this win for tax administration. SB 399 passed 30-20 in the Senate and 67-31 in the House. Governor Gianforte signed the bill. This vote is worth 10 points.

HB 11

Treasure State Endowment Program

Sponsor: Rep. McKamey – Great Falls
Carrier: Sen. Cuffe – Eureka

HB 11 appropriates funding to construct water and wastewater infrastructure in Montana. The Treasure State Endowment Program (TSEP) is a vehicle to achieve this – a state-funded program that provides grants to lower the cost of constructing these public facilities projects. This bill transfers about \$19 million from the TSEP special revenue account for grants over the next biennium. The Montana Chamber and Montana Infrastructure Coalition have long made the case for critical-need infrastructure investment, and this bill presents another opportunity to do that. HB 11 passed 99-0 in the House and 49-0 in the Senate. Governor Gianforte signed the bill. This vote is worth 5 points.

HB 14

Long-Range Building Bonding Program

Sponsor: Rep. Hopkins – Missoula
Carrier: Sen. Cuffe – Eureka

HB 14 authorizes \$140.8 million to construct various capital infrastructure projects across Montana. These include university system improvements, irrigation districts, renewable resource grants, and more. Despite the bill title, HB 14 did not utilize general obligation bonding. The legislature instead used a combination of Montana funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) and general fund money to finance the legislation. Infrastructure is a priority for the Montana Chamber, and we appreciate that the legislature passed this reasonable investment proposal. HB 14 passed 95-5 in the House and 45-4 in the Senate. Governor Gianforte signed the bill. This vote is worth 5 points.

HB 246

Revise Education Laws

Sponsor: Rep. Bertoglio – Clancy
Carrier: Sen. Salomon – Ronan

HB 246 removes barriers to work-based learning, enhances alternative pathways for pupil instruction, and continues the positive momentum behind career and technical education demonstrated in recent legislative sessions. The Montana Chamber and the state's business community supported this bill because: 1) it emphasizes work-based learning partnerships and advanced opportunities; 2) it provides more flexibility for students to earn course credit; and 3) it streamlines the teacher certification process to encourage more industry experts to teach trades. HB 246 passed 99-1 in the House and 50-0 in the Senate. Governor Gianforte signed the bill. This vote is worth 5 points.

HB 252

Tax Credit for Employer-Paid Training

Sponsor: Rep. Jones – Conrad
Carrier: Sen. Salomon – Ronan

HB 252, a Gianforte administration priority, creates a tax incentive for employers to invest in their employees' continuing education. The credit is 50% of the expense paid to a third-party for training in a vocational, technical or trade profession. The credits that may be claimed for these qualifying training expenses by an employer are capped annually at \$2,000 per employee and up to \$25,000 in total. Helping businesses upskill their employees and making these pursuits more affordable are important for workforce recruitment and retention in our state. HB 252 passed 72-28 in the House and 32-18 in the Senate. Governor



Gianforte signed the bill. This vote is worth 5 points.

HB 283

Revise Work Comp Law for Student Interns

Sponsor: Rep. Anderson – Great Falls

Carrier: Sen. Ellsworth – Hamilton

The Montana Chamber heard from members that uncertainty over who was responsible for work comp coverage of students had been discouraging businesses from starting work-based learning programs. HB 283 addresses this barrier by clarifying in statute that the business partner and educational institution must mutually agree in writing which party assumes coverage for the student learner. This bill will help bring more students into the workplace and inspire careers in Montana. HB 283 passed 99-0 in the House and 50-0 in the Senate. Governor Gianforte signed the bill. This vote is worth 5 points.

HB 394

Pollution Control Equipment Tax Exemption

Sponsor: Rep. Noland – Bigfork

Carrier: Sen. Ellsworth – Hamilton

HB 394 makes permanent the 10-year tax exemption for certain pollution control and carbon capture property placed in service after 2014. A permanent tax exemption on these property types encourages innovative business investment as they work to meet energy and natural resource demands, all while complying with environmental regulations. HB 394 passed 71-28 in the House and 49-1 in the Senate. Governor Gianforte signed the bill. This vote is worth 5 points.

HB 472

Revise Liability Under the MCPA

Sponsor: Rep. Matt Regier – Kalispell

Carrier: Sen. Fitzpatrick – Great Falls

HB 472 is commonsense tort reform that narrows the focus of the Montana Consumer Protection Act (MCPA) to reflect its intended purpose – small

dollar claims. It provides that triple damages and attorney's fees are available only when the recovery is below \$100,000. This change maintains the ability to seek relief from misleading practices in the purchase of consumer goods and services, but prevents substantial base awards from unreasonably inflating the judgements. It also precludes MCPA claims from being attached to other civil claims involving substantial damages simply to obtain attorney's fees. HB 472 passed 67-32 in the House and 31-19 in the Senate. Governor Gianforte signed the bill. This vote is worth 5 points.

