



SAM Tracked Bills: Upcoming Hearings 2/1-2/10

Report Date: February 1, 2023

Bill Number	Bill Sponsor	Next Hearing	Last Three Actions	Position
HB 2	Llew Jones(R) HD 18	8:00AM 02/01/2023 House Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government Hearing Room 350	02/02/23 - Hearing 02/02/23 - Hearing 02/01/23 - Hearing	Neutral

General Appropriations Act

1/7/2023 - CAMPS will watch this bill. We have provided legislators with the OPI Audit completed in 2022 as well as some key questions to ask during the OPI presentation. Of note in the OPI Budget is a transfer of money from OPI to DPHHS for transfer of CSCT management. Of note in the audit is a question about ESSER accountability, specifically for the hold back of ESSER funds.

1/7/2023 - OPI Financial Audit, Released summer 2022, FY 20 & 21:

<https://leg.mt.gov/content/Committees/Administration/audit/2021-22/Meetings/June-2022/21-19.pdf>

1/7/2023 - OPI Proposed Budget:

<https://leg.mt.gov/content/Publications/fiscal/2025-Biennium/2025-Biennium-Budget-Analysis/Section-E/OPI-Budget-Analysis-25Bien.pdf>

1/3/2023 - "AN ACT APPROPRIATING MONEY TO VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2025"

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HB 321	Linda Reksten(R) HD 12	9:00AM 02/01/2023 House Taxation Hearing Room 152	02/01/23 - Hearing 01/26/23 - First Reading 01/26/23 - Referred to Committee	Support
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Generally revise laws related to the coal trust

1/31/2023 - This bill would fulfill the school facilities trust within the coal trust fund to \$200 million with state general fund money, then schools will take 10% of future earnings until the school trust grows to and capped at \$300 million. MTSBA will speak on behalf of the Coalition.

1/31/2023 - AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING LAWS RELATED TO THE COAL TAX TRUST; ESTABLISHING A CONSERVATION DISTRICT FUND WITHIN THE COAL TAX TRUST; ALLOCATING COAL SEVERANCE TAX FUNDS TO THE CONSERVATION DISTRICT FUND; REVISING THE ALLOCATION OF COAL SEVERANCE TAXES; PROVIDING FOR TRANSFERS; TRANSFERRING MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE SCHOOL FACILITY FUND

HB 367	Bill Mercer(R) HD 46	3:00PM 02/02/2023 House Appropriations Hearing Room 102	02/02/23 - Hearing 01/30/23 - First Reading 01/30/23 - Referred to Committee	Support
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Providing clarification for use of federal funds for data modernization

1/31/2023 - This bill provides clarification and direction in the implementation of the OPI data modernization that was appropriated CARES/APRA funds during the 2021 Session.

SB 213	Edith (Edie) McClafferty(D) SD 38	3:00PM 02/01/2023 Senate Education and Cultural Resources Hearing Room 422	02/01/23 - Hearing 01/25/23 - First Reading 01/25/23 - Referred to Committee	Support
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Revise laws related to school safety teams

1/31/2023 - This bill requires an annual review of school safety or emergency operations plans by trustees, clarifies that schools safety funds may be used for communitywide programs and training, and requires interdisciplinary Childe information and school safety teams to adopt written agreements for operations. SAM will testify on behalf of the coalition.



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1/31/2023 - AN ACT REVISING LAWS RELATED TO SCHOOL SAFETY; REQUIRING ANNUAL REVIEW OF SCHOOL SAFETY OR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLANS BY SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEES; CLARIFYING THE ABILITY TO USE SCHOOL SAFETY FUNDS FOR COMMUNITYWIDE PROGRAMS AND TRAINING; REQUIRING COUNTY OR REGIONAL INTERDISCIPLINARY CHILD INFORMATION AND SCHOOL SAFETY TEAMS TO ADOPT WRITTEN AGREEMENTS FOR OPERATIONS				

HB 361	Brandon Ler(R) HD 35	8:00AM 02/08/2023 House Judiciary Hearing Room 137	02/08/23 - Hearing 01/31/23 - Introduced Bill Text Available Electronically 01/30/23 - First Reading	Under Review
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Provide that use of a name and sex by a student is not discrimination

1/31/2023 - New Section: The trustees of a school district may not adopt a policy that subjects a student to disciplinary action for behavior that is not considered an unlawful discriminatory practice pursuant to 49-2-307(2).

Don't think this statement is workable. School districts adopt lots of discipline policies for actions that may not be defined in unlawful discriminatory practices. For example: a student could be disciplined for assault, which is not in the list of unlawful discriminatory practice.

