



# 2019 MONTANA LEGISLATURE Final Report

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*Association of Montana Retired Public Employees*

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| HB 128      | Geraldine Custer<br>(R) HD 39 | Failed | 2/14/2019   | Revise funding provision for Game Wardens' and Peace Officers' retirement system | Support  | Revises funding provisions for the Game Wardens' and Peace Officers' Retirement System, increases contributions, requires a review, terminates the increase if certain actuarial conditions are met  |
| HB 130      | John Fuller<br>(R) HD 8       | Failed | 4/11/2019   | Revise income tax law to exempt military pensions                                | Monitor  | Exempts military pension or retirement income and survivor benefits from state income taxation and provides the exemption to retired members of the armed forces, a reserve component, or the national guard. Expands rule making authority                            |
| HB 209      | Moffie Funk<br>(D) HD 82      | Failed | 2/14/2019   | Generally revise state employee pay laws   | Monitor  | Provides for career progression allowances for agency employees to reduce turnover; requires the budget director to review and approve the allowances for agencies, and that the allowances be included in the calculation of the present law base of the state budget |

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| HB 337      | Ryan Lynch<br>(D) HD 76      | Failed | 3/1/2019    | Increase university system supplemental contribution to TRS | Monitor  | Increases the Montana University System Retirement Program supplemental employer contribution rate paid to the teachers' retirement system  |
| HB 404      | Joshua Kassmier<br>(R) HD 27 | Failed | 4/1/2019    | Revise the itemized deduction for medical expenses          | Monitor  | Revises itemized deductions for medical expenses for income tax purposes, decreases the amount by which medical expenses must exceed Montana adjusted gross income in order to be deductible  |
| HB 642      | Jim Hamilton<br>(D) HD 61    | Failed | 4/1/2019    | Revise penalty and interest on late pension contributions   | Monitor  | Revises the interest penalty imposed on participating public employers for delinquent contributions to the public employees', sheriffs', municipal police officers', game wardens' and peace officers', firefighters' unified, highway patrol officers', and judges' retirement systems |

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| HB 715      | Llew Jones (R)<br>HD 18    | (H) Sent to<br>Enrolling | 4/25/2019   | Generally<br>revise laws<br>related to<br>state finance<br>and provide<br>for fiscal<br>studies | Monitor  | Revises laws related to budget stabilization reserve fund, revises percentages for reductions in spending, provides for a financial modernization and risk analysis study to be completed by a committee of the Legislative Finance and other members, directs the Legislative Finance Committee to conduct a study on long-term budget stabilization, sets parameters for the studies, provides for a transfer of funding into the Budget Stabilization Reserve Fund, and provides for appropriations |
| SB 128      | Jill Cohenour<br>(D) SD 42 | Failed                   | 3/1/2019    | Generally<br>revise laws<br>related to<br>state<br>employee pay<br>and benefits                 | Monitor  | Revises longevity laws for state employees, removes the requirement of continuous employment for state employees to receive longevity pay, provides that employment as a student intern does not apply towards the calculation of years of state service   |

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| SB 217      | David Howard<br>(R) SD 29 | Failed                            | 4/18/2019   | Revise taxation of social security income               | Monitor  | Revises the taxation of Social Security Benefits, modifies the federal calculation for taxation of Social Security Benefits on a state return  |
| SB 342      | David Howard<br>(R) SD 29 | Failed                            | 4/1/2019    | Referendum to revise taxation of social security income | Monitor  | Revises the taxation of Social Security Benefits, and modifies the federal calculation for taxation of Social Security Benefits on a state return  |
| SJ 29       | Dee Brown<br>(R) SD 2     | Failed                            | 4/24/2019   | Study of public employee pension funding and options    | Oppose   | Requests an interim legislative study of the public employee retirement systems, including sensitivity to market losses under selected scenarios, policy and funding options to help manage risks, and how to best keep the legislature informed |
| SR 5        | Dee Brown<br>(R) SD 2     | (S) Filed with Secretary of State | 2/7/2019    | Confirm Governor's appointees to public employ          | Support  | Concurs, confirms, and consents to the appointments to the Public Employees' Retirement Board made by the governor and submitted by written communication to the Senate on January 10, 2019  |

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| SR 49 | Dee Brown<br>(R) SD 2 | (S) Filed with<br>Secretary of<br>State | 4/18/2019 | Confirm<br>Governor's<br>appointees<br>for Public<br>Employees<br>Retirement<br>Board | Support | Concurs, confirms, and consents<br>to the appointments to the<br>Public Employees' Retirement<br>Board made by the governor |
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