

2013 Montana Legislature REPORT & VOTING RECORD



This voting record summarizes how Representatives and Senators at the 2013 Montana Legislature voted on Montana Audubon's primary issues: general environmental protection, land use planning, wildlife, and wildlife habitat. 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 2013 Montana Legislature

Audubon kept unbelievably busy during the 2013 Montana Legislature. In all, we testified on 78 bills, opposing 56 and supporting 22. Of these, our efforts helped defeat 43 anti-environmental/anti-wildlife bills, while 12 bad bills passed (although many of these were neutralized by amendments) or were vetoed by the Governor. We helped pass 14 bills aimed at strengthening our environmental or wildlife laws, while 8 positive bills died.

So how did Audubon's issues fare at the 2013 Legislature?

Wildlife and wildlife habitat issues kept us busiest. Audubon works to ensure that programs and laws adequately protect native wildlife and their habitats, from fish to birds, big game animals to predators. There were many attacks on predators and bison. Although all of these bills were ultimately defeated, it took a lot of work to get to that point. While some legislators introduced bills to allow unlimited or irresponsible killing of predators, there were 11 bad bison bills, including several that would have prohibited bison from stepping into Montana from Yellowstone National Park. Although we worked hard to kill these bills, two terrible bison bills were ultimately vetoed by the Governor (Senate Bills 256 and 305).

Although wildlife issues occupied much of Audubon's workload, wildlife habitat programs were also subject to attack. Most of the assaults were on *Habitat Montana*, the state's flagship program for protecting wildlife habitat. In the end, all these attacks on habitat were defeated, either by the legislature or through a Governor's veto.

The good news for wildlife is that several key funding provisions passed. This funding will help long-term

management of moose, sage-grouse, nongame wildlife, and aquatic invasive species (such as zebra mussels and the plant Eurasian milfoil).

Land use issues also received a lot of attention. Audubon considers uncontrolled development one of the most serious threats to Montana's wildlife. In the end, the Legislature changed little in terms of land-use regulations: all bad bills were killed, vetoed, or neutralized.

Our remaining efforts were spent on other **environmental protection issues**, including clean water, renewable energy, and our constitutional right to a 'clean and healthful environment'. In this category most bills that weakened environmental regulations were defeated, neutralized, or vetoed by the Governor. In addition, bills that increased environmental protections were also defeated.

Thank You!

Since 1981, Montana Audubon has lobbied during our state's Legislature. This year veteran lobbyist Janet Ellis was ably aided by intern Justin Sakalis and Director of Climate Policy Amy Cilimburg. While Justin kept Janet organized and helped with testimony, Amy kept our 'Action Alert' email program on track. We would like to thank to all of you who have helped us during the session, from generous donors; to citizens who participated in our alert program, who wrote their legislators on specific bills; to members who participated in one or more lobby day. Thanks again for your interest, attention and support!

To learn more about Audubon's work at the 2013 Legislature, including specifics about legislation, visit our website or contact Janet Ellis at 406.443.3949 or jellis@mtaudubon.org.

