

Legislature Bike Walk Montana Bill Tracker

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Active Bills					
<a href="#">HB83</a>	Generally revise vehicle laws	Rep Dooling/Helena/HD70	Revises certain definitions including motorcycles – not sure it will have any impact but could jeopardize bicycles as vehicles	Watch	Passed house 98-2, referred to Senate Highways and Transportation. Heard 2/11, Passed 13-0 2/26, <b>waiting for Senate 2<sup>nd</sup> reading</b>
<a href="#">HB184</a> LC0746	Generally revise bicycle laws regarding safety and lights	Rep Loge/St Regis/HD14	3-ft distance for passing, reflective clothing, light requirement, ride to the right	Support concept of safer bicycling but oppose several sections	Passed committee and house, assigned to Senate transportation, heard on 2/18, has proposed <a href="#">amendments</a> that would remove the defined safe passing language, requires riding on the shoulder and require a rear view mirror, none of which we support. We are now opposed to this bill and urge members to contact the
<a href="#">HB188</a> LC0748	Generally revise electric vehicle laws and fees	Rep Loge/St Regis/HD14	Adds electric vehicle definition to law, exempts low and medium speed electric (bicycles)	Support	Hearing 1/27, 3:00 pm Transportation – provided zoom testimony in support, waiting for executive action. Testified electronically. Passed 15 – 0, Passed 2 <sup>nd</sup> reading as amended 81-19, hearing 2/22 in House appropriations, passed

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					committee and 3 <sup>rd</sup> reading, Will be heard in Senate Highways and Transportation 3/16 3:00 pm.
<a href="#">HB207</a> LC3171	Generally revise school bus safety laws	Rep Duram/Eureka/H D 2	Requires additional School bus lights	Support	Hearing 1/27 3:00 Transportation – provided email support to committee and sponsor. Passed executive action 15- 0 2/15, Passed House 97-0, heard in Sen Highways & Transportation 3/11, awaiting executive action
<a href="#">HB267</a> LC2909	Improve school bus safety laws	Rep Duram/Eureka/H D 2	Approaching, meeting and passing school buses, where a bus can stop, requires reporting violations, providing penalties	Support	Was heard 2/3 House Trans, amended and fiscal note available, waiting for executive action. Choose to study further, passed EA on 2/17 15-0, Passed 100-0, will be heard in Senate Highways & Transportation 3/16 3:00 pm
<a href="#">HB272</a>	Generally revise motor vehicle laws	Rep Stromswold Billings/HD50	Allows registration for a vehicle up to 5 years	Oppose	Hearing, House trans 2/8 Concern that this will lower funding for trails, parks, etc. Provided email in opposition to committee. Passed out of committee 2/10/21 14-1, Passed 2 <sup>nd</sup> reading 2/18 94-5,

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					Heard in House Appropriations 2/22, waiting for Exec Action
<a href="#">HB281</a> <a href="#">LC1760</a>	Revise laws related to e bikes	Rep Gunderson/ Libby/HD1	Brings definition of ebikes up to current national standard	Support Good for accessibility and disabled populations, does not change definition of bicycles, encourages bicycling and focused on urban, suburban front country, gives local control, no impact on federal lands	Draft request received - will update the ebike definition provided in 68 -1-102 to match the current 3 tier definition. Hearing 2/10 H Trans. Was then passed out of committee with amendments unanimously. Passed 2 <sup>nd</sup> reading 75-25. 2/17. Heard by Sen Highways & Transportation on 3/9, now waiting for exec action, asking for members to support
<a href="#">HB300</a> LC3063	Generally revise school transportation laws	Rep Schillinger/Circle /HD37	Schools may transport students in 8-15 passenger vehicles	Watch	Was heard 2/10 in house education, amended, , Passed 17-0, Passed 99-1 referred to Senate Highways and Transportation
<a href="#">HB306</a> <a href="#">LC1984</a>	Revise transportation laws relating to tourism	Rep Funk/ Helena/HD 82	Exempts shuttle drivers for groups under 15	Support	Hearing 2/10 H Trans, Passed exec action 15-0, 3 <sup>rd</sup>

