

CITY OF MISSOULA LOBBYIST REPORT

For the week of March 9 to March 13, 2015

Issues Update

1) Local Option Authority Legislation

- a. Continued working with the League and lobbyists regarding the local option bill that Jeff Essmann had agreed to carry. As of Thursday, Essmann said he was not happy with tax relief numbers that we got from the Department of Revenue and seemed to be backing out of his decision to carry the bill. We should know more on Friday

Direct Lobbying Update

1) HB471 – Revise local government property tax cap

- a. Continued work with lobbyists and Missoula delegation to secure votes in House Tax for HB471, which would raise the cap on mills to the full rate of inflation. We are awaiting executive action by the committee. The vote on this will be close.

2) HB602 - Allow oil and gas impact fee on lodging

- a. Worked with lobbyists regarding the local option “impact fee” bill. Lined up bipartisan sponsors, including Missoula Sens. Tom Facey and Cliff Larsen. The bill was introduced March 12 as HB604 and is set for a hearing next week

Bill Review Update

- 1) 3 House Bills identified with review requests to City staff
- 2) 1 Senate Bills identified with review requests to City staff