



MONTANA LAND TITLE ASSOCIATION 2025 LEGISLATIVE BILL TRACKING LIST

(As of 5/1/2025)

The 69th session of the Montana Legislature adjourned on April 30, 2025.

MLTA was active on behalf of the membership, below is a list of the bills we tracked and our position on each measure. Visit <https://bills.legmt.gov/> for details on a specific bill.

M = Monitor **O** = Oppose **S** = Support **SA** = Support with Amendments

Introduced Bills

Bill #	Short Title	Sponsor	Last Action	Position
HB 27	Remove automatic agricultural classification for certain parcels	Sponsor: Essmann, Sherry; Requester: Revenue Interim Committee	04/07/25 - (H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal	M
HB 29	Revise administration of property tax exemptions	Sponsor: Essmann, Sherry; Requester: Revenue Interim Committee	03/04/25 - Chapter Number Assigned	M
HB 60	Generally revise state auditor laws	Sponsor: Buttrey, Ed; Requester: State Auditor by Economic Affairs Interim Committee	02/28/25 - Chapter Number Assigned	M
HB 61	Revise inter-entity loan process	Sponsor: Parry, Gary; Requester: Department of Administration by State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee	03/27/25 - Chapter Number Assigned	M
HB 65	Audit State Bar of Montana	Sponsor: Deming, Lee; Requester: Senate Select Committee on Judicial Oversight and Reform	03/21/25 - (S) Tabled in Committee	M
HB 91	Allow taxpayers to elect to receive electronic correspondence from the department of revenue	Sponsor: Thane, Mark; Requester: Department of Revenue by Revenue Interim Committee	04/07/25 - (H) Signed by Governor	M
HB 94	Allow sharing of tax records for securities and insurance fraud investigations	Sponsor: Bertoglio, Marta; Requester: State Auditor by Economic Affairs Interim Committee	03/24/25 - (S) 2nd Reading Indefinitely Postponed	M
HB 100	Generally revise public record laws	Sponsor: Mercer, Bill; Requester: Department of Administration by State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee	04/29/25 - (H) Signed by Speaker	M
HB 111	Adopt Uniform Electronic Legal Material Act	Sponsor: Fitzpatrick, Steve; Requester: Legislative Council	04/04/25 - Chapter Number Assigned	M
HB 114	Generally revise consumer protection laws	Sponsor: Fitzpatrick, Steve; Requester: State Auditor by Economic Affairs Interim Committee	04/22/25 - (H) Transmitted to Governor	M

