



FWP TRACKING SUMMARY
2019 LEGISLATION
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The following are bills FWP is tracking that pertain, in most instances, to the FWP resources we are responsible for managing in trust for the citizens of Montana.

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** Bills that were Tabled in Committee, Missed Transmittal date, etc.*

BILL #	SPONSOR	SUMMARY AND STATUS
HB 29	Manzella	Revising bird hunting dog laws. Establishing requirements for bird hunting dog training and field trials. Requiring a permit for field trials on public land. Defining the terms and providing rulemaking authority. House 1 st Reading 1/7/19
HB 32	Curdy	Revising laws related to aquatic invasive species programs. Requiring an aquatic invasive species prevention pass for operation of vessels, establishing fees and revising prevention pass fees for anglers. House 1 st Reading 1/7/19
HB 34	Keane	Provides a statutory appropriation for good neighbor forestry accounts. House Hearing Canceled 1/10/19
HB 38	Curdy	Allow interagency transfer of excess property at below fair market value to another state agency. House Hearing 1/16/19
HB 43	Loge	Revise laws related to issuing of free elk hunting license and or permits to landowners who offer free public elk hunting. House Hearing 1/10/19
HB 44	Brown	Clarify the use of adverse effects analysis for a change in water right. House Hearing 1/18/19
HB 45	Brown	Clarify criteria for water right permit or change relying on waiver of adverse effect. House Hearing 1/18/19
HB 47	Moore	Revises when an individual who is cited or arrested must be photographed and fingerprinted, also revises when a victim must be notified of a request for expungement of misdemeanor records. House Hearing 1/14/19
HB 57	Brown	Clarify placement of definitions of appropriation right, non-consumptive use and water right in state law. House Hearing 1/23/19
HB 60	Buttrey	Directs the code commissioner to correct erroneous references contained in material enacted by this legislature and previous legislatures. House Hearing 1/10/19

HB 70	Shaw	Increase the amount of timber allowed for sale under commercial permits. House Hearing 2/1/19
HB 80	Curdy	Revise the water reservation process in Missouri, Little Missouri River basins. Clarifying the water reservation process in the Clark Fork River Basin. House Hearing 1/23/19
HB 81	Curdy	Eliminate aviation fuel refunds and revise allocations from the aircraft regulation account. House Hearing 1/21/19
HB 94	Brown	Revises laws related to hunting access programs, reorganize provisions and providing necessary license prerequisites for free to landowners participating in the Block Management Program. House Hearing 1/15/19
HB 96	Garner	Eliminating the requirement for the board of crime control to hear appeals from decisions made by the public safety officer standards and training council. House Hearing 1/15/19
HB 97	Garner	Revise POST (public safety officer standards and training) Council statutes, council duties and rulemaking authority. House Hearing 1/15/19
HB 98	Garner	Revise peace officer statutes. Revising certification laws for peace officers on active reserve status and revising rulemaking authority. House Hearing 1/15/19
HB 104	Loge	Provides for free prerequisite licenses for block management cooperators who receive a free combination license for cooperating in the Block Management Program. House Hearing 1/10/19
HB 114	Brown	Amend process to appoint a water mediator and clarify duties. House Hearing 2/1/19
HB 132	Holmlund	Clarify the definition of 'wild buffalo' or 'wild bison'. House 1 st Reading 1/9/19
HB 143	Duram	Repealing the sunset on 3-day nonresident upland game bird licenses. House Hearing 1/15/19
HB 145	Zolnikov	Would allow individuals with a concealed weapon permit to move to a different city or county and not notify local law enforcement. House 1 st Reading 1/9/18
HB 161	Tschida	Would require the director, department and commission to only use facts and science when making decisions related to fish and wildlife. Would not allow the director, department and commission to use social science, human dimensions, people's attitudes, opinions, or preferences during the decision-making processes related to fish and wildlife. House 1 st Reading 1/10/19
HB 197	Zolnikov	Would require certain contracted services that are performed on a computer to use specialized programs for tracking actual work done. Would requiring a contractor to use software capable of verifying the hours billed, track keystrokes, mouse use and take a screenshot at least once every 3 minutes. Retain the specified information for up to 7 years for contracting agency or audit review. House Introduced 1/14/19
SB 24	Gauthier	Increase optional light motor vehicle registration fee for Parks and recreation. Create the trails and recreational facilities account and grant program and provide rule making authority. Referred to Senate Committee 1/8/19
SB 32	Sesso	Create a stream gauge oversight work group. Senate Hearing 1/11/19
SB 33	Richmond	Revising the phased development subdivision review process, limiting public hearing requirements prior to each development phase. Requiring government bodies to complete phase reviews within 20 working days. Senate Hearing 1/16/19
SB 44	Cohenour	Make conservation license a standalone prerequisite license before purchasing or applying for other hunting or fishing licenses. Reducing the price of certain combination licenses. Senate 1 st Reading 1/7/19
SB 45	Cohenour	Revise certain water right adjudication processes and creating an appeals process. Senate Hearing 1/11/19
SB 46	Cohenour	Revise laws related to distribution lists. Senate Hearing 1/11/19
SB 47	Cohenour	Clarifying the use of river basin councils for developing and implementing the state water plan. Clarifying that a state water plan must be developed by 2035. Extend the use of river basin councils in major river basins, clarifying the membership, and adding requirements for the state water plan. Senate Hearing 1/16/19

SB 49	Cohenour	Amend method for measuring water for aquifer recharge or mitigation. Senate Hearing 1/16/19
SB 70	Flowers	Remove Headwaters State Park from primitive parks list. Senate 1 st Reading 1/7/19
SB 72	Sesso	Revising supplemental notice laws in Montana Administrative Procedure Act. Revising the objection process for the Administrative Rule Review Committee. Senate 1 st Reading 1/7/19
SB 79	Hinebauch	Clarification on squaring bonus points for party applications for hunting licenses and permits. Senate Hearing 1/17/19
SB 81	Cohenour	Extend deadline to correct and complete an application for water right permit or change in appropriation right. Senate 1 st Reading 1/7/19
SB 94	Gauthier	Would allow an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN) to certify, endorse, sign any form that currently requires a physician (MD) signature. Referred to Senate Committee 1/14/2019

HUMAN RESOURCES

BILL #	SPONSOR	SUMMARY AND STATUS
HB 13	Funk	State employee pay plan and modify per diem travel reimbursement for persons in state service. House 1 st Reading 1/7/19
HB 67	Winter	Revise unemployment insurance benefits for members of the military. House Hearing 1/15/19
HB 128	Custer	Revise funding provision for Game Wardens' and Peace Officers' retirement system. House Hearing 1/16/19
HB 175	Dooling	Appropriate funds to implement pay revisions and per diem adjustments, revising per diem rates and extending group benefit contributions for state employees. House Hearing 1/22/19
SB 53	Sesso	Revise travel and meal reimbursement for public employees. Senate Hearing 1/11/19

APPROPRIATIONS/MONEY

BILL #	SPONSOR	SUMMARY AND STATUS
HB 2	Ballance	General appropriations act. House Hearing 1/17/19
HB 4	Bartel	Appropriations by budget amendment. House 1 st Reading 1/7/19
HB 5	Keane	Long range building appropriations. House 1 st Reading 1/7/19
HB 10	Holmlund	Long range information technology appropriations. House 1 st Reading 1/7/19