HB 629

Provide for Job Creation Tax Credits

Sponsor: Rep. Fern – Whitefish

Carrier: Sen. Blasdel – Kalispell

HB 629 incentivizes high-wage job creation in Montana. Businesses in select industries that hire a certain number of new employees, depending on the location of the business, are eligible for a tax credit equal to 50% of the U.S. federal payroll tax (3.825% of the wages or salary of each qualifying employee hired). The minimum qualifying wage per employee is \$50,000. A multi-industry approach to encourage wage growth, HB 629 passed 74-26 in the House and 37-13 in the Senate. Governor Gianforte signed the bill. This vote is worth 5 points.



Governor Gianforte signs into law SB 65, COVID liability protections. (L to R): Sen. Fitzpatrick, Speaker Galt, Rep. Noland, and President Blasdel look on.



Montana Chamber president and CEO Todd O'Hair delivers remarks during one of the governor's press conferences regarding COVID-19.

SB 159

Personal Income Tax Relief Act

Sponsor: Sen. Hertz – Polson

Carrier: Rep. Beard – Elliston

Another core part of Governor Gianforte's 2021 legislative agenda, SB 159 reduces the top individual income tax bracket from 6.9% to 6.75%. It contains contingency language to either delay the effective date of the rate change to avoid conflicting with ARPA or defer to the 6.5% rate that is established in SB 399. Montana's top income tax rate has not been competitive with other states in the region. Bringing this rate into the mainstream will make our state more attractive for business investment. SB 159 passed 34-16 in the Senate and 65-32 in the House. Governor Gianforte signed the bill. This vote is worth 5 points.

SB 184

Montana Entrepreneur Magnet Act

Sponsor: Sen. Blasdel – Kalispell

Carrier: Rep. Beard – Elliston

SB 184 is a tax incentive for people who start businesses in Montana. A Governor Gianforte priority, the bill creates a tax rate of 0% for qualifying net long-term capital gains income.

Color code: **Workforce Development**

Business Climate

Infrastructure Investment

Entrepreneurship



House GOP members caucus ahead of the 2021 Session (photo credit: Eric Dietrich, Montana Free Press).

The rate applies to income attributable to the sale or exchange of stock as a result of employment or service as a director of a qualifying Montana corporation. The corporations must meet certain Montana tenure and employment conditions to be eligible for the rate. This incentive, with appropriate sideboards to make it Montana-centric, is a creative approach to attracting entrepreneurs who might otherwise invest elsewhere. SB 184 passed 33-17 in the Senate and 66-30 in the House. Governor Gianforte signed the bill. This vote is worth 5 points.

HB 67 **Revise Community College Funding Laws**

Sponsor: Rep. Jones – Conrad
Carrier: Sen. Salomon – Ronan

HB 67 modifies the school funding formula for community colleges to incentivize career and technical education (CTE). These colleges will now get a funding bonus for each student enrolled in CTE, which will make program implementation more affordable. This bill is a step in the right direction to increase CTE in Montana that will help build our state's talent pipeline. HB 67 passed 96-3 in the House and 49-1 in the Senate. Governor Gianforte signed the bill. This vote is worth 3 points.

HB 261 **Constitutional Limit of Two Tax Types**

Sponsor: Rep. Skees – Kalispell

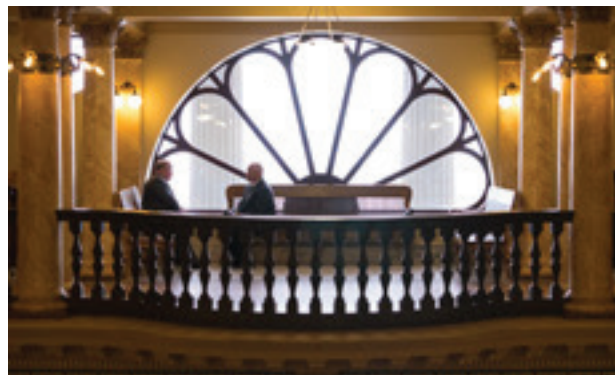
HB 261 would have proposed a constitutional amendment to prohibit any taxes other than on income, property, and a general statewide sales tax. It further required that only two of those tax types may be imposed at the same time. The Montana Chamber opposed HB 261 because it would have put additional pressure on increasing existing taxes and exacerbate Montana's already imbalanced tax structure. Passage of this bill would have limited Montana's options for meaningful, long-term tax reform. HB 261 failed 50-50 on the House floor during second reading. This vote is worth 3 points.

