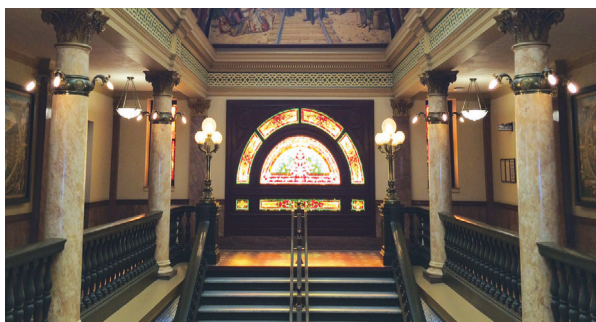


2015 Montana Legislature REPORT & VOTING RECORD



This voting record summarizes how Representatives and Senators at the 2015 Montana Legislature voted on Montana Audubon's primary issues: wildlife and wildlife program funding, climate change and energy, and water quality. Please take the time to find out how your representatives voted. If your legislators voted for conservation, wildlife, and good environmental policies, thank them with a call or email. On the other hand, if they voted against Audubon on these issues, it is important to let them hear your concerns. Please share this voting record with others who might be interested and remember to consider it when you vote!

Report on the 2015 Montana Legislature



Audubon kept busy during the 2015 Montana Legislature. In all, we testified on 68 bills, opposing 24 and supporting 44. Of these, our efforts helped defeat 10 anti-environmental/anti-wildlife bills, while 7 bad bills passed, and 7 were vetoed by the Governor. We helped pass 20 bills aimed at strengthening our environmental or wildlife laws, while 24 positive bills died.

So how did Audubon's issues fare at the 2015 Legislature?

Wildlife and wildlife program funding issues kept us busiest. Audubon worked hard to ensure that programs and laws adequately protect native wildlife and their habitats, from fish to birds, big game animals to predators. Our biggest effort this session was moving the Sage-Grouse Stewardship Act, SB 261, from a bill draft to being signed by the Governor. Now in place, the state of Montana can move forward to create a strong state-based sage-grouse conservation program. There were fewer attacks on bison and predators than past legislative sessions; however, the Governor vetoed two very bad bills impacting these species (Senate Bills 284 and 334).

One piece of good news for wildlife is that the new fishing and hunting licence fee bill passed, securing key funding for MT Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP) into the future. This funding will help FWP continue long-term management programs for all of Montana's species. It took

concerted efforts to pass this bill through the legislature. In the end, lobbying efforts by many partners kept assaults on wildlife at bay.

Climate change and energy issues also received a lot of attention. Audubon considers renewable energy policy as an important opportunity to move Montana forward in the face of climate change. In the end, the Legislature changed little in terms of net-metering, community solar, coal-fired power, and renewable energy.

Our remaining efforts were spent on other environmental protection issues, especially **water quality**. In this category most bills that weakened environmental regulations were defeated or vetoed by the Governor. Although a few bills increasing environmental protections passed, unfortunately, a few bills detrimental to Montana's water quality passed.

Thank You!

Since 1981, Montana Audubon has lobbied during our state's Legislature. This year lobbyist Amy Seaman was ably aided by intern Jill Feldhusen, contractor Jake Troyer, and Director of Climate Policy Amy Cilimburg. While Jill kept Amy organized, helped with testimony, and helped keep our 'Action Alert' email program on track, Amy and Jake did a lot of research, testimony, and lobbying. We would like to thank everyone who helped us during the session, from generous donors, to citizens participating in our alert program, to citizens contacting legislators on specific bills, to members who participated in one or more lobby day. Thanks again for your interest, attention and support! We will be back in 2017.

To learn more about Audubon's work at the 2015 Legislature, including specifics about legislation, visit our website or contact Amy Seaman at 406.443.3949 or aseaman@mtaudubon.org.

