



2023 End of Session **OVERVIEW & SCORECARD**

Big Sky 55+ is an organization of Montanans 55 and older who are mobilizing our voices, experience, and power to make our state a better place for current and future generations, and to advance the human dignity of all.¹

Our platform is visionary, extensive, and inclusive of all Montanans. For the 2023 Legislature, we focused on some critical emerging issues, such as the rapid loss of a dozen Montana nursing homes in the past year, affordable housing, and defending our Montana Constitution. As reflected in our mission statement above, human dignity of all Montanans lives at the core of our purpose. So, in addition to the priorities we set going into the session, we also gave witness to the alarming attacks on vulnerable and marginalized Montanans, whether they be elders and persons with disabilities who require institutional or home-based caregiving, or Montana's tiny community of transgender citizens, especially the youth, who were in the cross-hairs of an empowered far-right-wing group of legislators within the supermajority Republican Party.

¹ <https://www.bigskyfiftyfive.org/copy-of-issues-platform>

BIG SKY 55+ 2023 PRIORITIES

LONG-TERM AND COMMUNITY (LTC) BASED CARE

Montana's nursing homes were in a "perfect storm" of forces that had rapidly eroded the finances of virtually every provider in the state - whether for-profit or nonprofit. With 11 LTC facilities closing in 2022 Montana's Governor responded by suggesting it was time for a new business model. Unfortunately, it's hard to build a new ship when the one in which you are sailing is rapidly sinking. Nor was there evidence that Gianforte's biennium budget proposal increased community-based caregiving capacity, either.

Lawmakers and the Governor had \$2.5 billion in state surplus dollars available to bridge the financial gap for nursing home and other residential and community caregiving settings. However, proposed budgets and legislation fell short of the minimum needed, as calculated by a \$2 million independent study performed by Guidehouse, a nationally reputable firm, of what it costs to provide senior and other types of critical needs care in Montana.

Big Sky 55+ pushed long and hard to get reimbursements equal to the true cost of providing care in a competitive labor market. By the time of the legislature's adjournment, the rates were raised significantly, but not to the minimum benchmarks laid out by the Guidehouse study. Nor did stabilization money pass to help with the years of under-paying these facilities and other caregivers.

An interim study resolution to look into how community based care and services could be strengthened also failed to pass before the session adjourned. The study bill, HJ 28, was moving with overwhelming bipartisan support, and it is our hope that lawmakers can use their discretion during the interim to take up some of the issues the bill recommended.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Housing costs in Montana have skyrocketed. Montana's population has outstripped its housing supply, regardless of affordability. But the scarcity is also driving up housing costs at every level. If you're a wealthy émigré who wants to live in "Yellowstone" country, it's still a bargain. If you are a senior or veteran who has lived here for decades, or a young worker who wants to live near a job you hold, you are not so fortunate.

Big Sky 55+ played offense in support of passing financial tools to break ground quickly on the kinds of housing seniors and workers can still afford. We also played defense, as groups like the Montana Landlords Association tried to leverage a super majority to waive decades-old protections for renters in state law.

Probably the best affordable-housing bill of the session, HB 889 would have protected lot renters who own their homes in manufactured home villages across the state. These villages are being acquired by large private equity firms that use them to extract exorbitant rent increases from some of our most vulnerable Montanans - most of them elderly, many disabled, and many single income families or single parents raising children. The Governor vetoed HB 889 after the session adjourned.

DEFEND MONTANA'S CONSTITUTION

Montanans are blessed with an extraordinary, visionary document crafted by ordinary citizens and now recognized around the world. Going into the 2023 session, bill drafts to refer piecemeal and deceptively worded amendments to the constitution were piling up. Ultimately 66 “titles” were submitted and 19 bills introduced. Of those, 9 made it to the full floor of either chamber, and in the end, all fell short of the 100 votes necessary to put a constitutional amendment on the statewide ballot.

Meanwhile, the very best Constitution will be ineffectual and meaningless without a strong and independent judiciary to uphold its principals. Montana’s judicial system was also under attack with numerous bills attempting to either make the courts partisan, or infringe on the courts’ autonomy and put them under the control of either the legislative or executive branches, or both! Big Sky 55+ mostly monitored and shared updates on these bills, letting the legal community, the Montana Bar, trial lawyers, defense lawyers, and judges take the lead.

Free, open, and fair elections and protecting citizens’ rights to vote also protects the fundamental rights and responsibilities of a democracy, and we kept close watch on election-related bills, weighing in on a couple that would profoundly impact self-governance in Montana, especially at the local level.

