

CITY OF MISSOULA LOBBYING REPORT

WEEK ENDING 1-11-19

Active Lobbying and Hearings This Week:

HB16: Establish affordable housing loan program. SUPPORT. Hearing held in House Tax on 1-11. MacDonald testified for the city along with supporters from affordable housing groups, disability groups, non-profit builders, for-profit builders and at least one bank. No opposition at the hearing. A good bill with lots of support and no opposition. It would set aside \$15 million of the Coal Tax Trust Fund for loans to both for-profit and non-profit affordable housing projects. MacDonald met with other advocates after to share information and plan some additional follow up at this moves forward.

HB47: Generally revise criminal records laws. MONITOR. MacDonald is monitoring for both the city and the Montana Newspaper Association. The bill was in response to unintended consequences of legislation last session that decriminalized certain offenses. The AG apparently is aware of problems with this bill and has prepared amendments that were presented to the House Judiciary Committee on 1-10, making it clear the only intent was to still require fingerprints and photos of those who are booked into the jail. Will monitor to ensure those changes are adopted or that the bill is killed.

SB19: Revise laws related to local government budgeting and accounting. OPPOSE. The bill is in response to a specific situation that occurred in Glacier County. It includes new audit and financial reporting requirements that are likely in conflict with Government Accounting Standards. MacDonald met with the League and MACO regarding this prior to the hearing on 1-10. The hearing was very contentious. We stayed out of the room. Bill has lots of problems and is likely to die. MacDonald will monitor.

ADDITIONAL LOBBYIST PRIORITY BILLS AND EFFORTS

SB13: Allocating supportive housing grant funds. MONITORING. MacDonald awaiting additional information.

LC1565: Provide for local option luxury sales tax to fund infrastructure. MONITORING. Believe this will be the starting point for the cities who will be supporting local option authority. MacDonald has met with the sponsor and further discussions are planned with the city to determine a final position on the bill.

LC3012: Generally revise laws governing certified local government building code programs. SUPPORT. Identical to legislation last session to allow 2-year accumulations of funds in inspection budgets. MacDonald has visited with the sponsor and is discussing with the League to ensure no last-minute issues that occurred last session.

SB18: Establish workforce housing credits. SUPPORT. The hearing scheduled for the first week was postponed. MacDonald has been in contact with supporters and is coordinating with the league to ensure strong support. The bill will be in Senate Tax, but no hearing has been rescheduled yet.

HB125: Limit use of emergency ordinances by local government. OPPOSE. Hearing scheduled for 1-15. MacDonald is working closely with the League, which is taking the lead. Jessica has sent talking materials

and examples of emergency ordinances, which MacDonald has shared with Lynch at the League. We will oppose at the hearing. MacDonald is reaching out to committee members in the hall as well.

HB146: Establish laws regarding sanctuary cities. OPPOSE. MacDonald has discussed with the League, which wants to take the lead on this to prevent any one community from having to take the brunt. Missoula's delegation knows where the city stands. MacDonald is discussing with other legislators. Working with other opponents, including the ACLU. No hearing set. Will be in House Judiciary.

HB147: Referendum to establish sanctuary city law. OPPOSE. See comments above. We are lobbying these two bills together. Also no hearing date set, but it has also been referred to House Judiciary and will likely be up for debate at the same hearing as HB146.

HB15: Revise laws related to nonmotorized vehicle and mobile home disposal. SUPPORT. On the priority list but MacDonald needs more information. Hearing set for 1-25 in House Local Government. 3 pm. MacDonald will discuss with the bill sponsor as well.

SB52: Generally revise laws on sexual assault kits. STRONG SUPPORT. The bill formalizes the process for submission and requirements for testing assault kits. Chief Brady has been a champion of this and has provided MacDonald with talking points. Sheriffs and Chiefs of Police are also supporting, along with the league and victims' advocates. Hearing in Senate Judiciary is set for 1-15, 9 a.m. MacDonald set to testify.

HB6: Renewable Resource Grants. SUPPORT. Will be in House Appropriations. No hearing set. Need to continue monitoring.

SB15: Allow certain state funds to be used for affordable housing infrastructure. SUPPORT. Will appear in Senate Business and Labor. No hearing set. MacDonald has discussed with the League and will be at the committee to support when it comes up.