House of Representatives

Name	Party	District	Town	SB 261	SB 284	HB 140	SB 334	SB 114	HJ 11	SJ 13	SB 402	SB 160	SB 325	HJ 19	HB 496	HB 182	Rating
Ballance, Nancy	R	87	Hamilton	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	23%
Bennett, Bryce	D	91	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Bennett, Jerry	R	1	Libby	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Berglee, Seth	R	58	Joliet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Berry, Tom	R	40	Roundup	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	31%
Brodehl, Randy	R	9	Kalispell	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Brown, Bob	R	13	Thompson Falls	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Brown, Zac	D	63	Bozeman	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Burnett, Tom	R	67	Bozeman	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	23%
Clark, Christy	R	17	Choteau	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	46%
Cook, Rob	R	18	Conrad	+	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	38%
Court, Virginia	D	50	Billings	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Cuffe, Mike	R	2	Eureka	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15%
Curdy, Willis	D	98	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Custer, Geraldine	R	39	Forsyth	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	38%
Doane, Alan	R	36	Bloomfield	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	15%
Dudik, Kimberly	D	94	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	85%
Dunwell, Mary Ann	D	84	Helena	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Eck, Jennifer	D	79	Helena	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Ehli, Ron	R	86	Hamilton	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	23%
Ellis, Janet	D	81	Helena	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Essman, Jeff	R	54	Billings	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Fiscus, Clayton	R	43	Billings	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15%
Fitzpatrick, Steve	R	20	Great Falls	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	31%
Flynn, Kelly	R	70	Townsend	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	31%
Funk, Moffie	D	82	Helena	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	92%
Garner, Frank	R	7	Kalispell	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Glimm, Carl	R	6	Kila	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	15%
Greef, Edward	R	88	Florence	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	23%
Hagstrom, Dave	R	52	Billings	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	15%
Harris, Bill	R	29	Winnet	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	15%
Hayman, Denise	D	66	Bozeman	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Hertz, Greg	R	12	Polson	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15%
Hess, Stephanie	R	28	Havre	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	15%
Hill, Ellie Boldman	D	90	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Hollandsworth, Roy	R	27	Brady	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	23%
Holmlund, Kenneth	R	38	Miles City	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Hunter, Chuck	D	83	Helena	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Jacobson, Tom	D	21	Great Falls	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	69%
Jones, Donald	R	46	Billings	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	23%
Karjala, Jessica	D	48	Billings	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
Kelker, Kathy	D	47	Billings	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Kipp III, George	D	15	Heart Butte	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	85%
Knudsen, Austin	R	34	Culbertson	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	15%
Lamm, Debra	R	60	Livingston	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	15%
Lang, Mike	R	33	Malta	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	23%
Laszloffy, Sarah	R	53	Billings	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	15%
Lavin, Steve	R	8	Kalispell	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	15%
Lieser, Ed	D	5	Whitefish	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Lynch, Ryan	D	76	Butte	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	69%