House of Representatives

Name	Party	District	Town	HB 329	HB 553	SB 31	SB 41	SB 105	SB 147	HB 375	SB 143	HB 404	HB 440	SB 250	Rating
Ankney, Duane	R	43	Colstrip	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	18%
Ballance, Nancy	R	89	Hamilton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Bangerter, Liz	R	80	Helena	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	18%
Bennett, Bryce	D	92	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Bennett, Jerry	R	1	Libby	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	18%
Berry, Tom	R	45	Roundup	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	27%
Blasdel, Mark	R	10	Somers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Blyton, Joanne	R	59	Joliet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Boland, Carlie	D	23	Great Falls	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Brockie, Clarena	D	32	Harlem	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Brodehl, Randy	R	7	Kalispell	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	9%
Calf Boss Ribs, Frosty	D	15	Heart Butte	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Clark, Christy	R	17	Choteau	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Coffin, Doug	D	93	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	91%
Connell, Pat	R	87	Hamilton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Cook, Rob	R	27	Conrad	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	18%
Court, Virginia	D	52	Billings	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Cuffe, Mike	R	2	Eureka	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	9%
Curtis, Amanda	D	76	Butte	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Doane, Alan	R	38	Bloomfield	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Dudik, Kimberly	D	99	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Eck, Jenny	D	82	Helena	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Edmunds, Champ	R	100	Missoula	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Ehli, Ron	R	88	Hamilton	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	18%
Fiscus, Clayton	R	46	Billings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Fitzpatrick, Steve	R	20	Great Falls	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	18%
Flynn, Kelly	R	68	Townsend	-	-	-	-	-	-	A	-	-	-	-	0%
Galt, Wylie	R	83	Martinsdale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Gibson, Steve	R	78	East Helena	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	36%
Glimm, Carl	R	6	Kila	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Greef, Edward	R	90	Florence	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	18%
Gursky, Jenifer	D	98	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Hagan, Roger	R	19	Great Falls	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Hagstrom, Dave	R	53	Billings	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	18%
Halvorson, David	R	37	Sidney	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Hansen, Kris	R	33	Havre	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Harris, Bill	R	30	Winnett	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Hertz, Greg	R	11	Polson	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	27%
Hill, Ellie Boldman	D	94	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Hollandsworth, Roy	R	28	Brady	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	9%
Hollenbaugh, Galen	D	81	Helena	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Hoven, Brian	R	24	Great Falls	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	18%
Howard, David	R	60	Park City	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Hunter, Chuck	D	79	Helena	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Ingraham, Pat	R	13	Thompson Falls	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	9%
Jacobson, Tom	D	25	Great Falls	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	73%
Jones, Donald	R	56	Billings	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	18%
Kary, Doug	R	48	Billings	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	9%
Kerns, Krayton	R	58	Laurel	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	9%
Knudsen, Austin	R	36	Culbertson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%

House of Representatives

Name	Party	District	Town	HB 329	HB 553	SB 31	SB 41	SB 105	SB 147	HB 375	SB 143	HB 404	HB 440	SB 250	Rating
Lang, Mike	R	35	Malta	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	9%
Laszloffy, Sarah	R	57	Laurel	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	9%
Lavin, Steve	R	8	Kalispell	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	9%
Lenz, Dennis	R	50	Billings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Lieser, Ed	D	4	Whitefish	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Lynch, Ryan	D	74	Butte	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
MacDonald, Margie	D	54	Billings	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
McCarthy, Kelly	D	51	Billings	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
McChesney, Bill	D	40	Miles City	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	64%
McClafferty, Edie	D	75	Butte	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
McNally, Mary	D	49	Billings	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
McNiven, Jonathan	R	44	Huntley	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	9%
Mehlhoff, Bob	D	26	Great Falls	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	64%
Miller, Mike	R	84	Helmville	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Moore, Doc	R	91	Missoula	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	18%
Neill, Reilly	D	62	Livingston	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Noonan, Pat	D	73	Ramsay	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
O'Hara, Jesse	R	18	Great Falls	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	27%
O'Neil, Jerry	R	3	Columbia Falls	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	9%
Osmundson, Ryan	R	29	Buffalo	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Pease-Lopez, Carolyn	D	42	Billings	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Peppers, Rae	D	41	Lame Deer	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	91%
Pierson, Gordon	D	85	Deer Lodge	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	91%
Pomnichowski, JP	D	66	Bozeman	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Price, Jean	D	21	Great Falls	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Randall, Lee	R	39	Broadus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Redfield, Alan	R	61	Livingston	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Regier, Keith	R	5	Kalispell	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Reichner, Scott	R	9	Bigfork	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9%
Salomon, Daniel	R	12	Ronan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	9%
Schreiner, Casey	D	22	Great Falls	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Schwaderer, Nicholas	R	14	Superior	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	18%
Shaw, Ray	R	71	Sheridan	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	9%
Smith, Bridget	R	55	Billings	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	18%
Smith, Cary	D	31	Wold Point	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	55%
Squires, Carolyn	D	96	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Steenberg, Tom	D	95	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Swanson, Kathy	D	86	Anaconda	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Vance, Gordon	R	67	Bozeman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Wagoner, Kirk	R	77	Montana City	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	9%
Warburton, Wendy	R	34	Havre	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	9%
Washburn, Ted	R	69	Bozeman	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	9%
Welborn, Jeffrey	R	72	Dillon	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	9%
White, Kerry	R	70	Bozeman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Whitford, Lea	D	16	Cut Bank	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	A	100%
Williams, Kathleen	D	65	Bozeman	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Wilmer, Franke	D	63	Bozeman	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Wilson, Nancy	D	97	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Woods, Tom	D	64	Bozeman	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Zolnikov, Daniel	R	47	Billings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%

