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# Montana Legislative Scorecard

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## 2019 Legislative Session



**Methodology:** We have put out a number of legislative scorecards over the years. The MSA Leadership Team suggests bills we might consider. Together, we choose the most egregious bills. We also include bills we supported. We then hire Kathryn QannaYahu to build the matrix and fill in the data. No one knows the end result until the tabulations are finished.

We are officially non-partisan. We will endorse folks from any party if they share our philosophy; and are committed to work for the benefit of Montana Resident sportsmen/women; and the long-term conservation of public trust resources.

We have a policy of “no federal lands transfer”. We will not endorse any candidate who advocates a federal lands transfer position.

There are a number of points gleaned from our scorecard. We have 35 that scored 100%, all Representatives, all across Montana. Of those 35, the majority were women (20).

We hope the MSA scorecard will be valuable to folks when elections come around.

MSA has chosen the following bills and their positions for the MSA 2019 Legislative Scorecard:

<b>1.</b>	<b>HB 10</b>	Kenneth Holmlund, (R) HD 38	<a href="#">Long-Range Information Technology Appropriations</a> , Signed by Governor 5/10/2019. <b>SUPPORTED:</b> MSA supported the upgrade in FWP's computer technology.
<b>2.</b>	<b>HB 265</b>	Kerry White, (R) HD 64	<a href="#">Revise laws related to approval of FWP easements</a> , Vetoed by Governor 5/10/2019. <b>OPPOSED:</b> MSA opposed as bill proposed running all easements thru the Land Board.
<b>3.</b>	<b>HB 550</b>	Alan Redfield, (R) HD 59	<a href="#">Revise definition of public road in gas tax laws</a> , Died in Process (S) 4/25/2019. <b>OPPOSED:</b> MSA opposed because it was an effort to interfere with efforts to curb illegal road closures.
<b>4.</b>	<b>HJ 18</b>	Wylie Galt, (R) HD 30	<a href="#">Resolution urging enhancement of elk management/shoulder season regulations</a> , Filed with Secretary of State 4/30/2019. <b>OPPOSED:</b> MSA opposed effort to influence FWP's use of shoulder seasons before the performance criteria was available. It attempted to minimize the number of hunters & maximize harvest harvest with many tags per hunter. It did not recognize any effort at equitable distribution of Public Trust wildlife.
<b>5.</b>	<b>SB 127</b>	Jill Cohenour, (D) SD 42	<a href="#">Prohibit sale of wildlife identification information for hunting</a> , Died in Standing Committee (H) 4/25/2019. <b>SUPPORTED:</b> MSA supported because of the detrimental ramifications of selling wildlife data. The Rules of Fair Chase prohibit using this type of data in private pursuit of game.
<b>6.</b>	<b>SB 224</b>	Tom Jacobson, (D) SD 11	<a href="#">Generally revise laws related to county road access</a> , Died in Standing Committee (H) 04/25/2019. <b>SUPPORTED:</b> MSA supported this legislative effort in previous sessions. This bill would bring common sense rules to attempts at closing county roads.
<b>7.</b>	<b>SB 333</b>	Jill Cohenour, (D) SD 42	<a href="#">Revise requirements for retention of evidence of sex for harvested animals</a> , Signed by Governor 5/2/2019. <b>SUPPORTED:</b> MSA supported common sense improvements to rules for evidence of sex for harvested animals.
<b>8.</b>	<b>SR 48</b>	Edward Buttrey, (R) SD 11	<a href="#">Confirm Governor's appointees to fish and wildlife commission</a> , Filed with Secretary of State 5/3/2019. <b>SUPPORTED:</b> MSA supported FWP Commission nominations, which deserve to move forward in the public & legislative process.

**3<sup>rd</sup> reading Yeas, Nays, Excused, Absent;**

**2<sup>nd</sup> reading (Y2, N2, 3<sup>rd</sup> reading not available for bills which died earlier);**

**Resolution Adopted**

**Blast Motion to get the bill out of Committee(YB, NB);**

**N/A** (Not Applicable for bills which died earlier).

\* Of the 8 bills scored, Sen. Jennifer Fielder was excused from voting for 4 of them. Two of the bills for the House votes were N/A, leaving only 6 for Mortensen to vote on, 4 of which he was excused or absent from. Therefore, Fielder and Mortensen are not scored with the others.