HB 122	Revise right-of-way laws	Sponsor: Brewster, Larry; Requester: Brewster, Larry	04/22/25 - (H) Transmitted to Governor	M
HB 135	Create statutes of repose for claims against real estate appraisers	Sponsor: Fitzpatrick, Steve; Requester: Fitzpatrick, Steve	04/17/25 - (H) Signed by Governor	M
HB 136	Revise property insurance laws relating to preventative measures to reduce damage	Sponsor: Fitzpatrick, Steve; Requester: Fitzpatrick, Steve	04/07/25 - Chapter Number Assigned	M
HB 147	Revise laws related to covenants to provide definition of enforcement action	Sponsor: Hinkle, Jedediah; Requester: Hinkle, Jedediah	04/25/25 - (H) Transmitted to Governor	M
HB 154	Establish a housing fairness tax credit	Sponsor: Karlen, Jonathan; Requester: Flowers, Pat	04/16/25 - (S) Tabled in Committee	M
HB 155	Revise class four residential and commercial property taxes	Sponsor: Thane, Mark; Requester: Flowers, Pat	04/25/25 - (S) Motion Failed	M
HB 165	Notaries not required for vehicle title transfer	Sponsor: Walsh, Ken; Requester: Walsh, Ken	04/07/25 - (H) Signed by Governor	S
HB 192	Revise county clerk and recorder fee for recording documents	Sponsor: Darling, Julie; Requester: Darling, Julie	04/29/25 - (H) Signed by Speaker	M
HB 225	Revising laws related to home inspections	Sponsor: Tilleman, Eric; Requester: McKamey, Wendy	04/29/25 - (H) Signed by Speaker	M
HB 232	Require homeowners' associations to distribute annual budget and financial reports	Sponsor: Falk, Terry; Requester: Falk, Terry	03/12/25 - (H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	M
HB 233	Provide for transfer of title of open spaces in final plat to HOA	Sponsor: Griffith, Alanah; Requester: Griffith, Alanah	04/17/25 - (H) Signed by Governor	M
HB 301	Generally revise statutes of limitations laws relating to real property	Sponsor: Seekins-Crowe, Kerri; Requester: Seekins-Crowe, Kerri	03/28/25 - (S) Tabled in Committee	M
HB 325	Revise covenant laws	Sponsor: Fitzpatrick, Steve; Requester: Fitzpatrick, Steve	04/22/25 - (H) Transmitted to Governor	M
HB 355	Clarifying that easement rights retained when canal or ditch converted to pipeline	Sponsor: Walsh, Ken; Requester: Walsh, Ken	04/25/25 - (H) Transmitted to Governor	M
HB 362	Revise the unit ownership act to allow a lower threshold for common element changes	Sponsor: Oblander, Greg; Requester: Oblander, Greg	03/12/25 - (H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	O
HB 378	Remove the restriction on inclusionary zoning	Sponsor: Powers, Debo; Requester: Powers, Debo	03/12/25 - (H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	M
HB 382	Establish the specie legal tender act	Sponsor: Millett, Tom; Requester: Millett, Tom	04/07/25 - (H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal	M
HB 387	Revise laws related to highway reconstruction	Sponsor: Baum, Denise; Requester: Kassmier, Josh	04/25/25 - (H) Transmitted to Governor	M
HB 411	Exempt agricultural property from open space levies	Sponsor: Gillette, Jane; Requester: Gillette, Jane	04/25/25 - (H) Returned from Enrolling	M
HB 412	Provide exemption for certain modifications to residential property	Sponsor: Gillette, Jane; Requester: Gillette, Jane	04/07/25 - (H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal	M
HB 413	Revise election laws regarding residency	Sponsor: Gillette, Jane; Requester: Gillette, Jane	04/25/25 - (H) Transmitted to Governor	M
HB 416	Require homeowners' associations to seek permission for entry on real property	Sponsor: Hinkle, Jedediah; Requester: Hinkle, Jedediah	04/25/25 - (H) Transmitted to Governor	M