Bill Descriptions - House of Representatives

General Environmental Protection

HB 329: Prevent State Employees from Lobbying

Sponsor: Rep. Randy Brodehl (R-Kalispell)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Passed House; Defeated in the Senate

Description: HB 329 would have prohibited all state government employees—including the Governor—from lobbying the legislature (stating their opinion) on policy issues. Often, state employees are experts in their fields, and provide needed testimony on many issues (including on legislation that impacts fish and wildlife, and their habitats). Featured here is the House 2nd Reading vote; it passed 54-46. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon’s position.

HB 553: Create Permit Loophole for Gravel Mines

Sponsor: Rep David Halvorson (R-Sidney)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Passed House; Defeated in the Senate

Description: In order to protect neighboring landowners, as well as understand, prevent, and minimize impacts to the environment, gravel mine operators need to go through a permitting process before they can begin digging. HB 553 would have allowed gravel companies to begin digging, while their permit was being processed. Our concern? Many gravel operations mine near rivers and streams—and HB 553 completely eviscerated the permit process that could protect these sensitive areas. Featured here is the House 2nd Reading vote; it passed 62-38. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon’s position.

SB 31: Reduce Diversity of Projects Qualifying for Montana’s Renewable Energy Standard

Sponsor: Senator Debby Barrett (R-Dillon)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Passed both House and Senate; VETOED by Governor

Description: This bill would have eviscerated Montana’s Renewable Energy Standard (RES), which was established to diversify Montana’s energy portfolio, creating an incentive to develop such projects as wind, solar, and small hydropower. SB 31 would have allowed all new hydropower—regardless of size (i.e., large dams)—to qualify for the RES, reducing incentives for projects the RES was designed to promote. Featured here is the House 2nd Reading vote; it passed 60 - 40. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon’s position.

Land Use Planning

SB 41: Prohibit Local Governments from Considering Impacts from Future Subdivisions

Sponsor: Senator Ed Buttrey (R-Great Falls)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Passed both House and Senate; VETOED by Governor

Description: SB 41 would have prohibited local governments from considering the impacts of future, anticipated development when reviewing a subdivision proposal. Consequently, it would have prohibited consideration of cumulative impacts on local services, the natural environment, wildlife, wildlife habitat, and public health and safety, forcing local governments to consider each subdivision in a vacuum—which is not good planning. A bill identical to this was vetoed in 2011. The vote featured here is House 2nd Reading; it passed 61-39. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon’s position.

SB 105: Revise Interim Zoning Laws so Projects with State Permits are Exempt

Sponsor: Senator Taylor Brown (R-Huntley)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Passed both House and Senate; VETOED by Governor

Description: SB 105 would have prevented a local government from using a planning tool called ‘interim zoning’ for land uses that are subject to state permitting (e.g., gravel pits, waste incinerators, and feedlots)—despite the fact that the state reviews very different things than local governments. Interim zoning is a seldom-used tool (at the time of the 2013 Legislature, it had not been used in Montana since at least 2009) that counties can use to protect public health, safety, morals, and general welfare. A bill identical to this was vetoed in 2011. The vote featured here is House 2nd Reading; it passed 63-37. 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 = House Bill
- R = Republican
- SB = Senate Bill

