

# **2017 MONTANA LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD**

# **MONTANANS**

**FOR LIMITED GOVERNMENT**



# PRINCIPLED CONSERVATIVES:

*Holding Republicans accountable*

## **What is Montanans for Limited Government (MFLG)?**

We are a Constitutionally-conservative political committee comprised of Montanans who actively strive to advance the ideals of limited government, economic freedom, and individual liberty. We are foot soldiers and influencers in the cause of preserving our nation's founding doctrines.

## **What is the vision for 2018?**

Our vision for 2018 is to place constitutionally-minded, fiscal conservatives in public offices, particularly the Montana Legislature and the United States Senate. We will accomplish this through voter education and candidate advocacy using social media platforms.



## LETTER FROM CHAIRWOMAN EDNA KENT

By the time I completed my service as a House page in the Montana Legislature in the mid 1970s, I was hooked on the political process. I earned my degree in Political Science at Carroll College in Helena, MT, while working a variety of jobs and serving in the Montana Army National Guard. Ronald Reagan influenced my political ideology tremendously, as did my brother by introducing me to Libertarians such as Robert Ringer, Milton Friedman, Murray Rothbard, as well as a host of classical liberal theorists.

My political evolution has brought me to where I am today: a pro-life, constitutional conservative who rejects collectivism in all forms, is fiercely loyal to my country's founding doctrines, believes in the autonomy of the individual to responsibly and respectfully direct their own life, supports the necessary and reasonable care of those in our community who are unable to care for themselves, and unashamedly and boldly believes that this great place called the United States of America should be the model of freedom, liberty, compassion, and generosity that all other nations seek to emulate. I took on the role of reviving this political committee so that it could ultimately become both the forum and vehicle for like-minded conservatives to effectively advance their ideology beyond the constraints of party affiliation while seeking out and serving in public office.

The 2017 Montana Legislature was an ongoing representation of the ideological struggle plaguing the MT GOP. Expect MFLG to seek out disruptors in 2018 to change the face of the legislature in 2019.



## Montanans for Limited Government

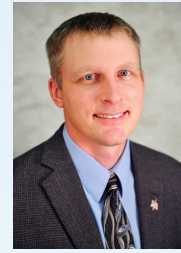
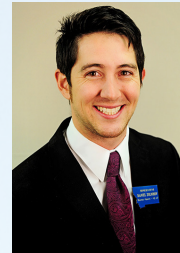
# Notables

### House

Daniel Zolnikov- Privacy Legislation

Carl Glimm- Alternative DOT Funding

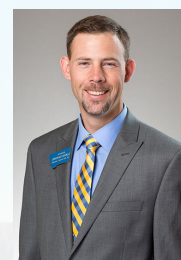
Greg Hertz- Food Freedom Legislation



### Senate

Cary Smith- Health Care Legislation

Jedediah Hinkle- General Legislation



### Freshman Standouts



Dan Bartel



Steve Gunderson



Matt Regier



Lola Sheldon-Galloway



Barry Usher



Steve Hinebauch



# 2017 VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

## HB009, Cultural and aesthetic grants

Sponsor: Tom Woods (D-Bozeman)

Limited Government Position: **Oppose**

Bill Status: Became law (76-24 in House)

## HB266, Authorize interstate healthcare compact

Sponsor: Nancy Ballance (R-Hamilton)

Limited Government Position: Support

Bill Status: Vetoed by Governor

## HB306, Revise the Montana Federal Mandates Act

Sponsor: Bill Harris (R-Winnett)

Limited Government Position: Support

Bill Status: Vetoed by Governor

## HB645, Provide funding for capitol and infrastructure projects

Sponsor: Mike Cuffe (R-Eureka)

Limited Government Position: **Oppose**

Bill Status: Died in House

## SB367, Revise Infrastructure funding laws

Sponsor: Eric Moore (R-Miles City)

Limited Government Position: **Oppose**

Bill Status: Died in House

## SB340, Authorize choice for out-of-state health care insurance

Sponsor: Cary Smith (R-Billings)

Limited Government Position: Support

Bill Status: Vetoed by Governor

## HB334, Directing that medicaid appropriations be used only for medicaid expenditures

Sponsor: Jon Knokey (R-Bozeman)

Limited Government Position: Support

Bill Status: Vetoed by Governor

## HB325, Create exemption for raw milk producers

Sponsor: Nancy Ballance (R-Hamilton)

Limited Government Position: Support

Bill Status: Died in Senate

## HB376, Establish public charter schools

Sponsor: Jonathan Windy Boy (D-Elder)

Limited Government Position: Support

Bill Status: Died in House

## HB473, Revise highway revenue laws

Sponsor: Frank Garner (R-Kalispell)

