
Legislative Update: Monday, April 3

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Dear SAM LN23,

Thanks for staying connected to the legislative session and thanks for your help in connecting with the House Appropriations committee last week. Your efforts helped to get the health insurance trust bill moving. It made it out of committee and will be heard on the floor of the House on Monday morning.

Bill Updates:

[HB837](#), the transparency in education bill was tabled by House Ed last week. Then House Ed reconsidered the bill in a special hearing on Friday, but it still failed to pass out of committee. Then there was an attempt to blast the bill to the floor of the house - but that also failed. [HERE is an article from MT Free Press](#) which explains the entire issue with this bill.

[SB518](#), the parents rights bill was passed in the Senate Judiciary last week. It will need to pass the Senate before Tuesday.

[HB913](#), the library challenged materials bill was passed in House Ed last week. It will be heard on the floor on Monday.

[HB501](#), the textbook adoption bill that would have given Elsie veto powers on your textbook selections was tabled in Senate Ed last week. Hopefully we won't see a blast motion on this one.

[HB352](#), the early literacy bill that would allow you to replace your "exceptional circumstances" program with a targeted early literacy program passed the house floor on third reading last week. It has been referred to Senate Education.

[HB332](#), the health insurance trust bill was taken off the table in House Appropriations last week and then passed that committee by a narrow vote: 12-11. It will be heard on the House Floor on Monday. It was amended in committee. It now has a \$45M appropriation (rather than a 60M). And there was an extension to the deadline from 2 to 3 years to get the trust established.

[HB822](#), a bill that would move CSCT back to DPHHS as well as provide options for programming beyond CSCT passed the house by a wide margin, 92-8.

[HB502](#) and [HB566](#), the bills that seek to address problems with SB99 from last session were heard in Senate ED. The committee will make a decision on these two bills on Monday morning. And if they make it out of Senate Ed, they will go to the House floor.

[HB549](#) and [HB562](#) the competing charter school bills, both passed 3rd reading in the House. They have not yet been assigned to a Senate Committee.

Attached is a spreadsheet with the upcoming hearings this week.

A reminder that we have our **SAM LN meeting at Noon on Monday, April 3. Zoom invite is below as well as in the calendar invite.** School Administrators of Montana is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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