

Montana Senate Conservation Hotlist Week 4: January 25, 2021

Please Support:

SB 59, Revise laws related to integrated least-cost resource planning, Senator McNally (D-Billings) Senate Energy, Executive Action, Support. SB 59 would allow utilities to submit Resource Procurement Plans every two or three years instead of the current legal requirement to do so every three years. This bill helps Montana Dakota Utilities coordinate its resource planning with the requirements of other states. *Contact Conor Ploeger, MEIC, at 443-2520 or cploeger@meic.org.*

SB 94, Establishing Indigenous People's Day, Senator Webber (D-Browning) Senate State Administration, Hearing on 1/27, Support. This bill would create an Indigenous People's Day on the second Monday of October, currently known only as Columbus Day.

Please Oppose:

SB 85, Generally revise taxation of renewable energy, Senator Ankney (R-Colstrip) Senate Taxation, Executive Action, Oppose. SB 85 would raise taxes on wind energy generation. The bill would make it less economic for renewable energy developers to build projects in Montana. *Contact Anne Hedges, MEIC, at 461-9546 or ahedges@meic.org or Conor Ploeger at 443-2520 or cploeger@meic.org*

SB 98, Revising laws related to grizzly bear take in defense of persons and livestock, Senator Gillespie (R-Ethridge) Senate Agriculture, Executive Action, Oppose. This bill would redefine when a grizzly bear can be killed to include threatening livestock. The language would replace language approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to assure adequate mechanisms to maintain grizzly bears post delisting from the endangered species list, and ensure that grizzlies are never delisted in Montana. *Contact Nick Gevock, MWF, at 406-533-9432 or ngevock@mtwf.org*

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