

Active Bills

HB83	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
HB184 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, waiting for 1st reading in Senate
HB188 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
HB207 LC3171	Generally revise school bus safety laws	Rep Duram/Eureka/HD 2	Requires additional School bus lights	Support	Hearing 1/27 3:00 Transportation – provided email support to committee and sponsor, waiting on exec action
HB272	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

HB281 LC1760	Revise laws related to e bikes	Rep Gunderson/ Libby/HD1	Brings definition of ebikes up to current national standard	Support	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
HB306 LC1984	Revise transportation laws relating to tourism	Rep Funk/ Helena/HD 82	Exempts shuttle drivers for groups under 15 from public service commission review	Support	Hearing 2/10 H Trans
HB326 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
SB38	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 the winter trail pass and include dog sleds_	watch	Passed Senate 49-0, 2/9 hearing, H FWP 3:00 pm

SB77	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
SB153 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 Parks and recreation board	Watch	Assigned to S Natural Resources
HB267 LC2909	Improve school bus safety laws	Rep Duram/Eureka/HD 2	Approaching, meeting and passing school buses, where a bus can stop, requires reporting violations, providing penalties	Will probably support	Was heard 2/3 House Trans, amended and fiscal note available, waiting for executive action
SR60	Confirm Parks and Rec Board appointees	Sen Blasdel/SD4	New appointees to Board of Parks and Recreation – Jody Loomis, Russ Kipp, Kathy McLane		Hearing 2/11 S Fish and Game
Bills available but not introduced					
LC1300	Generally revise school bus laws	Rep Putnam/ Kalispell/HD9	Allows for cameras on the exterior of school buses	Support	Draft ready – bill available

LC1836	Revise stop and yield laws for bicycles	Rep Putnam/Kalispell/HD9	Rolling stop for bicycles	Support	Provided language
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