HB 282 **Revise Laws Related to Employing Minors**

Sponsor: Rep. Anderson – Great Falls
Carrier: Sen. Ellsworth – Hamilton

HB 282 allows student employees 16 years of age or older to perform additional work functions under certain circumstances. This is an important bill for work-based learning in Montana because it gives employers permission to assign more meaningful responsibilities to student employees at their place of work. To maintain high safety standards, the bill stipulates that student employees in this age group are under the direct supervision of a qualified person with experience in the occupation in which the minor is employed. HB 282 passed 90-9 in the House and 33-17 in the Senate. Governor Gianforte signed the bill. This vote is worth 3 points.

HB 407 **Uniformity Regarding Container Regulations**



Sponsor: Rep. Noland – Bigfork
Carrier: Sen. Gauthier – Helena

HB 407 pre-empts local governments from enacting any auxiliary container bans, taxes, or fees on plastic bottles, plastic bags, straws, lids, etc. Having the legislature dictate the use of these products ensures that businesses only have to deal with one statewide standard rather than a patchwork of local ordinances. Statewide standards exist for building codes, minimum wage, and other policy. By going this direction with many single-use retail products, Montana's regulatory climate becomes more predictable and cost-effective for many businesses. HB 407 passed 64-34 in the House and 29-20 in the Senate. Governor Gianforte signed the bill. This vote is worth 3 points.

SB 51 **Property Tax Moratorium for Broadband**

Sponsor: Sen. Ellsworth – Hamilton
Carrier: Rep. Hopkins – Missoula

SB 51 provides for a five-year property tax exemption on fiber optic and coaxial cable installed and placed in service after July 2021. After those five years, the value is phased in at a rate of 20% per year until after the tenth year, when the property would become fully taxable. The Montana Chamber backed SB 51 because it is a well-designed incentive for broadband and fiber development in unserved and underserved areas of Montana. With a reasonable phase out, this bill supports entrepreneurs who need access to improved internet speeds. SB 51 passed 31-19 in the Senate and 65-35 in the House. Governor Gianforte signed the bill. This vote is worth 3 points.

SB 118 **Bar Work Comp Benefits for False Statement**

Sponsor: Sen. Gauthier – Helena
Carrier: Rep. Noland – Bigfork

SB 118 bars workers' compensation benefits for an employee who knowingly or willfully makes a false representation on an employer-provided questionnaire about a medical condition that is relevant to the essential functions of the job

following a conditional offer of employment. This legislation improves workplace safety and will further stabilize insurance premiums for employers. SB 118 passed 31-18 in the Senate and 65-33 in the House. Governor Gianforte signed the bill. This vote is worth 3 points.

SB 297

ConnectMT Act for Broadband Deployment

Sponsor: Sen. Ellsworth – Hamilton

Carrier: Rep. Beard – Elliston

SB 297 is a framework to accept funding and prioritize broadband projects in Montana. The Department of Commerce administers the program, tasked with receiving and reviewing proposals from providers and awarding contracts. The program is intended to improve private-sector broadband service in unserved and underserved areas of the state. SB 297 sets the stage for future broadband infrastructure investment and, crucially, will be able to accept and allocate Montana's share of ARPA funding for broadband. SB 297 passed 48-2 in the Senate and 93-5 in the House. Governor Gianforte signed the bill. This vote is worth 3 points.

SB 376

Corporate Tax Modernization

Sponsor: Sen. Hertz – Polson

Carrier: Rep. Fern – Whitefish

SB 376 modifies the existing three-factor apportionment to determine corporate tax (equally weighted payroll, property, and sales) by doubling the emphasis on sales relative to the other two factors. Double weighting the sales factor better reflects the 21st century e-commerce economy, while downplaying payroll and property will encourage companies to locate operations and employees in Montana. This change to corporate tax was suggested in the Montana Chamber's 2018 study of our state's tax structure as positive reform. SB 376 passed 36-14 in the Senate and 86-14 in the House. Governor Gianforte signed this priority bill for his administration. This vote is worth 3 points.



Senate majority leader Cary Smith advances Montana Chamber priority legislation on the senate floor.

HB 188

Revise Electric Vehicle Laws and Fees

Sponsor: Rep. Loge – St. Regis

Carrier: Sen. Glimm – Kila

HB 188 provides additional revenue to the Highway Special Revenue Account by imposing a new annual registration fee on all electric vehicles. After much debate on the appropriate fee, the legislative conference committee on the bill set it at \$195 for light electric vehicles and \$375 for electric vehicles classified as heavy trucks. The Montana Chamber supported this bill because all users need to pay their fair share to maintain Montana's roads and bridges. HB 188 passed 66-30 in the House and 31-19 in the Senate. Governor Gianforte vetoed the bill with concerns about the higher fees relative to other states. This vote is worth 1 point.