SB 147: Prevent Local Governments from Considering Loss of Agricultural Land in Subdivision Review

Sponsor: Senator Ed Buttrey (R-Great Falls)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Passed both House and Senate; VETOED by Governor

Description: SB 147 would have drastically changed the way agriculture is considered in the subdivision review process—by limiting its consideration to “impacts on surrounding adjacent agricultural operations.” This change would have prevented local governments from considering the permanent loss of agricultural land as an impact of a subdivision. A bill identical to this was vetoed in 2011. The vote featured here is House 2nd Reading; it passed 65-35. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon’s position.

Wildlife

HB 375: Pay Landowners for Foraging Elk, Deer & Antelope

Sponsor: Rep. Nancy Balance (R- Hamilton)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Failed in House

Description: HB 375 would have required the FWP Commission to establish a program to reimburse landowners for crop losses, crop damages, and “other losses” from forage eaten by elk, deer and antelope. This program could be expensive; no new funding was provided—and there were no restrictions on what would qualify as wildlife damage, who qualifies, and what would be a reasonable damage claim amount. Consequently, HB 375 would have taken significant funding away from other wildlife programs. The vote featured here is House 2nd Reading, when the bill failed 32-67. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon’s position.

SB 143: Prevent Bison from Entering Montana

Sponsor: Senator John Brenden (R-Scobey)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Passed Senate; Failed in House

Description: Currently bison are allowed to migrate a short distance outside Yellowstone National Park. SB 143 would have required all bison entering Montana from Yellowstone to be removed or destroyed. Because this bill established a “no tolerance” policy for bison, it ran the risk of overharvesting these animals. In addition, it allowed hunting to occur during the time when females are giving



birth to young—potentially giving Montana’s hunters a black eye nationally and internationally. The vote featured here is House 3rd Reading, which killed the bill on a tie 50-50 vote. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon’s position.

Wildlife Habitat

HB 404: Transfer *Habitat Montana* Money to Block Management

Sponsor: Rep. Kelly Flynn (R-Townsend)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Passed in House; Failed in Senate

Description: *Habitat Montana* is FWP’s largest program to purchase critical wildlife habitat, and benefits many people from sportsmen to birdwatchers. This bill would have significantly reduced the amount of money in the *Habitat Montana* program for 2 years. The vote featured here is House 2nd Reading; it passed 66-34. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon’s position.

HB 440: Put Moratorium on *Habitat Montana* Funding

Sponsor: Rep. Doug Kary (R-Billings)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Failed in House

Description: This bill would have taken all money from the *Habitat Montana* program and re-directed it into purchasing hunting access (rather than wildlife habitat). Montana Audubon helped establish *Habitat Montana*; we support having the money go towards purchasing wildlife habitat. The vote featured here is House 2nd Reading; it passed 59-41. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon’s position. After the House 2nd Reading vote, the bill was sent to the House Appropriations Committee, where it was defeated.

SB 250: Micromanage Maintenance Accounts on Land Purchases

Sponsor: Senator Debby Barrett (R-Dillon)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Passed the House and Senate; VETOED by the Governor

Description: Solving nothing and creating administrative problems, SB 250 would have required FWP to set up a cumbersome, inefficient bookkeeping process. This bill would have created an accounting system that tied specific maintenance money to specific parcels of land. Currently FWP has one pot of money where all its maintenance needs are paid out of; funds can then flow to the properties with the highest maintenance needs—which would not be possible if SB 250 became law. The vote featured here is House 2nd Reading; it passed 60-39. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon’s position.