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			from public service commission review		reading 99-1 will be heard by Sen Highways & Transportation on 3/16 3:00. Asking members to support
<a href="#">HB350</a> <a href="#">LC1300</a>	Generally revise school bus laws	Rep Putnam/ Kalispell/HD9	Allows for cameras on the exterior of school buses, provides for penalties	Support	Heard in House Trans 2/17, provided email testimony in support, being amended Passed 64-35, referred to Senate Highways and Transportation
<a href="#">HB365</a>	Revise motor carrier rate regulation laws	Rep Trebas/Great Falls/HD26	Removes class B carriers such as shuttle services, from PSC rate regulation	Watch	May be substituted for HB306 – heard and passed 15-0 2/15 H Trans, Passed house 98-1 Heard by Sen Highways & Transportation Hearing 3/11, waiting for exec action
<a href="#">HB598</a> LC3146	Generally revise disability parking laws	Rep Whitman/ Missoula/HD 96	Updates disability parking laws including signage, etc	Support	Passed House 94-5, referred to Senate Highways and Transportation
<a href="#">SB38</a>	Revised motorized trail program laws	Sen Gauthier/Helena /SD40	Would revise the Summer Motorized Grant Program to allow safety and ethics education grants, application review and recommendations from the state’s OHV Advisory Committee; rename the snowmobile trail pass to	support	Passed Senate 49-0, 2/9 hearing, H FWP 3:00 pm, Provided email testimony in support. Passed 18-0 as amended. Passed 94-5 referred to House Fish, Wildlife & Parks - passed 18-0, 2 <sup>nd</sup> reading scheduled for 3/12.

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			the winter trail pass and include dog sleds		
<a href="#">SB153</a> LC0787	Generally revising laws re: administration of FWP lands/waters	Sen Welborn/Dillon/SD36	Transfer administration of FAS's and recreation on Wildlife Mgmt areas to State Parks and Recreation board	Watch	Assigned to S Natural Resources 2/3, heard 2/19, many opponents, amendments are being added or will be added, which are available <a href="#">here</a> . Waiting for exec action. As an appropriations bill, it doesn't need to be transmitted until April 1.
Passed bills					
<a href="#">SR9</a>	Confirm Transportation Commission appointees	Sen Vance/Belgrade/SD34	Scott Aspenlieder, Billings, Montana, appointed to a term ending January 5, 2025. Loran Frazier, Great Falls, Montana, appointed to a term ending January 5, 2025. Shane Sanders, Bozeman, Montana, appointed to a term ending January 5, 2025.	Watch	Passed 49-0.
<a href="#">SR60</a>	Confirm Parks and Rec Board appointees	Sen Blasdel/SD4	New appointees to Board of Parks and Recreation – Jody Loomis, Russ Kipp, Kathy McLane	Watch	Hearing 2/11 S Fish and Game – passed 8-0. Passed Senate 50-0

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Dead Bills

<a href="#">HB326</a> LC2074	Generally revise bicycle laws	Rep Usher/ Laurel/ HD40	Expands class definition from Gunderson’s bill HB281 to include 7 restrictions and requirements for ebikes		Referred to H Trans – On hold - <b>dropped</b>
<a href="#">HB420</a>	Revise bicycle laws	Rep Kerns/Great falls/HD23	Requires MDOT to adopt administrative rules for standards of bicycle lanes and routes	Support?	Hearing, House trans 2/22 3:00pm. <b>Tabled in committee</b>
<a href="#">SB77</a>	Revise special district financing and dissolution provisions	Sen McGillvray/Billings/SD 23	Would make it easier to dissolve special districts including trail and recreation districts – opposed by many cities and towns	Oppose	Hearing 1/15 – Taxation, amended, waiting for executive action. <b>Tabled in committee.</b>