1/31/2023 - AN ACT REVISING LAWS REGARDING DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES IN EDUCATION; PROVIDING THAT IT IS NOT A DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICE FOR A STUDENT TO CALL A STUDENT BY THE STUDENT'S LEGAL NAME OR REFERENCE THE STUDENT BY THE STUDENT'S SEX;

HB 222	Tom Welch(R) HD 72	1:00PM 02/01/2023 Second Reading House Floor	01/30/23 - Committee Report--Bill Passed as Amended 01/30/23 - Committee Executive Action--Bill Passed as Amended 01/27/23 - Revised Fiscal Note Printed	Neutral
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Provide rebates of property taxes paid on a principal residence

1/12/2023 - AN ACT PROVIDING FOR A PROPERTY TAX REBATE ON A PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE BASED ON A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF PROPERTY TAXES PAID; PROVIDING A REBATE OF PROPERTY TAXES UP TO \$1,000 A YEAR FOR TAX YEARS 2022 AND 2023 FOR A PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE THAT WAS OCCUPIED BY THE TAXPAYER; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR FALSE OR FRAUDULENT CLAIMS; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING THAT THE PROPERTY TAX REBATE IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE MONTANA INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX;

SB 54	Greg Hertz(R) SD 6	1:00PM 02/01/2023 Third Reading Senate Floor	01/27/23 - Committee Report--Bill Passed 01/27/23 - Committee Executive Action--Bill Passed 01/26/23 - Hearing	Neutral
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Revise centrally assessed property appraisals

1/12/2023 - AN ACT REVISING THE REAPPRAISAL CYCLE FOR CERTAIN CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY; PROVIDING FOR A 2-YEAR REAPPRAISAL CYCLE FOR CERTAIN CENTRALLY ASSESSED PROPERTY. (Also changes some of the processes for protested taxes.)

HB 128	Joshua Kassmier(R) HD 27	8:30AM 02/01/2023 House Business and Labor Hearing Room 172	02/01/23 - Hearing 01/13/23 - Amendments Available 01/09/23 - Fiscal Note Printed	Support
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Generally revise marijuana laws

1/31/2023 - Message to Committee: On behalf of the School Administrators of Montana, we write in support of HB 128. We appreciate that marijuana is added to the list of prohibited items in MCA 20-1-220. We believe this prohibition helps to maintain



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<p>our safe a drug free school zones in our communities. This type of safe environment is critical to the academic success of our K-12 students. Thank you for your careful consideration of this bill and we encourage a do pass. Rob Watson, Executive Director, School Administrators of Montana</p> <p>1/31/2023 - This bill makes a number of changes to marijuana laws, including adding marijuana to the prohibition of the use of tobacco products in a public school building or on public school property. Important clean up in state law, but generally this prohibition already exists in many school district policies.</p>				

SB 93	Mike Cuffe(R) SD 1	3:00PM 02/01/2023 Senate State Administration Hearing Room	02/01/23 - Hearing 01/11/23 - Introduced Bill Text Available Electronically 01/02/23 - First Reading	Neutral
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Generally revising ballot issues

1/12/2023 - AN ACT GENERALLY REVISING BALLOT ISSUE LAWS; PROVIDING AND REVISING SUBMISSION AND PROCESSING TIMELINES FOR STATEWIDE BALLOT ISSUES; CLARIFYING SUBSTANTIVE AND PROCEDURAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO BALLOT ISSUES; REORGANIZING STATUTORY PROVISIONS RELATED TO BALLOT ISSUES; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING RULE MAKING AUTHORITY;

HB 366	Donavon Hawk(D) HD 76	3:00PM 02/01/2023 House Transportation Hearing Room 455	02/01/23 - Hearing 01/30/23 - Fiscal Note Requested 01/30/23 - First Reading	Support
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Increase penalties for passing school buses

1/31/2023 - Written testimony sent to committee: On behalf of the School Administrators of Montana we support HB 366, which seeks to increase penalties for drivers who pass a school bus while the bus is loading and unloading students. When a bus is stopped and the bus lights are flashing, this is a clear signal that the bus is in the process of loading or unloading students. As the bus driver is monitoring students entering and exiting the bus, he/she does not often have the capacity to monitor the behavior of other drivers. It is in this critical time when it is most important for all drivers to adhere to the procedures outlined in MCA 61-8-351. We support the increased penalties for those drivers who fail to follow state law as we believe this may increase the likelihood of compliance to state law. Student safety to and from school is a high priority for all schools. We believe the changes proposed in HB366 will help to improve bus safety for all. Rob Watson, Executive Director, School Administrators of Montana

1/31/2023 - AN ACT INCREASING THE PENALTIES FOR ILLEGALLY PASSING A STOPPED SCHOOL BUS; PROVIDING INCREASING PENALTIES FOR FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENSES;

SB 232	Janet Ellis(D) SD 41	3:00PM 02/03/2023 Senate State Administration Hearing Room	02/03/23 - Hearing 01/30/23 - First Reading 01/30/23 - Referred to Committee	Neutral
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Provide for deadlines to respond to public information requests

1/31/2023 - This bill amends public records laws to require acknowledgment of a public information request within 5 days of receiving the request. Note that Districts would be required to acknowledge the request, but the District is not required to fulfill request in 5 days. The majority of the bill deals with requirements for executive agencies - not school districts.