HB 340

Revise the MEDIA Act Film Tax Credits

Sponsor: Rep. Galt – Martinsdale

Sponsor: Sen. Hertz – Polson

With film and television production in Montana increasing, HB 340 raises the annual cap on our state's film tax credit. The current cap of \$10 million for all claims combined is a fraction of what other, more competitive states offer to attract that

investment. Due to fiscal constraints, the budget allowed HB 340 to increase the cap only to \$12 million. The Montana Chamber supported this bill and will encourage future legislatures to continue raising the cap because film production brings ancillary economic activity that benefits Montana communities. HB 340 passed 77-20 in the House and 31-19 in the Senate. Governor Gianforte signed the bill. This vote is worth 1 point.

SB 361

Establish Certificate of Rehabilitation

Sponsor: Sen. Hoven – Great Falls

Sponsor: Rep. France – Missoula

SB 361 would have created a certificate of rehabilitation program for individuals who demonstrate their readiness to re-enter society. It also provided liability protections for businesses that give these people a second chance at employment. The Montana Chamber supported this bill because it would have expanded the workforce and given employers a standardized approach to consider applicants with a criminal history. SB 361 passed 49-0 in the Senate, but it failed in the House 36-63 over concerns about the amount of time individuals must wait before they could apply for the certificate. This vote is worth 1 point.

SJ 25

Study Statewide Sales Tax

Sponsor: Sen. Hoven – Great Falls

SJ 25 would have tasked a legislative interim committee to design a potential statewide sales tax in Montana. It would identify sales and services subject to and exempt from the tax, revenue distribution, and recommend changes to other state taxes. The study would have also appointed non-legislative members to advise, including a representative of business or industry. The Montana Chamber is a proponent of meaningful tax reform that encourages economic development, and a sales tax is important to consider in that effort. SJ 25 failed 18-32 in the Senate. This vote is worth 1 point.

Color code: **Workforce Development**

Business Climate

Infrastructure Investment

Entrepreneurship

Pro-Business Legislation

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsor	Bonus	Committee	Points
HB 11	Treasure State Endowment Program	Rep. McKamey	+3		
HB 14	Long-Range Building Bonding Program	Rep. Hopkins	+3		
HB 21	Authorize funding for the multifamily coal trust home loan program	Rep. Custer	+1	Senate Finance & Claims	3
HB 53	Revise partnership audit provisions	Rep. Hamilton	+2		
HB 62	Update water and wastewater revolving loan program	Rep. Hopkins	+1		
HB 67	Generally revise community college funding laws	Rep. Jones	+2		
HB 89	Revise transformational learning program	Rep. McKamey	+1		
HB 158	Create study commission to review Covid-19 statute & rule suspensions	Rep. C Hinkle	+1		
HB 188	Generally revise electric vehicle laws and fees	Rep. Loge	+1		
HB 199	Revise workers compensation laws relating to information and reopening of claims	Rep. Harvey	+1		
HB 246	Revise education laws to enhance local control and opportunities for pupils	Rep. Bertoglio	+3		
HB 252	Non-refundable tax credit for employer-paid education of trade professions	Rep. Jones	+3		
HB 254	Revise the wrongful discharge act	Rep. Fitzgerald	+5		
HB 282	Revise labor laws relating to the employment of minors	Rep. Anderson	+2		
HB 283	Revise workers' compensation laws relating to student interns	Rep. Anderson	+3		
HB 303	Revise business equipment tax laws: Business Investment Grows (BIG) Jobs Act	Rep. Kassmier	+4		
HB 340	Revise the MEDIA Act film tax credits	Rep. Galt	+1		
HB 394	Exempt certain pollution control and carbon capture equipment from property tax	Rep. Noland	+3		
HB 407	Establish a statewide uniformity for auxiliary container regulations	Rep. Noland	+2		
HB 472	Revise liability under the consumer protection act	Rep. M Regier	+3		
HB 624	Establish a business task force on child care	Rep. Buckley	+1		
HB 629	Provide for job creation tax credits	Rep. Fern	+3		
HB 650	Establish business income and venture capital credits	Rep. Hamilton	+2	House Taxation	3
HB 655	Generally revise marijuana laws	Rep. Buttrey	+2		
SB 51	Exempting certain fiber optic, coaxial cable from property taxation	Sen. Ellsworth	+2		
SB 65	Revise civil liability laws	Sen. Fitzpatrick	+5		
SB 66	Generally revise the Montana Business Corporation Act	Sen. Fitzpatrick	+1		
SB 83	Revise special lien law	Sen. Hoven	+1		
SB 91	Require fiscal notes to include business impact	Sen. Vance	+1		
SB 118	Revise laws relating to false statements to employers and workers' compensation	Sen. Gauthier	+2		
SB 124	Revise laws related to student loans	Sen. Morigeau	+2	Senate Taxation	3
SB 159	Personal Income Tax Relief Act	Sen. Hertz	+3		
SB 167	Remove termination date for medical malpractice-related portions of the HELP Act	Sen. Fitzpatrick	+2		
SB 174	Revise laws related to local subdivision review	Sen. Hertz	+1		
SB 184	Montana Entrepreneur Magnet Act	Sen. Blasdel	+3		
SB 251	Generally revise civil liability laws relating to damages	Sen. Smith	+5		
SB 260	Generally revise related to property interests and transfer of businesses	Sen. Fitzpatrick	+2		
SB 278	Generally revise civil liability law	Sen. Hertz	+2		
SB 297	ConnectMT Act to establish broadband deployment	Sen. Ellsworth	+2		
SB 338	Revise civil liability laws	Sen. Lang	+5		
SB 361	Generally revise laws to establish certificate of rehabilitation	Sen. Hoven	+1		
SB 376	Corporate tax modernization through double-sales factor apportionment	Sen. Hertz	+2		
SB 399	Generally revise and simplify income taxes	Sen. Hertz	+4		
SJ 10	Joint resolution urging congress to appropriate funding for carbon capture	Sen. Small	+1		
SJ 16	Urge support for Keystone XL pipeline	Sen. Hinebauch	+1		
SJ 25	Study resolution on statewide sales tax methodology and funding	Sen. Hoven	+1		

