

A scenic landscape photograph of a river flowing through a forested valley. The river is in the foreground, surrounded by lush green trees and vegetation. In the background, there are mountains with patches of snow under a blue sky with scattered clouds. The text "2019 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD" is overlaid in large, white, bold letters with a black outline.

2019 LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD

MONTANANS
FOR LIMITED GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The 66th session of the Montana Legislature lasted 87 days and legislators considered 1,309 bills. Five hundred (500) bills were sent to the Governor for executive decision. This scorecard rates only Republicans. House membership included 58 Republicans, Senate membership included 30.

2019 VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

HB146 - Sanctuary city laws.

MFLG position: **For**

Prohibits sanctuary jurisdictions.

Vetoed by Governor

HB217 - Abolish suspension of driver license as punishment for inability to pay court fees.

MFLG position: **For**

A positive step in criminal justice reform.

Signed by Governor

HB323 - Bring Montana law into compliance with Janus decision by SCOTUS.

MFLG position: **For**

Voluntary union association is fine, compulsion is not.

Vetoed by Governor

HB325 - Prevent patchwork of gun laws by local government.

MFLG position: **For**

Protects 2A rights of residents across the state.

Vetoed by Governor

HB431 - Educational loan repayment assistance for farmers.

MFLG position: **Against**

Not a constitutional function of government.

Signed by Governor

HB500 - Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.

MFLG position: **For**

Limitation on abortion after 20 weeks.

Vetoed by Governor

HB652 - \$55M Infrastructure & \$25M Romney Hall renovation.

MFLG position: **Against**

Fiscally irresponsible to issue debt to finance infrastructure.

MSU took in \$413M in private donations over an eight year period; taxpayers should not have to fund renovations to the hall.

Signed by Governor

HB658 - \$750M/yr Medicaid Expansion.

MFLG position: **Against**

Unconstitutional, unsustainable, fraught with waste, fraud, and abuse.

Signed by Governor

HB735 - Campus free speech.

MFLG position: **For**

Protects expressive activity, prohibits free speech zones.

Vetoed by Governor

SB338 - \$48M Heritage Center and museums.

MFLG position: **Against**

Not a constitutional function of government.

Signed by Governor

2019 MONTANA HOUSE SCORECARD

Dist	Legislator	City	Score	HB146	HB217	HB323	HB325	HB431	HB500	HB652	HB658	HB735	SB338
1	Gunderson, Steve	Libby	80%	✓	✗	E	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
2	Duram, Neil	Eureka	90%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
4	Regier, Matt	Columbia Falls	90%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Glimm, Carl	Kila	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E
7	Garner, Frank	Kalispell	50%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
8	Fuller, John	Kalispell	90%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
9	Dunn, David	Kalispell	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
10	Noland, Mark	Bigfork	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
11	Skees, Derek	Kalispell	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
12	Hertz, Greg	Polson	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
13	Brown, Bob	Thompson Falls	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
14	Loge, Denley	Saint Regis	80%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓
17	Fitzgerald, Ross	Fairfield	50%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
18	Jones, Llew	Conrad	60%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
19	McKamey, Wendy	Great Falls	60%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
20	Anderson, Fred	Great Falls	70%	E	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓
21	Buttrey, Edward	Great Falls	60%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
22	Sheldon-Galloway, Lola	Great Falls	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27	Kassmier, Joshua	Fort Benton	90%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
29	Bartel, Dan	Lewistown	90%	✓	✗	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	E	E	E
30	Galt, Wylie	Martinsdale	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
33	Knudsen, Casey	Malta	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
34	Knudsen, Rhonda	Culbertson	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
35	Krautter, Joel	Sidney	70%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓
36	Doane, Alan	Bloomfield	90%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
37	Moore, Eric	Miles City	80%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓
38	Holmlund, Kenneth	Miles City	50%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
39	Custer, Geraldine	Forsyth	50%	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
40	Usher, Barry	Billings	90%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