HB 420	Revise tax lien and deed laws and provide equity threshold	Sponsor: Seekins-Crowe, Kerri; Requester: Seekins-Crowe, Kerri	03/12/25 - (H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	O
HB 422	Allow covenants that provide housing affordability	Sponsor: Karlen, Jonathan; Requester: Karlen, Jonathan	03/12/25 - (H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	M
HB 426	Clarifying laws related to real estate appraisers	Sponsor: Moore, Valerie; Requester: Kassmier, Josh	04/07/25 - Chapter Number Assigned	M
HB 432	Revise water laws concerning exceptions to change in appropriation right process	Sponsor: Darling, Julie; Requester: Walsh, Ken	04/29/25 - (H) Returned from Enrolling	M
HB 434	Revise banking laws relating to interactive teller machines	Sponsor: Walsh, Ken; Requester: Walsh, Ken	04/07/25 - Chapter Number Assigned	M
HB 441	Align provisional water rights with final decrees	Sponsor: Miner, Russ; Requester: Walsh, Ken	04/25/25 - (H) Transmitted to Governor	M
HB 461	Provide exemption for certain owner-occupied residential property owned by persons 67 or older	Sponsor: Oblander, Greg; Requester: Oblander, Greg	04/07/25 - (H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal	M
HB 464	Revise insurance laws relating to interest of a named insured and change of interest by transfer on death	Sponsor: Fitzpatrick, Steve; Requester: Fitzpatrick, Steve	04/22/25 - (S) Signed by President	M
HB 465	Generally revise lien laws and foreclosure	Sponsor: Fitzpatrick, Steve; Requester: Fitzpatrick, Steve	03/24/25 - (S) Tabled in Committee	SA
HB 470	Generally revise laws related to trigger leads	Sponsor: Falk, Terry; Requester: Falk, Terry	03/12/25 - (H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	M
HB 501	Create a limited remedy to remove unauthorized persons from residential property	Sponsor: Oblander, Greg; Requester: Oblander, Greg	03/12/25 - (H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	M
HB 520	Revise laws to clarify that local prohibitions on conveying family transfer parcels do not apply to conveyances involving lenders	Sponsor: Brewster, Larry; Requester: Brewster, Larry	04/24/25 - (H) Transmitted to Governor	S
HB 529	Revise laws related to enforcement of liens	Sponsor: Fitzpatrick, Steve; Requester: Fitzpatrick, Steve	03/12/25 - (H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	M
HB 533	Revise insurance laws relating to wildfire and real property	Sponsor: Schomer, Curtis; Requester: Fitzpatrick, Steve	04/29/25 - (H) Signed by Speaker	M
HB 580	Clarify water right abandonment	Sponsor: Seckinger, Joshua; Requester: Seckinger, Joshua	04/29/25 - (H) Signed by Speaker	M
HB 619	Establish the uniform common interest ownership act	Sponsor: Griffith, Alanah; Requester: Griffith, Alanah	03/12/25 - (H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	M
HB 629	Revise laws related to a proposed subdivision's connection to a public water supply or wastewater system	Sponsor: Fitzpatrick, Steve; Requester: Fitzpatrick, Steve	04/24/25 - (H) Transmitted to Governor	M
HB 644	Allow a county to employ a property appraiser for property tax purposes	Sponsor: Sharp, Tracy; Requester: Sharp, Tracy	03/12/25 - (H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	M
HB 658	Revise local board of health sanitation powers and rules	Sponsor: Hinkle, Jedediah; Requester: Hinkle, Jedediah	04/07/25 - (S) Tabled in Committee	M
HB 681	Revise subdivision regulation laws involving determination of water availability	Sponsor: Fitzpatrick, John; Requester: Walsh, Ken	04/20/25 - (H) Returned from Enrolling	M
HB 704	Generally revise ground water laws	Sponsor: Vinton, Mike; Requester: Fitzpatrick, John	03/12/25 - (H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	M

HB 714	Revise laws for divisions of land exempt from subdivision review	Sponsor: Brewster, Larry; Requester: Brewster, Larry	04/29/25 - (H) Signed by Speaker	M
HB 738	Revise procedure laws for county zoning boundary and regulation changes	Sponsor: Seekins-Crowe, Kerri; Requester: Zolnikov, Daniel	04/07/25 - (S) Tabled in Committee	M
HB 775	Repeal sunset on Water Court actions	Sponsor: Walsh, Ken; Requester: Neumann, Cora	04/27/25 - (H) Returned from Enrolling	M
HB 777	Generally revise guardian and conservator laws	Sponsor: Close, Brian; Requester: Close, Brian	03/12/25 - (H) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	M
HB 785	Revise laws related to manufactured homes	Sponsor: Falk, Terry; Requester: Fitzpatrick, Steve	04/29/25 - (H) Signed by Speaker	S
HB 803	Generally revise asbestos litigation laws	Sponsor: Overstreet, Greg; Requester: Overstreet, Greg	04/18/25 - (S) 2nd Reading Pass Consideration	M
HB 886	Provide for water division court, judges	Requester: Walsh, Ken	04/07/25 - (H) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal	M
HB 923	Revise categorical exclusions from nondegradation authorization	Requester: Jones, Llew	04/24/25 - (H) Returned from Enrolling	M
HB 935	Limits to Fox Hills-Hell Creek aquifer withdrawals	Requester: Miner, Russ	04/30/25 - (H) Sent to Enrolling	M
HB 948	Generally revise insurance laws to provide that the Commissioner of Insurance's office is not a criminal justice agency	Requester: Nicol, Nelly	04/09/25 - (H) Missed Deadline for Appropriation Bill Transmittal	M
HJ 61	Interim study on the property insurance market in Montana	Requester: Cohenour, Jill	04/30/25 - (H) Sent to Enrolling	M
SB 4	Revise taxation of homesite on certain agricultural property	Sponsor: Beard, Becky; Requester: Revenue Interim Committee	04/07/25 - (S) Missed Deadline for Revenue Bill Transmittal	M
SB 12	Eliminate board of county printing and transfer duties to Dept of Administration	Sponsor: Trebas, Jeremy; Requester: Department of Administration by State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee	04/16/25 - (S) Signed by Governor	M
SB 31	IOLTA Bill providing Interest back to client	Sponsor: Usher, Barry; Requester: Senate Select Committee on Judicial Oversight and Reform	03/12/25 - (S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	M
SB 54	Require certain tax payments to be made electronically	Sponsor: Galt, Wylie; Requester: Department of Revenue by Revenue Interim Committee	03/06/25 - (S) Returned from Enrolling	M
SB 65	Revise change-of-name laws	Sponsor: Vance, Shelley; Requester: Department of Corrections by Law and Justice Interim Committee	04/25/25 - (S) Transmitted to Governor	M
SB 76	Revise laws related to preliminary determinations for water right permits or changes in appropriations	Sponsor: Vinton, Sue; Requester: Department of Natural Resources and Conservation by Water Policy Interim Committee	03/06/25 - (S) Returned from Enrolling	M
SB 92	Generally revise eligibility requirements to practice law in Montana	Sponsor: Fuller, John; Requester: Fuller, John	04/10/25 - (H) 2nd Reading Not Concurred	M