Anti-Business Legislation

Bill #	Bill Title	Sponsor	Deduction	Committee	Points
HB 150	Establish a carbon cost community dividend fee on large emission sources	Rep. Dunwell	-1	House Taxation	3
HB 161	Revise calculation of capital gains tax credit	Rep. Hamilton	-2	House Taxation	3
HB 165	Increase vehicle fees to reduce residential property taxes	Rep. Trebas	-2	House Taxation	3
HB 228	Establish family medical leave insurance	Rep. Funk	-2	House Business & Labor	3
HB 261	Constitutional amendment for taxpayer protection act to limit tax types	Rep. Skees	-2		
HB 265	Phase out use of styrofoam in food-related businesses	Rep. Marler	-2	House Business & Labor	3
HB 284	Provide living wage	Rep. Dunwell	-2	House Business & Labor	3
HB 324	Generally revise certain labeling laws	Rep. Smith	-1	House Agriculture	3
HB 338	Generally revise certification laws of trash/waste management companies	Rep. C Hinkle	-2	House Business & Labor	3
HB 363	Provide for tax on digital advertising services	Rep. Trebas	-2	House Taxation	3
HB 378	Create a mini-COBRA law for small employer health insurance plans	Rep. Thane	-2	Senate Business & Labor	3
HB 412	Restore right for worker to choose treating physician in workers' compensation	Rep. Olsen	-2	House Business & Labor	3
HB 424	Revise individual income tax laws	Rep. Kerr-Carpenter	-2	House Taxation	3
HB 486	Providing an increase in minimum wage	Rep. Kortum	-2	House Business & Labor	3
HB 511	Generally revise laws relating to the Montana State Fund	Rep. Gunderson	-2	House Business & Labor	3
HB 512	Generally revise workers' compensation laws relating to the Montana State Fund	Rep. Noland	-2	House Business & Labor	3
HB 513	Generally revise workers' compensation laws relating to the Montana State Fund	Rep. Noland	-2	House Business & Labor	3
HB 514	Revise workers' compensation laws relating to the Montana State Fund	Rep. Noland	-2	House Business & Labor	3
HB 550	Establish presumption in workers compensation for COVID-19	Rep. Olsen	-1	House Business & Labor	3
HB 582	Clarify employer limitations in the Montana Medical Marijuana Act	Rep. Farris-Olsen	-1	House Business & Labor	3
HB 672	Provide for property tax circuit breaker funded by revised capital gains credit	Rep. Hamilton	-2	House Taxation	3
HB 710	Enact online personal information protection act	Rep. Olsen	-2	House Energy & Telecom	3
SB 12	Convert tax haven list to tax haven criteria	Sen. Cohenour	-2	Senate Taxation	3
SB 85	Generally revise taxation of renewable energy	Sen. Ankney	-2	Senate Taxation	3
SB 176	Generally revise laws related to coal, coal tax, and coal-fired unit remediation	Sen. Molnar	-2		
SB 187	Increase the minimum wage	Sen. Sweeney	-2	Senate Business & Labor	3
SB 210	Revise laws related to country of origin labeling	Sen. Jacobsen	-1	Senate Agriculture	3
SB 322	Generally revise worker's compensation laws relating to the Montana State Fund	Sen. Bogner	-2	Senate Business & Labor	3
SB 386	Providing an income tax credit for property taxes paid and revising rates	Sen. Flowers	-2	Senate Taxation	3
SB 394	Revise capital gains and provide property tax relief	Sen. O'Brien	-2	Senate Taxation	3