SESSION SUMMARY

After spending close to a billion dollars, lawmakers adjourned without adopting any long-term reductions in residential property taxes that so bedevil elder Montanans and others on fixed incomes! They also rejected many opportunities to extend targeted and fiscally sound tax relief that would have helped low-middle income social security recipients.

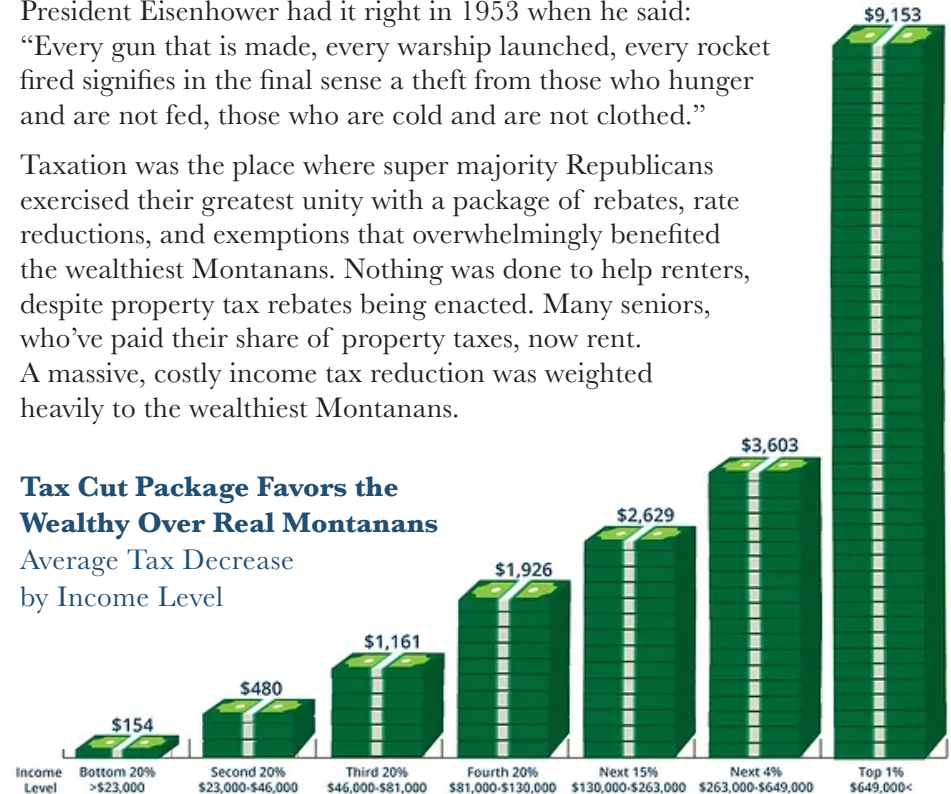
FAIR TAXATION

President Eisenhower had it right in 1953 when he said: “Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies in the final sense a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed.”

Taxation was the place where super majority Republicans exercised their greatest unity with a package of rebates, rate reductions, and exemptions that overwhelmingly benefited the wealthiest Montanans. Nothing was done to help renters, despite property tax rebates being enacted. Many seniors, who’ve paid their share of property taxes, now rent. A massive, costly income tax reduction was weighted heavily to the wealthiest Montanans.

Tax Cut Package Favors the Wealthy Over Real Montanans

Average Tax Decrease by Income Level



How did
your legislator
vote?

On the following pages we list the bills that encapsulated our key issues most accurately and provide a birds-eye view of the lawmakers in relation to BS55+ priorities.

House of Representatives

TOP BILLS OF CONCERN

HB 971

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SB 340

REVISE LAWS RELATED TO INSURANCE COVERAGE OF INSULIN

Sponsor: Sen. Jason Small BS55+ position: **support**

Status: Became Law

SB 340 establishes a cap of \$35/month co-pay for insulin. This seemingly simple bill will make a huge difference for some of the most vulnerable citizens of our state.

HB 829

ESTABLISH A MONTANA WORKFORCE HOUSING TAX CREDIT

Sponsor: Rep. George Nikolakakos BS55+ position: **support**

Status: Died in committee

This would create a State of Montana affordable housing tax credit, a highly effective tool for building housing that workers, seniors, veterans and young families can afford. It did not get out of the House Appropriations Committee after a positive vote on the House floor.