<b>Dist.</b>	<b>Senate</b>	<b>% Score</b>	<b>HB 10</b>	<b>HB 265</b>	<b>HB 550</b>	<b>HJ 18</b>	<b>SB 127</b>	<b>SB 224</b>	<b>SB 333</b>	<b>SR 48</b>
1	Mike Cuffe, R - Eureka	<b>50</b>	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
2	Dee Brown, R - Hungry Horse	<b>37</b>	N	Y	N2	Y	Y	N	Y	N
3	Keith Regier, R - Kalispell	<b>50</b>	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
4	Mark Blasdel, R - Kalispell	<b>37</b>	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	N	Y	N
5	Bob Keenan, R - Bigfork	<b>37</b>	N	Y	Y2	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
6	Albert Olszewski, R - Kalispell	<b>37</b>	Y	Y	N2	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
7	Jennifer Fielder, R – Thompson Falls	*Note	Y	E	E	E	Y	E	Y	N
8	Susan Webber, D - Browning	<b>86</b>	Y	N	Y2	N	Y	E	Y	Y
9	Bruce Gillespie, R - Ethridge	<b>62</b>	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
10	Steve Fitzpatrick, R – Great Falls	<b>62</b>	Y	N	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
11	Tom Jacobson, D – Great Falls	<b>87</b>	Y	N	Y2	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
12	Carlie Boland, D – Great Falls	<b>87</b>	Y	N	Y2	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
13	Brian Hoven, R – Great Falls	<b>37</b>	Y	Y	Y2	Y	N	Y	Y	N
14	Russel Temple, R - Chester	<b>50</b>	Y	Y	Y2	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
15	Ryan Osmundson, R - Buffalo	<b>37</b>	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	N	Y	N
16	Frank Smith, D – Poplar	<b>75</b>	Y	N	Y2	N	Y	N	Y	Y
17	Mike Lang, R - Malta	<b>25</b>	Y	Y	Y2	Y	N	N	N	Y
18	Steve Hinebauch, R - Wibaux	<b>43</b>	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	E	Y	N
19	Kenneth Bogner, R – Miles City	<b>50</b>	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
20	Duane Ankney, R - Colstrip	<b>57</b>	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	E	Y	Y
21	Jason Small, R – Busby	<b>75</b>	Y	N	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
22	Doug Kary, R - Billings	<b>37</b>	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	N	Y	N
23	Roger Webb, R - Billings	<b>25</b>	Y	Y	Y2	Y	N	N	Y	N
24	Mary McNally, D - Billings	<b>87</b>	Y	N	E	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
25	Jen Gross, D - Billings	<b>86</b>	Y	N	E	N	N	Y	Y	Y

26	Margaret MacDonald, D - Billings	87	Y	N	Y2	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
27	Cary Smith, R - Billings	50	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
28	Tom Richmond, R - Billings	62	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
29	David Howard, R – Park City	37	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	N	Y	N
30	John Esp, R – Big Timber	25	N	Y	Y2	Y	N	E	Y	Y
31	Mike Phillips, D - Bozeman	87	Y	N	Y2	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
32	Pat Flowers, D - Belgrade	87	Y	N	Y2	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
33	JP Pomnichowski, D - Bozeman	87	Y	N	Y2	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
34	Gordon Vance, R - Belgrade	37	N	Y	N2	Y	Y	N	Y	N
35	Scott Sales, R - Bozeman	25	N	Y	Y2	Y	Y	N	Y	N
36	Jeffrey Welborn, R - Dillon	87	Y	N	Y2	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
37	Jon Sesso, D - Butte	87	Y	N	Y2	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
38	Edie McClafferty, D - Butte	87	Y	N	Y2	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
39	Gene Vuckovich, D - Anaconda	71	Y	N	Y2	Y	Y	E	Y	Y
40	Terry Gauthier, R - Helena	50	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
41	Janet Ellis, D - Helena	75	Y	N	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
42	Jill Cohenour, D – East Helena	87	Y	N	Y2	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
43	Jason Ellsworth, R - Hamilton	37	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	N	Y	N
44	Fred Thomas, R - Stevensville	37	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	N	Y	N
45	Dick Barrett, D - Missoula	87	Y	N	Y2	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
46	Sue Malek, D - Missoula	87	Y	N	Y2	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
47	Daniel Salomon, R - Ronan	62	Y	Y	Y2	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
48	Nate McConnell, D - Missoula	87	Y	N	Y2	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
49	Diane Sands, D - Missoula	87	Y	N	Y2	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
50	Bryce Bennett, D - Missoula	87	Y	N	Y2	N	Y	Y	Y	Y