Bill Descriptions - Senate

General Environmental Protection

SB 31: Reduce Diversity of Projects Qualifying for Montana's Renewable Energy Standard

Sponsor: Senator Debby Barrett (R-Dillon)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed both Houses, VETOED by Governor

Description: SB 31 is described in the House Voting Record. Featured here is the Senate 2nd Reading vote; it passed 34 - 16. A vote *against* the bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

Land Use Planning

SB 41: Prohibit Local Governments from Considering Impacts from Future Subdivisions

Sponsor: Senator Ed Buttrey (R-Great Falls)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed both House and Senate; VETOED by Governor

Description: SB 41 is described in the House Voting Record. The vote featured here is Senate 2nd Reading; it passed 31-19. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

SB 105: Revise Interim Zoning Laws so Projects with State Permits are Exempt

Sponsor: Senator Taylor Brown (R-Huntley)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed both House and Senate; VETOED by Governor

Description: SB 105 is described in the House Voting Record. The vote featured here is Senate 2nd Reading; it passed 27-23. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

SB 147: Prevent Local Governments from Considering Loss of Agricultural Land in Subdivision Review

Sponsor: Senator Ed Buttrey (R-Great Falls)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed both House and Senate; VETOED by Governor

Description: SB 147 is described in the House Voting Record. The vote featured here is Senate 2nd Reading; it passed 30-20. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

Wildlife

Amendment to HB 2: Fund Moose Study in Budget

Amendment Sponsor: Senator Kendall van Dyke

Audubon Position: *Support*

Status: Amendment passed, so the study was funded

Description: This amendment funded a priority moose study in the state's budget. Because of moose population declines in Montana, FWP developed a 3-year research project that will look at impacts from predation, harvest, changing habitat, disease and parasites, and climate change. Funding came from moose auction money; if the money was not used on this project, it would sit in the moose auction account—it could not be used for anything else. The vote featured here is the vote on the amendment to put this money back into the state's budget; it passed 36-14. A vote *for* this amendment is a vote *for* Audubon's position.



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SB 143: Prevent Bison from Entering Montana

Sponsor: Senator John Brenden (R-Scobey)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed Senate; Failed in House

Description: SB 143 is described in the House Voting Record. The vote featured here is Senate 2nd Reading; it passed 31-19. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

SB 341: Prevent Transplantation of Wildlife

Sponsor: Senator Jennifer Fielder (R-Thompson Falls)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

Status: Passed Senate; Failed in House

Description: SB 341 attempted to set up an incredibly cumbersome process for FWP anytime big game animals, large predators, or threatened or endangered species needed to be transplanted—or anytime populations needed to be augmented. Consequently, before a grizzly bear could be re-located or bull trout populations augmented, FWP would have had to jump through numerous—almost impossible—hoops. The vote featured here is Senate 2nd Reading; it passed 29-21. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

SB 397: Allow Bait and Hound Hunting of Predators

Sponsor: Senator Scott Boulanger (R-Darby)