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REVISE THE RESIDENTIAL MOBILE HOME LOT RENTAL ACT

Sponsor: Rep. Jonathan Karlen BS55+ position: **support**

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HB 649
INCREASE PROVIDER RATES TO
THE GUIDEHOUSE STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS

Sponsor: Rep. Mary Caferro BS55+ position: **support**
Status: Amended into HB2, passed into Law

This vote by the House during the busy transmittal time demonstrated strong bipartisan support for addressing Montana’s critically threatened skilled nursing homes and other providers (adult group homes, community based care, adults with disabilities). It was one of the most important votes of the session when it came to stemming the tide of nursing home closures sweeping across Montana. HB 649 was dramatically changed by the House Appropriations Committee. It was further transformed into a much smaller appropriation for immediate nursing home stabilization, and then died in the Senate Finance and Claims Committee.

HJ 28
INTERIM STUDY OF CONTINUUM
OF LONG-TERM CARE SERVICES

Sponsor: Rep. Mike Yakawich BS55+ position: **support**
Status: Died in process

This bill directs that an interim study take place to examine the continuum of long-term care services in the state in order to evaluate current needs and available services and make recommendations for strengthening the continuum of services to older Montanans.

HB 221
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HD 83	Abbott, Kim	Helena	D										100%
HD 20	Anderson, Fred	Great Falls	R										44%
HD 58	Barker, Brad	Roberts	R										67%
HD 47	Baum, Denise	Billings	D										100%
HD 86	Bedey, David	Hamilton	R										56%
HD 30	Bergstrom, James	Buffalo	R										44%
HD 75	Bertoglio, Marta	Montana City	R										56%
HD 85	Binkley, Michele	Hamilton	R										56%
HD 60	Bishop, Laurie	Livingston	D										100%
HD 44	Brewster, Larry	Billings	R										22%
HD 9	Brockman, Tony	Kalispell	R										22%
HD 63	Buckley, Alice	Bozeman	D										100%
HD 29	Butcher, Edward	Winifred	R										33%
HD 21	Buttrey, Edward	Great Falls	R										44%
HD 82	Caferro, Mary	Helena	D										100%
HD 69	Carlson, Jennifer	Manhattan	R										22%
HD 98	Carter, Robert	Missoula	D										100%
HD 84	Cohenour, Jill	East Helena	D										100%
HD 55	Deming, Lee	Laurel	R										33%
HD 70	Dooling, Julie	Helena	R										33%
HD 2	Duram, Neil	Eureka	R										44%
HD 52	Essmann, Sherry	Billings	R										11%
HD 48	Etchart, Jodee	Billings	R										33%

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HD 23	Kerns, Scot	Great Falls	R	✗	✗	👍	👍	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	33%
HD 49	Kerr-Carpenter, Emma	Billings	D	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	x	100%
HD 38	Kmetz, Greg	Miles City	R	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	22%
HD 33	Knudsen, Casey	Malta	R	✗	✗	✗	👍	👍	👍	👍	✗	✗	44%
HD 34	Knudsen, Rhonda	Culbertson	R	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	22%
HD 65	Kortum, Kelly	Bozeman	D	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	100%
HD 35	Ler, Brandon	Savage	R	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	22%
HD 14	Loge, Denley	Saint Regis	R	✗	✗	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	✗	✗	56%
HD 73	Lynch, Jennifer	Butte	D	✗	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	89%
HD 59	Malone, Marty	Pray	R	✗	✗	👍	👍	✗	👍	👍	✗	✗	44%
HD 90	Marler, Marilyn	Missoula	D	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	100%
HD 87	Marshall, Ron	Hamilton	R	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	11%
HD 66	Matthews, Eric	Bozeman	D	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	100%
HD 46	Mercer, Bill	Billings	R	✗	✗	👍	👍	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	33%
HD 19	Miner, Russ	Great Falls	R	✗	✗	👍	👍	✗	👍	👍	✗	✗	44%
HD 3	Mitchell, Braxton	Columbia Falls	R	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	22%
HD 54	Moore, Terry	Billings	R	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	11%
HD 57	Nave, Fiona	Columbus	R	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	22%
HD 53	Nicol, Nelly	Billings	R	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	11%
HD 26	Nikolakakos, George	Great Falls	R	✗	✗	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	✗	✗	56%
HD 40	Oblander, Greg	Billings	R	✗	✗	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	✗	✗	56%
HD 39	Parry, Gary	Colstrip	R	✗	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	✗	✗	67%
HD 36	Phalen, Bob	Lindsay	R	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	22%
HD 93	Read, Joe	Ronan	R	✗	✗	👍	👍	✗	👍	👍	✗	✗	44%
HD 4	Regier, Matt	Kalispell	R	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	22%
HD 6	Regier, Amy	Kalispell	R	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	22%