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1	Steve Gunderson, R - Libby	<b>17</b>	N	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
2	Neil Duram, R - Eureka	<b>33</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
3	Zac Perry, D – Hungry Horse	<b>100</b>	Y	N	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
4	Matt Regier, R - Kalispell	<b>33</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
5	Dave Fern, D - Whitefish	<b>100</b>	Y	N	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
6	Carl Glimm, R - Kila	<b>17</b>	N	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
7	Frank Garner, R - Kalispell	<b>33</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
8	John Fuller, R - Kalispell	<b>33</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
9	David Dunn, R - Kalispell	<b>17</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	N	N/A
10	Mark Noland, R - Bigfork	<b>17</b>	N	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
11	Derek Skees, R - Kalispell	<b>33</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
12	Greg Hertz, R - Polson	<b>33</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
13	Bob Brown, R – Thompson Falls	<b>33</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
14	Denley Loge, R – Saint Regis	<b>33</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
15	Marvin Weatherwax, D – Browning	<b>100</b>	Y	N	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
16	Tyson Runningwolf, D - Browning	<b>100</b>	Y	N	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
17	Ross Fitzgerald, R - Fairfield	<b>33</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
18	Llew Jones, R - Conrad	<b>33</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
19	Wendy McKamey, R – Great Falls	<b>33</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
20	Fred Anderson, R – Great Falls	<b>20</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	<b>E</b>	N/A
21	Edward Buttrey, R – Great Falls	<b>33</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
22	Lola Sheldon-Galloway, R – Great Falls	<b>33</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
23	Bradley Hamlett, D – Cascade	<b>50</b>	N	N	Y	Y	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
24	Barbara Bessette, D – Great Falls	<b>100</b>	Y	N	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
25	Jasmine Krotlov, D – Neihart	<b>100</b>	Y	N	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A

26	Casey Schreiner, D – Great Falls	<b>100</b>	Y	N	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
27	Josh Kassmier, R – Fort Benton	<b>33</b>	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A	
28	Jacob Bachmeier, D - Havre	<b>100</b>	Y	N	N	N/A	YB	E	N/A	
29	Dan Bartel, R - Lewistown	<b>25</b>	Y	Y	Y	N/A	E	E	N/A	
30	Wylie Galt, R - Martinsdale	<b>33</b>	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A	
31	Bridget Smith, D – Wolf Point	<b>100</b>	Y	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A	
32	Jonathan Windy Boy, D – Box Elder	<b>83</b>	N	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A	
33	Casey Knudsen, R - Malta	<b>33</b>	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A	
34	Rhonda Knudsen, R - Culbertson	<b>33</b>	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A	
35	Joel Krautter, R - Sidney	<b>33</b>	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A	
36	Alan Doane, R - Bloomfield	<b>33</b>	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A	
37	Frederick(Eric) Moore, R – Miles City	<b>33</b>	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A	
38	Kenneth Holmlund, R – Miles City	<b>33</b>	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A	
39	Geraldine Custer, R - Forsyth	<b>67</b>	Y	N	Y	N/A	YB	Y	N/A	
40	Barry Usher, R - Billings	<b>33</b>	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A	
41	Rae Peppers, D – Lame Deer	<b>100</b>	Y	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A	
42	Sharon Stewart-Peregoy, D – Crow Agency	<b>100</b>	Y	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A	
43	Peggy Webb, R - Billings	<b>20</b>	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	E	N/A	
44	Dale Mortensen, R - Billings	*Note	E	A	E	E	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
45	Daniel Zolnikov, R - Billings	<b>33</b>	N	Y	Y	Y	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
46	Bill Mercer, R - Billings	<b>33</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
47	Kathy Kelker, D - Billings	<b>100</b>	Y	N	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
48	Jessica Karjala, D - Billings	<b>100</b>	Y	N	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
49	Emma Kerr-Carpenter, D - Billings	<b>100</b>	Y	N	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
50	Jade Bahr, D - Billings	<b>100</b>	Y	N	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
51	Frank Fleming, R - Billings	<b>33</b>	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A	
52	Rodney Garcia, R - Billings	<b>33</b>	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A	