House of Representatives

Name	Party	District	Town	SB 261	SB 284	HB 140	SB 334	SB 114	HJ 11	SJ 13	SB 402	SB 160	SB 325	HJ 19	HB 496	HB 182	Rating
MacDonald, Margie	D	51	Billings	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Mandeville, Forrest	R	57	Columbus	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15%
Manzella, Theresa	R	85	Hamilton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	8%
McCarthy, Kelly	D	49	Billings	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	92%
McClafferty, Edie	D	73	Butte	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	77%
McConnell, Nate	D	89	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
McKamey, Wendy	R	23	Great Falls	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	23%
Mehlhoff, Robert	D	22	Great Falls	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	62%
Meyers, Bruce G.	R	32	Box Elder	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Miller, Mike	R	80	Helmville	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	23%
Monforton, Matt	R	69	Bozeman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Moore, David (Doc)	R	92	Missoula	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	23%
Mortensen, Dale	R	44	Billings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	8%
Noland, Mark	R	10	Bigfork	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	23%
Noonan, Pat	D	74	Ramsay	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	77%
Olsen, Andrea	D	100	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Olszewski, Albert	R	11	Kalispell	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	23%
Osmundson, Ryan	R	30	Buffalo	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Pease-Lopez, Carolyn	D	42	Billings	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	85%
Peppers, Rae	D	41	Lame Deer	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	85%
Perry, Zac	D	3	Hungry Horse	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	77%
Person, Andrew	D	96	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	85%
Pierson, Gordon	D	78	Deer Lodge	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	62%
Pinocci, Randall	R	19	Sun River	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	23%
Pope, Christopher	D	65	Bozeman	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Price, Jean	D	24	Great Falls	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Randall, Lee	R	37	Broadus	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Redfield, Alan	R	59	Livingston	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	15%
Regier, Keith	R	4	Kalispell	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Ricci, Vince	R	55	Laurel	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	31%
Richmond, Tom	R	56	Billings	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15%
Salomon, Daniel	R	93	Ronan	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	38%
Schreiner, Casey	D	25	Great Falls	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	69%
Schwaderer, Nicholas	R	14	Superior	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Shaw, Ray	R	71	Sheridan	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	31%
Smith, Bridget	D	31	Wolf Point	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	77%
Staffanson, Scott	R	35	Sidney	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	8%
Steenberg, Tom	D	99	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Swanson, Kathy	D	77	Anaconda	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	77%
Tropila, Mitch	D	26	Great Falls	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
Tschida, Brad	R	97	Missoula	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Wagoner, Kirk	R	75	Montana City	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	15%
Webber, Susan	D	16	Browning	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Welborn, Jeffrey	R	72	Dillon	+	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	38%
White, Kerry	R	64	Bozeman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	8%
Williams, Kathleen	D	61	Bozeman	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Wilson, Nancy	D	95	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Wittich, Art	R	68	Bozeman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	23%
Woods, Tom	R	62	Bozeman	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	+	+	92%
Zolnikov, Daniel	R	45	Billings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	15%

Bill Descriptions - House of Representatives

Wildlife and Wildlife Program Funding

SB 261: Sage-grouse Stewardship Act

Sponsor: Senator Bradley Hamlett (D-Cascade)

Audubon Position: *Support*

Status: Passed House and Senate; Signed into law

Description: SB 261 formally created the Montana Sage-grouse Oversight Team, and further provided a framework to enact Montana's sage-grouse conservation plan to maintain Sage-grouse populations on public and private land. Featured here is the House 2nd Reading vote; it passed 78 - 22. A vote *for* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.



SB 284: County Commissioners' Authority over Bison

Sponsor: Senator John Brendon (R - Scobey)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed House and Senate; VETOED by Governor

Description: This bill required authorization by a board of county commissioners before wild bison are released. It would have required that the release of wild bison meet conditions of county growth policies. Similar bills were vetoed in 2013 and 2011. Featured here is the House 2nd Reading vote; it passed 60 - 40. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

HB 140: Revise Hunting and Fishing License fees

Sponsor: Rep. Jeffrey Welborn (R-Dillon)

Audubon Position: *Support*

Status: Passed House and Senate; Signed into law

Description: This bill revised and streamlined FWP license fees and licensing structure. There was a basic \$3 increase in fishing and \$8 increase in hunting licenses for residents. This bill was critical to ensure funding of FWP game and non-game programs for the next four years. Featured here is the House 2nd Reading vote; it passed 71 - 29. A vote *for* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

SB 334: Revise Wildlife Definitions

Sponsor: Senator Jennifer Fielder (R-Thompson Falls)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed House and Senate; VETOED by Governor

Description: SB 334 would have revised the definition of game animal to include game birds, migratory game

birds, and furbearers, while defining badgers, raccoons, and red fox as predatory animals. These changes would have legalized the use of calls and trapping of these new predators; the new definitions also unintentionally created management challenges for FWP. The vote featured here is the House 2nd Reading vote; it passed 53 - 47. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

Climate Change and Energy

SB 114: Classify All Hydro Facilities as Renewable

Sponsor: Senator Debbie Barret (R-Dillon)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed House and Senate; VETOED by Governor

