

2023 MIDYEAR ECONOMIC UPDATE

MONTANA'S ELECTRICITY SUPPLY Adequate for How Long?

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**DELIVERING RESULTS
FOR MONTANA
BUSINESS**

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ABOUT THE MONTANA CHAMBER



BUSINESS CLIMATE

INFRASTRUCTURE

WORKFORCE READINESS

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

We represent over 2,000 businesses of every size and industry from across the state.

Our Vision:

As the leading business advocate, the Montana Chamber of Commerce envisions a business climate that is optimal for Montana business prosperity.

2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Bill Drafts Requested:

4,643

Chamber Initiated:

11

Bills Introduced:

1,698

Chamber Supported:

83

Bills Passed into Law:

804

Chamber Opposed:

32



11 CHAMBER INITIATED BILLS

BALLOT ISSUES

SB 93: Ballot Initiative Modernization

TAX REFORM

HB 212: Increase Business Equipment Tax Exemption*

ENVIRONMENT

HB 971: Environmental Review Reform

TORT REFORM PACKAGE

SB 216: Products Liability Reform

SB 269: Litigation Financing Consumer Protection

SB 236: Set Standards for Time-Limited Demands

SB 165: Insurance Claims Cooperation

SB 269: Captive Insurance Reform

SB 279: Incentivize Fair Settlement Offers

HB 410: Service of Process Time Limit

HB 571: *Clarify Real Property Statute of Limitations*



Direct cost to prepare for and execute a legislative session, including the interim



\$425,000

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2025

POLICY PRIORITIES:

- Tax Reform
- Tort Reform
- Affordable & Attainable Housing
- Tax Increment Financing (TIF)
- Childcare Solutions

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