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Legislation	HB	SB	SB	SB	HB	SB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	SB	SB	HB	HB	HB	SB	SB	SB	SB	HB	HB	SB	SJ						
SENATOR	254	65	251	338	303	399	11	14	246	252	283	394	472	629	159	184	67	282	407	51	118	297	376	188	340	361	25*						
District																																	
Ankney, Duane	20	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-2	0/3	97%	97%	8	
Bennett, Bryce	50	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-			25%	51%	6	
Blasdel, Mark	4	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	C	S	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+5	9/12	100%	93%	8	
Bogner, Kenneth	19	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-2	0/6	91%	88%	2	
Boland, Carlie	12	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-		3/9	25%	49%	6	
Boldman, Ellie	45	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+		3/6	40%	48%	5	
Brown, Bob	7	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-			96%	71%	4	
Cohenour, Jill	42	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-2	6/12	25%	33%	8	
Cuffe, Mike	1	+	+	+	+	+	C	C	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+4	0/3	100%	89%	6	
Ellis, Janet	41	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+		3/6	38%	54%	4	
Ellsworth, Jason	43	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	C	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	C	+	S	+	S	+	+	-	+	+7	6/6	100%	82%	2	
Esp, John	30	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-			92%	87%	8
Fitzpatrick, Steve	10	C	S	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	C	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+16	9/9	100%	96%	6	
Flowers, Pat	32	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-2	3/3	33%	62%	2	
Fox, Mike	16	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+		3/9	31%	31%	1	
Friedel, Chris	26	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+			99%	99%	1	
Gauthier, Terry	40	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	C	+	S	+	+	+	+	+	+	+3	9/9	100%	96%	3	
Gillespie, Bruce	9	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+		9/12	98%	98%	2	
Glimm, Carl	2	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	C	-	+		0/3	91%	79%	5	
Gross, Jen	25	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+			20%	57%	3	
Hertz, Greg	6	+	+	+	+	+	S	+	+	+	+	+	C	+	+	S	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	S	+	C	+	+14	9/12	100%	86%	5	
Hinebauch, Steve	18	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+1		94%	65%	3	
Hoven, Brian	13	+	+	+	+	C	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	S	S	+5	12/15	100%	89%	7
Howard, David	29	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+		0/3	94%	85%	7	
Jacobson, Tom	11	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-1	3/3	53%	68%	5	

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		Y 254	Y 65	Y 251	Y 338	Y 303	Y 399	Y 11	Y 14	Y 246	Y 252	Y 283	Y 394	Y 472	Y 629	Y 159	Y 184	Y 67	Y 282	Y 407	Y 51	Y 118	Y 297	Y 376	Y 188	Y 340						Y 361	Y 25*
SENATOR		District																															
Kary, Doug	22	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-		0/3	97%	88%	6	
Keenan, Bob	5	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-		0/3	85%	75%	10
Lang, Mike	17	+	+	+	S	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+5	3/6	98%	88%	5
Lynch, Ryan	37	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-		3/3	51%	59%	5	
Manzella, Theresa	44	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-			95%	71%	4
McClafferty, Edith	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-		6/12	26%	50%	7	
McGillvray, Tom	23	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+			93%	95%	5
McNally, Mary	24	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+		3/3	36%	63%	6	
Molnar, Brad	28	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-2	3/12	57%	65%	5
Morigeau, Shane	48	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+2	3/3	34%	56%	3	
O'Brien, Shannon	46	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-2	6/15	29%	29%	1	
Osmundson, Ryan	15	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		0/3	98%	88%	6	
Pomnichowski, JP	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-		6/12	23%	35%	7	
Pope, Christopher	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-		3/9	25%	50%	3	
Regier, Keith	3	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+			93%	85%	7
Sales, Walt	35	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		12/15	98%	96%	3
Salomon, Daniel	47	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	C	C	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+5	6/6	100%	99%	6	
Sands, Diane	49	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-			27%	40%	8	
Small, Jason	21	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+1	9/9	91%	93%	3	
Smith, Cary	27	+	+	S	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+5	9/12	100%	90%	7
Sweeney, Mark	39	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-2	3/9	41%	62%	2	
Tempel, Russel	14	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+		6/12	82%	79%	3	
Vance, Gordon	34	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+1	18/21	98%	84%	7
Webber, Susan	8	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-		0/3	30%	49%	4	
Welborn, Jeffrey	36	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+		0/3	95%	95%	7	