SB 103	Revise fee for issuing an execution or order of sale on foreclosure of lien	Sponsor: Tempel, Russ; Requester: Tempel, Russ	04/25/25 - (S) Returned from Enrolling	M
SB 113	Revise exemptions related to tow truck lien law	Sponsor: Yakawich, Mike; Requester: Yakawich, Mike	04/17/25 - (S) Signed by Governor	M
SB 124	Revise electronic license privacy law	Sponsor: Bogner, Kenneth; Requester: Bogner, Kenneth	04/17/25 - (S) Signed by Governor	M
SB 128	Revise county clerk and recorder election laws	Sponsor: Trebas, Jeremy; Requester: Trebas, Jeremy	03/20/25 - (H) Tabled in Committee	M
SB 133	Revise impact fee laws	Sponsor: Hertz, Greg; Requester: Hertz, Greg	04/22/25 - (S) Signed by President	M
SB 143	Generally revise civil liability laws relating to statutes of limitations for certain actions	Sponsor: Hertz, Greg; Requester: Fitzpatrick, Steve	04/17/25 - (S) Signed by Governor	M
SB 146	Creating the private property protection act	Sponsor: Beard, Becky; Requester: Beard, Becky	03/12/25 - (S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	M
SB 168	Revise laws related to lakeshore protection	Sponsor: Hertz, Greg; Requester: Hertz, Greg	04/25/25 - (S) Transmitted to Governor	M
SB 174	Providing that recreational vehicles and mobile homes are reviewed as buildings for rent or lease	Sponsor: Mandeville, Forrest; Requester: Mandeville, Forrest	04/19/25 - (S) Returned from Enrolling	M
SB 178	Provide for temporary lease of water rights	Sponsor: Vinton, Sue; Requester: Usher, Barry	04/24/25 - (S) Transmitted to Governor	M
SB 186	Provide for expedited processing in district courts of water cases arising under final decrees	Sponsor: Usher, Barry; Requester: Usher, Barry	03/12/25 - (S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	M
SB 190	Allow water right holders to consent to waive adverse effects analysis in permit or change applications	Sponsor: Harvey, Derek; Requester: Walsh, Ken	04/17/25 - (S) Signed by Governor	M
SB 209	Revise term length of conservation easements	Sponsor: Tezak, Tony; Requester: Tezak, Tony	03/12/25 - (S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	M
SB 265	Revise cryptocurrency laws to create Financial Freedom and Innovation Act	Sponsor: Zolnikov, Daniel; Requester: Zolnikov, Daniel	04/25/25 - (S) Transmitted to Governor	M
SB 266	Revise municipal zoning to allow for triplex and fourplex housing	Sponsor: Trebas, Jeremy; Requester: Trebas, Jeremy	04/08/25 - (H) Tabled in Committee	M
SB 275	Allow revocation of agricultural covenant on lands annexed into municipality	Sponsor: Mandeville, Forrest; Requester: Mandeville, Forrest	04/17/25 - (S) Signed by Governor	M
SB 289	Provide county notification for certain property tax adjustments	Sponsor: Loge, Denley; Requester: Loge, Denley	04/25/25 - (S) Transmitted to Governor	M
SB 297	Generally revise privacy laws	Sponsor: Zolnikov, Daniel; Requester: Zolnikov, Daniel	04/22/25 - (S) Signed by President	SA
SB 304	Revise Montana lakeshore laws	Sponsor: Fern, Dave; Requester: Fern, Dave	03/12/25 - (S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	M
SB 306	Prohibit sale of tax deed to foreign entity	Sponsor: Bogner, Kenneth; Requester: Bogner, Kenneth	04/17/25 - (S) Signed by Governor	M
SB 357	Extend perfection deadline for certain Missouri River water reservations	Sponsor: Galt, Wylie; Requester: Walsh, Ken	04/17/25 - (S) Signed by Governor	M
SB 358	Revise exempt water right laws	Sponsor: Galt, Wylie; Requester: Walsh, Ken	04/04/25 - (S) Revised Fiscal Note Printed	O

