

Legislative Overview for the Week of Jan. 3, 2011

Here is a brief review of lobbying activities by the City of Missoula for the Week of Jan. 3.

Committee and Bill Testimony:

None. No bills heard in committee.

Other Direct Lobbying:

SB102, requiring public entities and government to pay subcontractors directly. Direct lobbying of bill sponsor. City will strongly oppose.

SB111, limiting non-economic losses awarded in auto accidents if plaintiff violated certain laws. Direct lobbying of sponsor, direct lobbying of other interested parties. City will support and may seek amendment to include seat belt violation as a covered offense.

HB123, extension for local governments in establishing levies. Discussed briefly Missoula's issue with the proposed date. City will continue to work to modify.

HB11, TSEP bill. Communications with other lobbyists. City watching and likely to oppose

HB101, revise sewer and water district laws. Met with sponsor briefly to discuss Missoula concerns with language. Sponsor says an amendment is in the works that hopefully will address that. City Will Watch.

SB41: Amends law allowing cities to establish courts of records. Discussed briefly with bill sponsor. Will watch and likely not take any position.

Other Activities:

Attended the First Day of Session Chamber of Commerce event for legislators. No expenses to city.

Attended introductory meeting of the Senate Local Government meeting

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Met with lobbyists regarding pending legislation of potential interest to the city.