Description: This bill would have eviscerated Montana's Renewable Energy Standard by allowing all water power from existing commercial dams to be counted towards the standard, eliminating incentives for the production of new renewable resources such as wind and solar. Similar bills were vetoed in 2013 and 2011. The vote featured here is the House 2nd Reading vote; it passed 57 - 43. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

HJ 11: Joint Resolution Supporting Keystone Pipeline

Sponsor: Rep. Mike Lang (R-Malta)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed House and Senate

Description: This joint resolution called for prompt Congressional and Presidential approval of the Keyston XL Pipeline. The pipeline would have major consequences for Montana's wildlife, and would add 1.44 million metric tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere each year of use. The vote featured here is the House 2nd Reading vote; it passed 72 - 28. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

KEY

+ = Vote in favor of Audubon's position

- = Vote against Audubon's position

A = Legislator absent but NOT excused from voting

D = Democrat

E = Legislator Excused from voting

FWP = MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks

HB-HJ = House Bill-House Joint Resolution

R = Republican

SB-SJ = Senate Bill-Senate Joint Resolution

* a blast motion attempts to bring a vote to the floor after it failed in a committee

SJ 13: Joint Resolution Supporting Coal

Sponsor: Senator Duane Ankney (R-Colstrip)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed House and Senate

Description: This resolution supports the continued development of coal as a primary energy source in Montana. Coal is a major contributor to climate change and renewable energy is increasingly becoming cheaper than coal-produced energy. The vote featured here is the House 2nd Reading vote; it passed 73 - 27. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

SB 402: Revise Utility and Coal-fired Generation Laws

Sponsor: Sen. Duane Ankney (R-Colstrip)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Failed in the House

Description: This bill would have penalized out-of-state utilities that own part of Colstrip's coal-fired power plants if the plants close by 1) fining them hundreds of millions of dollars per year for forty years and 2) making them responsible for cleanup costs for other Colstrip owners. This bill would have sent a message to Montana businesses that the Montana Legislature bails out unprofitable businesses (bad public policy). The vote featured here is the House 2nd Reading vote; it failed 43 - 57. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

Water Quality

SB 160: Change Water Quality Standards

Sponsor: Senator Duane Ankney (R-Colstrip)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed House and Senate; VETOED by Governor

Description: This bill would have included human-caused pollution in the 'natural' condition of a stream, so that waste water produced by energy companies would be permissible. This would have violated the federal Clean Water Act and threatened water quality. The vote featured here is the House 2nd Reading vote; it passed 58 - 42. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

SB 325: Revise Water Quality Regulation Process

Sponsor: Senator Jim Keane (D-Butte)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed House and Senate; Signed into Law

Description: This bill will weaken water quality standards and remove protections for downstream water users, such as irrigators. It will also prohibit the state from establishing site-specific water standards to protect water quality and water users. Additionally, the

bill muddled the definition of a natural stream and may have made it impossible for the state to adopt water quality standards more strict than federal law. The vote featured here is House 2nd Reading; it passed 62 - 38. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

Public Lands and Land Management

HJ 19: Resolution Against Transfer of Federal Lands

Sponsor: Rep. Ed Lieser (D-Whitefish)

Audubon Position: *Support*

Status: Failed during House blast motion*

Description: This resolution would have reaffirmed the State of Montana's opposition to taking over, selling off, or litigating for control of federal public lands in Montana. Public lands are vital to Montana's economy, recreation, heritage, and quality of life; public land transfers have little public support. The vote featured here is the House blast motion; it failed 44 - 54. A vote *for* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

HB 496: Establish Public Lands Task Force

Sponsor: Rep. Kerry White (R-Bozeman)

Status: Passed House and Senate; VETOED by Governor

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Description: This bill would have established a task force to study the feasibility of state management of public lands in Montana. Taxpayers in Montana have already paid for a very similar study; we do not support legislation aimed at transferring federal land to the state. The vote featured here is the House 2nd Reading vote; it passed 51 - 49. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

HB 182: Require Zoning Before Regulating Land Uses

Sponsor: Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R-Columbus)