<u>SB 373</u>	Revise laws related to enforcement of liens	Sponsor: Usher, Barry; Requester: Fitzpatrick, Steve	04/25/25 - (S) Transmitted to Governor	M
<u>SB 377</u>	Generally revise laws regarding the banking commission and the state auditor	Sponsor: Noland, Mark; Requester: Noland, Mark	03/12/25 - (S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	M
<u>SB 381</u>	Provide for Montanas future homesteading act	Sponsor: Emrich, Daniel; Requester: Emrich, Daniel	03/12/25 - (S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	M
<u>SB 400</u>	Provide for property owners to vote to add, remove, amend easements and covenants	Sponsor: Bogner, Kenneth; Requester: Bogner, Kenneth	04/08/25 - (H) Tabled in Committee	O
<u>SB 411</u>	Allow recordings to be treated as wills	Sponsor: Zolnikov, Daniel; Requester: Zolnikov, Daniel	04/11/25 - (H) 2nd Reading Not Concurred	M
<u>SB 426</u>	Generally revise the Uniform Commercial Code	Sponsor: Ricci, Vince; Requester: Morigeau, Shane	04/17/25 - (S) Signed by Governor	M
<u>SB 431</u>	Revise laws regarding residential covenants	Sponsor: Bogner, Kenneth; Requester: Bogner, Kenneth	03/12/25 - (S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	M
<u>SB 436</u>	Generally revise laws relating to exempt wells	Sponsor: Glimm, Carl; Requester: Glimm, Carl	04/16/25 - (H) Tabled in Committee	M
<u>SB 459</u>	Revise laws related to investments made by the board of investments	Sponsor: Bogner, Kenneth; Requester: Bogner, Kenneth	03/12/25 - (S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	M
<u>SB 477</u>	Revise subdivision family transfer laws	Sponsor: Manzella, Theresa; Requester: Manzella, Theresa	03/12/25 - (S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	O
<u>SB 500</u>	Establish the Montana family legacy home act	Sponsor: Smith, Laura; Requester: Smith, Laura	03/26/25 - (H) Tabled in Committee	M
<u>SB 502</u>	Revising laws related to transfer of a single-family dwelling	Sponsor: Smith, Laura; Requester: Smith, Laura	03/12/25 - (S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	M
<u>SB 519</u>	Prohibit tax assessor entry to private property without permission	Sponsor: Tezak, Tony; Requester: Tezak, Tony	03/12/25 - (S) Missed Deadline for General Bill Transmittal	M
<u>SB 520</u>	Revise laws regarding mining leases on state lands	Sponsor: Tezak, Tony; Requester: Usher, Barry	04/25/25 - (S) Returned from Enrolling	M
<u>SJ 5</u>	Resolution for support of federal SAFER banking act	Sponsor: Kassmier, Josh; Requester: Economic Affairs Interim Committee	04/29/25 - (S) Returned from Enrolling	M
<u>SR 44</u>	Confirm governor's appointment for board of realty	Requester: Regier, Matt	04/15/25 - (S) Filed with Secretary of State	M
<u>SR 48</u>	Confirm governor's appointee for board of real estate appraisers	Requester: Regier, Matt	04/15/25 - (S) Filed with Secretary of State	M