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		HB	SB	SB	SB	HB	SB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	SB	SB	HB	HB	HB	HB	SB	SB	SB	SB	HB	HB	SB	361*					
REPRESENTATIVE	District																																
Abbott, Kim	83	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+		27/57	29%	45%	3	
Anderson, Fred	20	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	S	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	S	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+5	36/39	100%	98%	3		
Bartel, Dan	29	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-			94%	78%	3	
Beard, Becky	80	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	C	C	+	-	+	+	+	+	C	+	+	-	+5	21/24	93%	70%	3	
Bedey, David	86	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-			99%	99%	2	
Berglee, Seth	58	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-			94%	77%	4	
Bertoglio, Marta	75	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	S	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+3		99%	99%	1	
Binkley, Michele	85	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-		6/6	80%	80%	1	
Bishop, Laurie	60	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+			27%	56%	3	
Brewster, Larry	44	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-		21/24	93%	93%	1	
Buckley, Alice	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+1	9/21	29%	29%	1	
Buttrey, Edward	21	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+2	36/36	100%	98%	6	
Caferro, Mary	81	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+			24%	33%	9	
Carlson, Jennifer	69	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-			94%	94%	1	
Curdy, Willis	98	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+		15/39	34%	53%	4	
Custer, Geraldine	39	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+1	3/3	100%	97%	4	
Dooling, Julie	70	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-		3/3	99%	97%	2	
Dunwell, Mary Ann	84	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-3	9/21	24%	40%	4	
Duram, Neil	2	+	+	C	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+4	33/39	97%	80%	2	
Farris-Olsen, Robert	79	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-1		22%	40%	2	
Fern, Dave	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	S	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	C	-	+	+4	9/21	39%	66%	3	
Fielder, Paul	13	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-		15/21	92%	92%	1	
Fitzgerald, Ross	17	S	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+5	36/36	97%	96%	3	
Fleming, Frank	51	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-			97%	77%	2	
France, Tom	94	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	C			22%	22%	1	

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REPRESENTATIVE	District	254	65	251	338	303	399	11	14	246	252	283	394	472	629	159	184	67	261*	282	407	51	118	297	376	188	340	361*						
Frazer, Gregory	78	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-			97%	97%	1	
Fuller, John	8	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			97%	73%	2	
Funk, Moffie	82	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-2	15/39	28%	48%	4		
Galloway, Steven	24	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-		36/36	98%	98%	1	
Galt, Wylie	30	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	S	-	+1		98%	81%	4	
Garner, Frank	7	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-			99%	98%	4	
Gillette, Jane	64	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-			94%	94%	1
Gist, Steve	25	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-		30/36	95%	95%	1	
Greef, Sharon	88	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-			88%	84%	2	
Gunderson, Steve	1	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-2	24/36	91%	72%	3	
Hamilton, Jim	61	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+4/-4		25%	50%	3		
Harvey, Derek	74	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+1	15/36	31%	52%	2		
Hawk, Donavon	76	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+			30%	30%	1		
Hayman, Denise	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	0/3		24%	50%	4		
Hill, Ed	28	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-			82%	82%	1	
Hinkle, Caleb	68	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	E	+1/-2	15/21	85%	85%	1
Hinkle, Jedediah	67	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+			88%	76%	3
Holmlund, Kenneth	38	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-			99%	97%	4	
Hopkins, Mike	92	+	+	+	+	+	+	S	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	C	+	+	+	+	+	+5		100%	92%	3		
Jones, Lew	18	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	S	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	S	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+5		100%	95%	9		
Karjala, Jessica	48	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+			36%	51%	4	
Kassmier, Joshua	27	+	+	+	+	S	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+4	24/27	98%	94%	2		
Keane, Jim	73	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+			35%	46%	11		
Kelker, Kathy	47	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+			28%	54%	4		
Keogh, Connie	91	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+			27%	46%	2		

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Kerr-Carpenter, Emma	49		-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-2		30%	45%	2		
Knudsen, Casey	33		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-		3/3	98%	74%	3		
Knudsen, Rhonda	34		+	+	+	+	+	C	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+3	18/21	93%	74%	2	
Kortum, Kelly	65		-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-2	0/3	21%	21%	1	
Lenz, Dennis	53		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-			96%	75%	4	
Ler, Brandon	35		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-		3/3	98%	98%	1	
Loge, Denley	14		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	S	+	-	+1	36/36	98%	89%	3
Malone, Marty	59		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-		21/24	96%	96%	1	
Marler, Marilyn	90		-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	-2	9/21	26%	41%	2	
Marshall, Ron	87		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-		30/39	91%	91%	1	
McKamey, Wendy	19		+	+	+	+	+	+	S	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+4	3/3	100%	94%	4	
Mercer, Bill	46		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-			97%	74%	2	
Mitchell, Braxton	3		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-		15/21	94%	94%	1
Moore, Terry	54		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-			90%	70%	2	
Nave, Fiona	57		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-			96%	96%	1	
Noland, Mark	10		+	C	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	S	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	S	+	C	+	+	+	+	-	+10/-6	30/36	97%	83%	4	
Novak, Sara	77		-	-	-	-*	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+		12/36	36%	36%	1		
Olsen, Andrea	100		-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-5	15/42	21%	38%	4	
Patelis, Jimmy	52		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-			97%	86%	2	
Phalen, Bob	36		+	+	+	C	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+4	3/3	100%	100%	1	
Putman, Brian	9		+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-			88%	88%	1	
Read, Joe	93		+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-			82%	90%	3	
Regier, Amy	6		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-			94%	94%	1	
Regier, Matt	4		+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	S	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	+3		87%	59%	3		