Status: Failed in the House

Description: This bill prohibits a governing body from considering how land proposed to be subdivided will be used unless the land is zoned. This would have severely weakened local government's ability to consider impacts on water, wildlife, agricultural lands, local services and public health and safety in un-zoned areas during the subdivision review process. The vote featured here is the House 2nd Reading vote; it failed 59 - 41. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

Bill Descriptions - Senate

Wildlife and Wildlife Program Funding

SB 261: Sage-grouse Stewardship Act

Sponsor: Senator Bradley Hamlett (D-Cascade)

Audubon Position: *Support*

Status: Passed House and Senate, Signed by Governor

Description: SB 261 is described in the House Voting Record. Featured here is the Senate 2nd Reading vote; it passed 42 - 8. A vote *for* the bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

SB 247: Prohibit Sage-grouse Hunting in Montana

Sponsor: Senator John Brendon (R-Scobey)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Defeated in House committee

Description: This bill would have prohibited all sage-grouse hunting in Montana. It did not address science-based reasons behind the sage-grouse population decline. The Fish and Wildlife commission should regulate the hunting of game animals. Featured here is the Senate 2nd Reading vote; it passed 38 - 12. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position

SB 284: County Commissioners Authority over Bison

Sponsor: Senator John Brendon (R - Scobey)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed House and Senate, VETOED by Governor

Description: SB 284 is described in the House Voting Record. Featured here is the Senate 2nd Reading vote; it passed 33 - 17. A vote *against* the bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

SB 21: Provide for Mandatory Penalty for Misuse of Replacement Fish and Game Licenses

Sponsor: Senator Jill Cohenour (R-Huntley)

Audubon Position: *Support*

Status: Passed House and Senate; Signed into law

Description: This bill increases the penalty on individuals who knowingly purchase and use a replacement hunting license. This is an increasingly expensive problem for FWP; and a steeper penalty could deter this behavior. The vote featured here is the Senate 2nd Reading vote; it passed 30 - 20. A vote *for* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

SB 334: Revise Wildlife Definitions

Sponsor: Senator Jennifer Fielder (R-Thompson Falls)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed House and Senate; VETOED by Governor

Description: SB 334 is described in the House Voting

Record. The vote featured here is the Senate 2nd Reading vote; it passed 31 - 18. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

Climate Change and Energy

SB 114: Classify All Hydro Facilities as Renewable

Sponsor: Senator Debbie Barret (R-Dillon)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed House and Senate; VETOED by Governor

Description: SB 114 is described in the House Voting Record. Featured here is the Senate 2nd Reading vote; it passed 33 -17. A vote *against* the bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

HJ 11: Joint Resolution Supporting Keystone Pipeline

Sponsor: Rep. Mike Lang (R-Malta)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed House and Senate

Description: HJ 11 is described in the House Voting Record. Featured here is the Senate 2nd Reading vote; it passed 35 - 13. A vote *against* the bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

SJ 13: Joint Resolution Supporting Coal

Sponsor: Senator Duane Ankney (R-Colstrip)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed House and Senate

Description: SJ 13 is described in the House Voting Record. Featured here is the Senate 2nd Reading vote; it passed 38 -12. A vote *against* the bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

SB 402: Revise Utility and Coal-fired Generation Laws

Sponsor: Sen. Duane Ankney (R-Colstrip)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Failed in the House

Description: SB 402 is described in the House Voting Record. Featured here is the Senate 2nd Reading vote; it passed 26 - 24. A vote *against* the bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.



