

CITY OF MISSOULA LOBBYIST REPORT

For the week of March 30 to April 3, 2015

Direct Lobbying Update

- 1) **HB6** – Provide for renewable resource grants
 - a. Helped organize letters to the Missoula delegation to support this because of funding for two important Missoula projects. The delegation, however, did not support. Largely this is due to the Democrats desire for a different bill. HB6 contains about 250k for the two Missoula projects, but only one of them is likely to get funding priority

- 2) **HB224** - Generally revise building code program laws.
 - a. Worked with members of Senate Local Government in an effort to get Zac Perry's bill off tabled status and blasted to the floor. We thought we had this done on Wednesday when Sen. Buttrey said he would make the blast motion and we had enough senators lined up to support it. Sen. Buttrey changed his mind without explanation and attempts to secure another Senator to make the motion failed. We are going regroup on Tuesday, but it's not looking good. City maintains a SUPPORT position.

- 3) **HB368** - Sunset voter approved property tax levies after certain period of time
 - a. Testified in OPPOSITION as we did in the House. The bill has been amended to change the limit on levies to ten (10) years instead of six (6), but we argued that this is a decision that should be left up to voters which this bill essentially takes that away.

- 4) **HB519** - Generally revise exempt well laws
 - a. We monitored exempt wells, but did not chime in. The bill has difficulty and I believe our testimony would not have made any different. City maintains an OPPOSE position.

Bill Review Update

- 1) 2 House Bills identified with review requests to City staff
- 2) 0 Senate Bills identified with review requests to City staff