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REPRESENTATIVE	District																																								
Reksten, Linda	12	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			99%	99%	1	
Ricci, Vince	55	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			94%	76%	4
Runningwolf, Tyson	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			29%	55%	2	
Schillinger, Jerry	37	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			85%	85%	1
Seekins-Crowe, Kerri	43	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	27/36		92%	92%	1
Sheldon-Galloway, Lola	22	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	E	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	18/21		92%	67%	3	
Skees, Derek	11	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	S	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-2	3/3		96%	74%	4	
Smith, Frank	31	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-1	0/3		32%	48%	9	
Stafman, Ed	62	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			27%	27%	1	
Stewart-Peregoy, Sharon	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+			28%	36%	7	
Stromswold, Mallerie	50	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			89%	89%	1
Sullivan, Katie	89	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	15/42		29%	52%	2		
Tenenbaum, Danny	95	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+			21%	21%	1	
Thane, Mark	99	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-2	9/21		28%	28%	1	
Trebas, Jeremy	26	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-4	18/21		94%	84%	2	
Tschida, Brad	97	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			84%	67%	4	
Usher, Barry	40	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			97%	71%	3	
Vinton, Sue	56	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			97%	79%	3	
Walsh, Kenneth	71	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	3/3		98%	98%	1	
Weatherwax, Marvin	15	-	-	-*	-*	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-*	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+			28%	51%	2	
Welch, Tom	72	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	18/21		96%	94%	3	
Whiteman Pena, Rynalea	41	-	-	-	-	-	-*	+	+	+	-	+	-	-*	+	E	-*	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	15/39		28%	28%	1		
Whitman, Kathy	96	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			99%	99%	1	
Windy Boy, Jonathan	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+			26%	43%	10	
Zolnikov, Katie	45	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	24/39		90%	90%	1		

Governor Greg Gianforte

This report is a comprehensive look at the governor’s record on business issues. Like our previous voting reviews, we have included more than just bills that get to the governor’s desk — legislation that originates from the executive branch is also considered. This broader approach recognizes the true impact of the governor and executive agencies on the legislative process. Here is how the **governor’s score** is calculated:

SPONSOR/COMMITTEE POINTS: Points were awarded to the governor if he, or an agency he oversees, proposed a pro-business bill. If he, or an agency he oversees, sponsored an anti-business bill, points were subtracted. Committee points represent instances in which an agency that the governor oversees testified on business legislation that was not explicitly included in the governor’s 2021 legislative agenda.

LEGISLATION SIGNINGS/VETOES: For every pro-business bill the governor signed, he received between 1 and 15 points. The point values match those awarded for legislative floor votes. No points were awarded for vetoing pro-business bills. Allowing a pro-business bill to become law without his signature does not impact his score.

GOVERNOR SCORE: The governor’s total points earned were divided by the total points possible. This final number is the governor’s score. While this score does not encompass every aspect of the governor’s performance on business issues, it is a reliable indicator of what level of priority he puts on business and economic issues.



Bills selected to determine sponsorship points (+/-) and committee points (points/possible)

PRO-BUSINESS LEGISLATION:

HB 303	Revise business equipment tax laws: Business Investment Grows (BIG) Jobs Act	+4
HB 252	Non-refundable tax credit for employer-paid education of trade professions	+3
SB 159	Personal Income Tax Relief Act	+3
SB 184	Montana Entrepreneur Magnet Act	+3
SB 376	Corporate tax modernization through double-sales factor apportionment	+2

ANTI-BUSINESS LEGISLATION:

HB 161	Revise calculation of capital gains tax credit	3/3
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Chamber Position	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Sponsor/ Carrier Points	Committee Votes	2021 GOVERNOR SCORE	LIFETIME LEGISLATOR SCORE	Sessions	
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GOVERNOR																														
Greg Gianforte	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	15	3/3	100%	100%	1



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OUR VISION

As the leading business advocate, the Montana Chamber of Commerce envisions a business climate that is optimal for Montana business prosperity.

OUR MISSION

To create and sustain an optimal business climate, business prosperity and a strong Montana economy, the Montana Chamber of Commerce, through advocacy, education and collaboration works to provide an empowered and educated workforce, reduce business growth obstacles, and advance positions that promote success for Montana businesses.

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

The Montana Chamber of Commerce will create the opportunity for business growth and prosperity by improving Montana's business climate, quality of life, talent pipeline and entrepreneurship through regulatory and legal reform, infrastructure investment and workforce development.

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