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Montana Senate

Name	Party	District	Town	SB 261	SB 247	SB 284	SB 21	SB 334	SB 114	HJ 11	SJ 13	SB 402	SB 160	SB 325	SB 172	HB 496	Rating
Ankney, Duane	R	20	Colstrip	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Arntzen, Elsie	R	26	Billings	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	15%
Barrett, Dick	D	45	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Barrett, Debby	R	36	Dillon	+	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	+	-	-	-	-	17%
Blasdel, Mark	R	4	Kalispell	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Brendon, John	R	17	Scobey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Brown, Taylor	R	28	Huntley	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15%
Brown, Dee	R	2	Hungry Horse	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	8%
Buttrey, Edward	R	11	Great Falls	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Caferro, Mary	D	41	Helena	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	77%
Cohenour, Jill	D	42	East Helena	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
Connell, Pat	R	43	Hamilton	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	23%
Driscoll, Robyn	D	25	Billings	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	85%
Facey, Tom	D	50	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Fielder, Jennifer	R	7	Thompson Falls	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	8%
Hamlett, Bradley	D	15	Cascade	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	31%
Hansen, Kris	R	14	Havre	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15%
Hinkle, Jedediah	R	32	Bozeman	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Hoven, Brian	R	13	Great Falls	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	23%
Howard, David	R	29	Park City	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Jones, Llew	R	9	Conrad	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Kary, Douglas	R	22	Billings	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Kaufmann, Christine	D	40	Helena	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Keane, Jim	D	38	Butte	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	38%
Keenan, Bob	R	5	Bigfork	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	23%
Larsen, Cliff	D	47	Missoula	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	69%
Malek, Sue	D	46	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
McNally, Mary	D	24	Billings	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
Moe, Mary Sheehy	D	12	Great Falls	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
Moore, Eric	R	19	Miles City	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	15%
Phillips, Mike	D	31	Bozeman	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	85%
Pomnichowski, JP	D	33	Bozeman	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
Ripley, Rick	R	10	Wolf Creek	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Rosendale, Matt	R	18	Glendive	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	15%
Sales, Scott	R	35	Bozeman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Sands, Diane	D	49	Missoula	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	85%
Sesso, Jon	D	37	Butte	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	54%
Smith, Cary	R	27	Billings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Stewart-Peregoy, S.	D	21	Crow Agency	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	92%
Swandel, Nels	R	30	Wilsall	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Taylor, Janna	R	6	Dayton	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	23%
Thomas, Fred	R	44	Stevensville	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	15%
Tutvedt, Bruce	R	3	Kalispell	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15%
Vance, Gordon	R	34	Belgrade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Vincent, Chas	R	1	Libby	+	-	-	+	A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17%
Vuckovich, Gene	D	39	Anaconda	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	46%
Webb, Roger	R	23	Billings	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	15%
Whitford, Lea	D	8	Cut Bank	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	92%
Windy Boy, Jonathan	D	16	Box Elder	+	+	+	+	-	-	A	-	+	+	-	+	+	67%
Volken, Cynthia	D	48	Missoula	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%

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Water Quality

SB 160: Change Water Quality Standards

Sponsor: Senator Duane Ankney (R-Colstrip)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed House and Senate; VETOED by Governor

Description: SB 160 is described in the House Voting Record. Featured here is the Senate 3rd Reading vote; it passed 36 - 14. A vote *against* the bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

SB 325: Revise Water Quality Regulation process

Sponsor: Senator Jim Keane (D-Butte)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed House and Senate; Signed into law

Description: SB 325 is described in the House Voting Record. Featured here is the Senate 2nd Reading vote; it passed 33 - 17. A vote *against* the bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

SB 172: Revise Groundwater Testing Requirement

Sponsor: Senator Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D-)

Audubon Position: *Support*

Status: Failed in the Senate blast motion*

Description: This bill would have provided land and mineral owners within one mile of a proposed oil or gas well the ability to have groundwater tested by a third party before and after development. The drilling applicant would be responsible for the costs. Featured here is a Senate blast motion vote; it failed

22 - 28. A vote *for* the bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

Public Lands and Land Management

HB 496: Establish Public Lands Task Force

Sponsor: Rep. Kerry White (R-Bozeman)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed House and Senate; VETOED by Governor

Description: HB 496 is described in the House Voting Record. Featured here is the Senate 2nd Reading vote; it passed 28 - 22. A vote *against* the bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.



The Sage-grouse Stewardship Act was signed into law on May 7th, 2015. Senior Director of Policy Janet Ellis was present.

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