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HD 81	Romano, Melissa	Helena	D	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	100%
HD 16	Running Wolf, Tyson	Browning	D	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	100%
HD 88	Rusk, Wayne	Corvallis	R	✗	👍	👍	👍	👍	✗	👍	✗	✗	55%
HD 37	Schillinger, Jerry	Circle	R	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%
HD 43	Seekins-Crowe, Kerri	Billings	R	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	22%
HD 22	Sheldon-Galloway, Lola	Great Falls	R	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	11%
HD 79	Smith, Laura	Helena	D	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	100%
HD 11	Smith, Tanner	Lakeside	R	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	11%
HD 31	Smith, Frank	Poplar	D	👍	👍	👍	👍	✗	👍	👍	👍	👍	89%
HD 7	Sprunger, Courtenay	Kalispell	R	✗	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	✗	✗	67%
HD 62	Stafman, Ed	Bozeman	D	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	100%
HD 42	Stewart Peregoy, Sharon	Crow Agency	D	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	100%
HD 89	Sullivan, Katie	Missoula	D	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	100%
HD 99	Thane, Mark	Missoula	D	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	100%
HD 28	Tuss, Paul	Havre	D	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	100%
HD 56	Vinton, Sue	Billings	R	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	22%
HD 71	Walsh, Kenneth	Twin Bridges	R	✗	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	✗	✗	67%
HD 15	Weatherwax, Marvin	Browning	D	👍	E	👍	👍	👍	👍	E	👍	E	100%
HD 72	Welch, Tom	Dillon	R	✗	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	✗	✗	67%
HD 32	Windy Boy, Jonathan	Rocky Boy	D	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	100%
HD 80	Wirth, Zack	Wolf Creek	R	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	22%
HD 51	Yakawich, Michael	Billings	R	✗	✗	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	✗	✗	55%
HD 100	Zephyr, Zoey	Missoula	D	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	100%
HD 45	Zolnikov, Katie	Billings	R	✗	✗	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	✗	✗	55%

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SB 210 PROHIBIT CONSENT AS A DEFENSE FOR PHYSICIAN-ASSISTED AID IN DYING

Sponsor: Sen. Carl Glimm. BS55+ position: **oppose**
Status: Died

This would criminalize physicians who assist with aid in dying for terminally ill, mentally competent patients who have less than six months to live.

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HB 819 CREATE MONTANA COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT ACT TO FUND WORKFORCE HOUSING

Sponsor: Rep. Paul Green BS55+ position: **support**
Status: Died in committee

This bill became the omnibus affordable housing bill that made it through both chambers. It includes state dollars to bolster housing infrastructure for municipalities, housing for Montana's correctional workers to help with retention, and a mortgage buy-down for middle class workers. Revolving affordable housing loans from the Coal Trust are still in the bill but a conference committee amended them to a higher interest rate which will likely significantly undercut the capacity of these funds to reach the most critical housing needs for workers and moderate income Montanans in rapidly inflating housing markets. When the Senate voted on HB 819 on 3rd reading, interest on those loans was still targeted to affordable units. The scorecard only uses the bill with the lower interest rates.

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SB 296

REVISE NURSING HOME FUNDING

Sponsor: Sen. Becky Beard BS55+ position: **support**
Status: Vetoed by Governor

The second reading vote at transmittal on this important bill that would stabilize nursing home funding for providers moving forward after years of neglect by the Legislature demonstrated strong bipartisan support for this issue. Once the bill went to the Senate Finance and Claims Committee it was dramatically weakened. In its final form it still provided important tools to help make community based care more accessible to elders.