Audubon Position: *Oppose*

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Montana Senate

Name	District	Party		SB 31	SB 41	SB 105	SB 147	HB 2	SB 143	SB 341	SB 397	HB 5	HB 404	SB 237	SB 250	Rating
Arntzen, Elsie	R	27	Billings	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	17%
Arthun, Ron	R	31	Wilsall	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Augare, Shannon	D	8	Browning	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
Barrett, Debby	R	36	Dillon	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Barrett, Dick	D	47	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Blewett, Anders	D	11	Great Falls	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Boulanger, Scott	R	44	Darby	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	17%
Brenden, John	R	18	Scobet	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Brown, Dee	R	22	Huntley	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Brown, Taylor	R	2	Hungry Horse	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	17%
Buttrey, Edward	R	13	Great Falls	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Caferro, Mary	D	40	Helena	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	83%
Driscoll, Robyn	D	26	Billings	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
Essmann, Jeff	R	28	Billings	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Facey, Tom	D	48	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Fielder, Jennifer	R	7	Thompson Falls	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	25%
Hamlett, Bradley	D	10	Cascade	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	50%
Jackson, Verdell	R	5	Kalispell	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Jent, Larry	D	32	Bozeman	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	91%
Jergeson, Greg	D	17	Chinook	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	83%
Jones, Llew	R	14	Conrad	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Kaufmann, Christine	D	41	Helena	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Keane, Jim	D	38	Butte	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	75%
Larsen, Cliff	D	50	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Lewis, Dave	R	42	Helena	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Malek, Sue	D	46	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Moore, Eric	R	20	Miles City	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Murphy, Terry	R	39	Cardwell	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17%
Olson, Alan	R	23	Roundup	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Peterson, Jim	R	15	Buffalo	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Phillips, Mike	D	33	Bozeman	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Priest, Jason	R	30	Red Lodge	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8%
Ripley, Rick	R	9	Wolf Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Rosendale, Matt	R	19	Glendive	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Sales, Scott	R	34	Bozeman	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Sesso, Jon	D	37	Butte	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Sonju, Jon	R	4	Kalispell	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	17%
Stewart-Peregoy, S.	D	21	Crow Agency	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Taylor, Janna	R	6	Dayton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Thomas, Fred	R	45	Stevensville	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	17%
Tropila, Mitch	D	12	Great Falls	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	92%
Tutvedt, Bruce	R	3	Kalispell	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	17%
Van Dyk, Kendall	D	25	Billings	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Vincent, Chas	R	1	Libby	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	17%
Vuckovich, Gene	D	43	Anaconda	-	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	+	58%
Walker, Edward	R	29	Billings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	8%
Wanzenried, David	D	49	Missoula	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	100%
Webb, Roger	R	24	Billings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0%
Windy Boy, Jonathan	D	16	Elder	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	92%
Wittich, Art	R	35	Bozeman	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	25%

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Status: Passed Senate; Failed in House

Description: This bill would have expanded the hunting and trapping of bears, mountain lions, and wolves, including allowing hound hunting of black bears, with bait. SB 397 would have 1) threatened grizzly bears, and 2) limited when predator harvest quotas could be established, exposing all predators to overharvest. The vote featured here is Senate 2nd Reading; it passed 30-20. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

Wildlife Habitat

Amendment to HB 5: Prevent Permanent *Habitat Montana* Purchases

Amendment Sponsor: Senator Kendall van Dyke

Audubon Position: Support

Status: Amendment failed in Senate, but was later put on the bill by the Governor

Description: The *Habitat Montana* program at FWP was set up by the 1987 Legislature to purchase, lease, and acquire land and/or conservation easements on critical wildlife habitat. The Senate put an amendment on HB 5 that would have prevented FWP from purchasing habitat in fee title or buying a perpetual conservation easement. The vote featured here is on an amendment to remove this restriction on the *Habitat Montana* program; it failed 23-27. A vote *for* this amendment is a vote *for* Audubon's position. As mentioned above, this amendment was later placed on the bill by the Governor (through an amendatory veto).

HB 404: Transfer Habitat Montana Money to Block Management

Sponsor: Rep. Kelly Flynn (R-Townsend)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Passed in House; Failed in Senate

Description: HB 404 is described in the House Voting Record. The vote featured here is Senate 2nd Reading, where the bill failed 23-27. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

SB 237: Establish a Policy of No Net Gain of State Land

Sponsor: Senator John Brenden (R-Scobey)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Passed Senate; Failed in House

Description: Attempted several times before by different legislators—and defeated each time—this bill would have prevented the state from purchasing any new land, including critical wildlife habitat and state parks. It established a state “no net gain” policy, so that any time land was purchased, an equal amount of land had to be sold. The vote featured here is Senate 2nd Reading; it passed 32-17. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.

SB 250: Micromanage Maintenance Accounts on Land Purchases

Sponsor: Senator Debby Barrett (R-Dillon)

Audubon Position: Oppose

Status: Passed the House and Senate; VETOED by the Governor

Description: SB 250 is described in the House Voting Record. The vote featured here is Senate 2nd Reading; it passed 32-17. A vote *against* this bill is a vote *for* Audubon's position.



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