✓ Votes for Limited Government
 ✗ Votes for More Government
 A Absent
 E Excused

2019 MONTANA HOUSE SCORECARD CONT.

Dist	Legislator	City	Score	HB146	HB217	HB323	HB325	HB431	HB500	HB652	HB658	HB735	SB338
43	Webb, Peggy	Billings	90%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
44	Mortensen, Dale	Billings	70%	✓	E	✓	A	✗	E	E	✓	✓	✗
45	Zolnikov, Daniel	Billings	80%	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✗	E	A	✓
46	Mercer, Bill	Billings	90%	✓	E	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
51	Fleming, Frank	Billings	80%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
52	Garcia, Rodney	Billings	80%	✓	E	✓	✓	E	✓	✗	E	E	✗
53	Lenz, Dennis	Billings	80%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
54	Moore, Terry	Billings	90%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
55	Ricci, Vince	Laurel	80%	✓	✗	E	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
56	Vinton, Sue	Billings	80%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
57	Mandeville, Forrest	Columbus	80%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
58	Berglee, Seth	Joliet	90%	✓	✗	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	E	✓	✓
59	Redfield, Alan	Livingston	90%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓
64	White, Kerry	Bozeman	80%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
67	Burnett, Tom	Bozeman	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	E	✓	✓	✓
68	Grubbs, Bruce	Bozeman	50%	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
69	Sales, Walt	Manhattan	50%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
70	Dooling, Julie	Helena	60%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗
71	Shaw, Ray	Sheridan	60%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
72	Welch, Tom	Dillon	50%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
75	DeVries, Greg	Jefferson City	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
80	Beard, Becky	Elliston	90%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
85	Manzella, Theresa	Hamilton	90%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
86	Bedey, David	Hamilton	50%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
87	Ballance, Nancy	Hamilton	50%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
88	Greef, Sharon	Florence	60%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓
92	Hopkins, Mike	Missoula	70%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓
93	Read, Joe	Ronan	70%	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
97	Tschida, Bradley	Missoula	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

✓	Votes for Limited Government	✗	Votes for More Government	A	Absent	E	Excused
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2019 MONTANA SENATE SCORECARD

Dist	Legislator	City	Score	HB146	HB217	HB323	HB325	HB431	HB500	HB652	HB658	HB735	SB338
1	Cuffe, Mike	Eureka	70%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗
2	Brown, Dee	Hungry Horse	90%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3	Regier, Keith	Kalispell	80%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗
4	Blasdel, Mark	Kalispell	80%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
5	Keenan, Bob	Bigfork	100%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
6	Olszewski, Albert	Kalispell	80%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
7	Fielder, Jennifer	Thompson Falls	80%	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗
9	Gillespie, Bruce	Ethridge	60%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
10	Fitzpatrick, Steve	Great Falls	50%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
13	Hoven, Brian	Great Falls	80%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
14	Tempel, Russel	Chester	50%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
15	Osmundson, Ryan	Buffalo	70%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
17	Lang, Mike	Malta	60%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗
18	Hinebauch, Steve	Wibaux	90%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
19	Bogner, Kenneth	Miles City	80%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
20	Ankney, Duane	Colstrip	50%	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
21	Small, Jason	Busby	60%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
22	Kary, Doug	Billings	80%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
23	Webb, Roger	Billings	80%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
27	Smith, Cary	Billings	80%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
28	Richmond, Tom	Billings	60%	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗
29	Howard, David	Park City	80%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	E
30	Esp, John	Big Timber	80%	✓	✗	E	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓
34	Vance, Gordon	Belgrade	90%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
35	Sales, Scott	Bozeman	90%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
36	Welborn, Jeffrey	Dillon	60%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
40	Gauthier, Terry	Helena	40%	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✓	✗
43	Ellsworth, Jason	Hamilton	90%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
44	Thomas, Fred	Stevensville	60%	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓	✓	✗
47	Salomon, Daniel	Ronan	50%	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✗	✗	✗
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