HB 221

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Sponsor: Rep. Tom Welch BS55+ position: **oppose**
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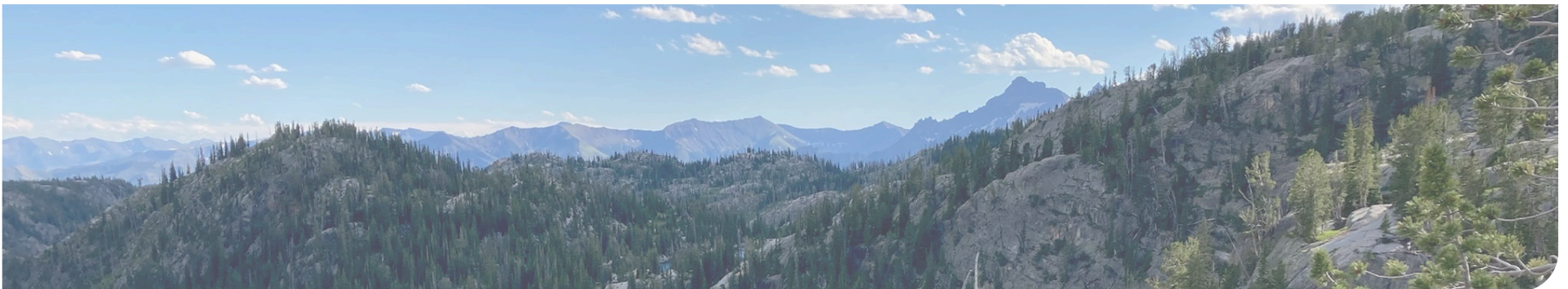
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





































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SD 41	Ellis, Janet	Helena	D										100%
SD 43	Ellsworth, Jason	Hamilton	R										56%
SD 11	Emrich, Daniel	Great Falls	R										11%
SD 30	Esp, John	Big Timber	R										44%
SD 10	Fitzpatrick, Steve	Great Falls	R										44%
SD 32	Flowers, Pat	Belgrade	D										100%
SD 16	Fox, Mike	Hays	D										100%
SD 26	Friedel, Chris	Billings	R										22%
SD 4	Fuller, John	Kalispell	R										22%
SD 9	Gillespie, Bruce	Ethridge	R										56%
SD 2	Glimm, Carl	Kila	R										22%
SD 25	Gross, Jen	Billings	D					A/E					100%
SD 33	Hayman, Denise	Bozeman	D										100%
SD 6	Hertz, Greg	Polson	R										33%

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SD 18	Hinebauch, Steve	Wibaux	R	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	0%
SD 24	Kelker, Kathy	Billings	D	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	100%
SD 17	Lang, Mike	Malta	R	✗	👍	✗	👍	👍	👍	👍	✗	✗	56%
SD 27	Lenz, Dennis	Billings	R	✗	✗	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	✗	✗	11%
SD 37	Lynch, Ryan	Butte	D	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	100%
SD 29	Mandeville, Forrest	Columbus	R	✗	✗	✗	👍	👍	✗	👍	✗	✗	33%
SD 44	Manzella, Theresa	Hamilton	R	✗	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	22%
SD 38	McClafferty, Edie	Butte	D	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	100%
SD 23	McGillvray, Tom	Billings	R	✗	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	11%
SD 12	McKamey, Wendy	Great Falls	R	✗	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	✗	✗	67%
SD 28	Molnar, Brad	Laurel	R	✗	👍	✗	👍	👍	👍	✗	✗	✗	44%
SD 48	Morigeau, Shane	Missoula	D	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	100%
SD 5	Noland, Mark	Bigfork	R	✗	✗	✗	👍	👍	✗	✗	✗	✗	22%
SD 46	O'Brien, Shannon	Missoula	D	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	100%
SD 50	Olsen, Andrea	Missoula	D	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	100%
SD 31	Pope, Chris	Bozeman	D	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	100%
SD 3	Regier, Keith	Kalispell	R	✗	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	22%
SD 35	Sales, Walt	Manhattan	R	✗	👍	👍	👍	👍	✗	👍	✗	✗	56%
SD 47	Salomon, Daniel	Ronan	R	✗	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	✗	✗	✗	56%
SD 21	Small, Jason	Busby	R	✗	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	✗	✗	67%
SD 14	Tempel, Russ	Chester	R	✗	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	✗	✗	67%
SD 13	Trebas, Jeremy	Great Falls	R	✗	✗	✗	👍	👍	👍	👍	✗	✗	44%
SD 20	Usher, Barry	Billings	R	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	👍	✗	✗	11%
SD 34	Vance, Shelley	Belgrade	R	✗	✗	✗	👍	👍	✗	👍	✗	✗	33%
SD 39	Vermeire, Terry	Anaconda	R	✗	✗	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	✗	✗	56%

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SD 8	Webber, Susan	Browning	D	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	👍	100%
SD 36	Welborn, Jeff	Dillon	R	✘	👍	👍	👍	✘	👍	👍	✘	✘	56%
SD 22	Zolnikov, Dan	Billings	R	✘	✘	✘	👍	👍	👍	👍	✘	✘	44%

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