53	Dennis Lenz, R- Billings	33	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
54	Terry Moore, R - Billings	33	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
55	Vince Ricci, R - Laurel	33	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
56	Sue Vinton, R - Billings	33	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
57	Forrest Mandeville, R - Columbus	33	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
58	Seth Berglee, R - Joliet	33	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
59	Alan Redfield, R - Livingston	33	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
60	Laurie Bishop, D - Livingston	100	Y	N	N	N	N/A	E	Y	N/A
61	Jim Hamilton, D - Bozeman	100	Y	N	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
62	Tom Woods, D - Bozeman	83	Y	N	N	Y	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
63	Zach Brown, D - Bozeman	83	Y	N	N	Y	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
64	Kerry White, R - Bozeman	17	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	N	N/A
65	Christopher Pope, D - Bozeman	100	Y	N	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
66	Denise Hayman, D - Bozeman	100	Y	N	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
67	Tom Burnett, R - Bozeman	33	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
68	Bruce Grubbs, R - Bozeman	50	Y	N	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
69	Walt Sales, R - Manhattan	33	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
70	Julie Dooling, R - Helena	33	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
71	Ray Shaw, R - Sheridan	33	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
72	Tom Welch, R - Dillon	50	Y	N	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
73	Jim Keane, D - Butte	100	Y	N	N	N	N/A	E	Y	N/A
74	Derek Harvey, D - Butte	100	Y	N	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
75	Greg Devries, R – Jefferson City	17	N	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
76	Ryan Lynch, D - Butte	100	Y	N	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
77	Mark Sweeney, D - Philipsburg	83	Y	E	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
78	Gordon Pierson, D – Deer Lodge	100	Y	N	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
79	Robert Farris-Olsen, D - Helena	100	Y	N	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A

80	Becky Beard, R - Elliston	<b>50</b>	Y	Y	Y	N	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
81	Mary Carerro, D - Helena	<b>83</b>	N	N	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
82	Moffie Funk, D - Helena	<b>100</b>	Y	N	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
83	Kim Abbott, D - Helena	<b>100</b>	Y	N	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
84	Mary Ann Dunwell, D - Helena	<b>100</b>	Y	N	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
85	Theresa Manzella, R - Hamilton	<b>17</b>	N	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
86	David Bedey, R - Hamilton	<b>33</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
87	Nancy Ballance, R - Hamilton	<b>33</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
88	Sharon Greef, R - Florence	<b>33</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
89	Katie Sullivan, D - Missoula	<b>100</b>	Y	N	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
90	Marilyn Marler, D - Missoula	<b>100</b>	Y	N	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
91	Connie Keogh, D - Missoula	<b>100</b>	Y	N	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
92	Mike Hopkins, R - Missoula	<b>50</b>	Y	Y	Y	N	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
93	Joe Read, R – Ronan	<b>33</b>	Y	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	Y	N/A
94	Kimberly Dudik, D - Missoula	<b>100</b>	Y	N	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
95	Shane Morigeau, D - Missoula	<b>100</b>	Y	N	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
96	Tom Winter, D - Missoula	<b>80</b>	Y	N	N	Y	N/A	YB	E	N/A
97	Brad Tschida, R - Missoula	<b>0</b>	N	Y	Y	Y	N/A	NB	N	N/A
98	Willis Curdy, D - Missoula	<b>100</b>	Y	N	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
99	Marilyn Ryan, D - Missoula	<b>100</b>	Y	N	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A
100	Andrea Olsen, D - Missoula	<b>100</b>	Y	N	N	N	N/A	YB	Y	N/A

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