Limited Government Position: **Oppose**

Bill Status: Became Law (57-43 in House)

## SB97, Prohibit the application of foreign law in state courts

Sponsor: Keith Regier (R-Kalispell)

Limited Government Position: Support

Bill Status: Vetoed by Governor



# 2017 MONTANA HOUSE SCORECARD

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# 2017 MONTANA HOUSE SCORECARD

Montanans for Limited Government Vote



Bigger Government Vote



Absent for Vote

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Dist	Legislator	City	Score	HB009	HB266	HB306	HB645	SB367	SB340	HB325	HB334	HB376	HB473	SB97
8	Lavin, Steve (R)	Kalispell	73%	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
53	Lenz, Dennis (R)	Billings	91%	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14	Loge, Denley (R)	St. Regis	64%	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓
57	Mandeville, Forrest (R)	Columbus	80%	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A
85	Manzella, Theresa (R)	Hamilton	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19	McKamey, Wendy (R)	Grea Falls	73%	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
44	Mortensen, Dale (R)	Billings	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Noland, Mark (R)	Bigfork	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27	O'Hara, James (R)	Fort Benton	91%	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
52	Patelis, Jimmy (R)	Billings	82%	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
59	Redfield, Alan (R)	Livingston	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Regier, Matt (R)	Kalispell	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
55	Ricci, Vince (R)	Laurel	91%	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
51	Rosendale, Adam (R)	Billings	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
69	Sales, Walt (R)	Manhattan	55%	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓
71	Shaw, Ray (R)	Sheridan	73%	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
22	Sheldon-Galloway, Lola (R)	Great Falls	100%	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11	Skees, Derek (R)	Kalispell	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
35	Staffanson, Scott (R)	Sidney	91%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
25	Trebas, Jeremy (R)	Great Falls	82%	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
97	Tschida, Brad (R)	Missoula	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
40	Usher, Barry (R)	Billings	91%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
56	Vinton, Sue (R)	Billings	91%	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
75	Wagoner, Kirk (R)	Montana City	91%	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
43	Webb, Peggy (R)	Billings	91%	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
72	Welch, Tom (R)	Dillon	73%	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
64	White, Kerry (R)	Bozeman	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
45	Zolnikov, Daniel (R)	Billings	90%	✗	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓



# 2017 MONTANA SENATE SCORECARD

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Dist	Legislator	City	Score	HB009	HB266	HB306	SB367	SB340	HB334	HB376	HB473	SB97
20	Ankney, Duane (R)	Colstrip	67%	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
4	Blasdel, Mark (R)	Kalispell	89%	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Brown, Dee (R)	Hungry Horse	80%	✓	A	✓	✓	A	✓	A	✓	✓
11	Buttrey, Edward (R)	Great Falls	67%	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
43	Connell, Pat (R)	Hamilton	67%	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
7	Fielder, Jennifer (R)	Thomp. Falls	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
10	Fitzpatrick, Steve (R)	Great Falls	67%	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
40	Gauthier, Terry (R)	Helena	67%	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
18	Hinebauch, Steve (R)	Wibaux	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
32	Hinkle, Jedediah (R)	Bozeman	89%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓
13	Hoven, Brian (R)	Great Falls	67%	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
29	Howard, David (R)	Park City	89%	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9	Jones, Llew (R)	Conrad	63%	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	A	✓	✗	✓
22	Kary, Doug (R)	Billings	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
5	Keenan, Bob (R)	Bigfork	89%	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
17	Lang, Mike (R)	Malta	89%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
19	Moore, Eric (R)	Miles City	89%	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Olszewski, Albert (R)	Kalispell	89%	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
15	Osmundson, Ryan (R)	Buffalo	89%	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Regier, Keith (R)	Kalispell	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
28	Richmond, Tom (R)	Billings	67%	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
35	Sales, Scott (R)	Bozeman	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
47	Salomon, Daniel (R)	Ronan	57%	✗	A	✓	✗	A	✓	✓	✗	✓
21	Small, Jason (R)	Busby	67%	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
27	Smith, Cary (R)	Billings	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
30	Swandal, Nels (R)	Wilsall	78%	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
14	Tempel, Russ (R)	Chester	67%	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗
44	Thomas, Fred (R)	Stevensville	78%	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
34	Vance, Gordon (R)	Belgrade	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
1	Vincent, Chas (R)	Libby	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓
23	Webb, Roger (R)	Billings	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
36	Welborn, Jeffrey (R)	Dillon	56%	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓



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## Other Noteworthy Scorecards

Montana Shooting Sports Association: 2nd Amendment Legislation

Montana Family Foundation: Life and Family Legislation

Americans for Prosperity

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