

MontPIRG had another exciting legislative session fighting for the issues that best advance the public interest here in our state. Two student lobbyists led our legislative efforts in Helena by standing up to the powerful interests trying to take Montana in the wrong direction. Back on campus at the University of Montana students were organizing around the same legislative issues to insure that their voices were heard on legislation that affects our lives. Working together we were able to make strides in a difficult legislative session by defeating bills that would have benefited slumlords, stalled the growth of Montana's renewable energy industry, and allowed wealthy interests to donate unlimited money in legislative races. In addition to stopping bad legislation, MontPIRG advanced bills that improved our renewable energy standard and strengthened laws against predatory lenders. We are proud of what was accomplished at the 63rd legislative session and even prouder of the work our student volunteers and interns did to make these victories possible.

## ENERGY POLICY

### **SB 31 Watering down the Renewable Energy Standard (RES)** (Debby Barrett, R-Dillon)

Would have allowed hydroelectric power to count as an eligible renewable resource under Montana's 15% by 2015 RES. Montana already has significant hydroelectric capacity, thus including it would have undermined the RES by removing the incentive for new renewable energy development in Montana.

**MontPIRG opposed.**

**Senate Vote:** 3rd reading passed 32-18. **House Vote:** 3rd reading passed 61-39. **Status:** *Vetoed by the Governor.*

**SB 45 Rewarding the corporate owners of hydroelectric dams for past upgrades** (Jim Keane, D-Butte) Allows upgrades to existing hydroelectric dams to count as an eligible renewable resource under Montana's 15% by 2015 RES. The original version included a retroactive-clause that would have rewarded dam owners for upgrades that were already completed. But Gov. Bullock used an amendatory veto to remove the retroactive clause, thus fixing the bill. **MontPIRG opposed. Senate Vote:** 3rd reading passed 46-4. **House Vote:** 3rd reading passed 70-27. **Status:** *Became law with Governor's amendments.*

**SB 106 Firming up Montana's RES** (Greg Jergeson, D-Havre) Allows for batteries and other energy storage systems to count toward Montana's 15% by 2015 RES as long as the generation source is an eligible renewable resource. **MontPIRG supported. Senate Vote:** 3rd reading passed



43-5. **House Vote:** 3rd reading passed 73-26. **Status:** *Became law.*

### **SB 125 Taking the teeth out of the community renewable energy provision of the RES** (Alan Olson, R-Roundup)

Would have significantly reduced the fine for a utility that fails to comply with the community renewable energy provision in the RES. That provision requires that a portion of a utility's renewable energy come from small, community-owned renewable energy projects. **MontPIRG**

**opposed. Senate Vote:** 3rd reading passed 26-23. **House Vote:** 3rd reading passed 61-35. **Status:** *Vetoed by the Governor.*

**SB 247 Encouraging small-scale renewable energy** (Mike Phillips, D-Bozeman) Would have increased the cap on net-metered renewable energy projects from 50kW to 100kW. Net-metered solar arrays and small wind turbines are connected to the electric grid, which serves as a virtual energy storage system. Net-metering makes small, distributed renewable energy projects more cost effective. **MontPIRG supported. Senate Vote:** 2nd reading failed 24-26. **Status:** *Died on Senate floor.*

**HJ 9 Cheerleading for coal** (Jonathan McNiven, R-Huntley) This joint resolution calls for the expansion of coal-fired generation in the United States, increased development of Montana coal, and expanded capacity for shipping and exporting coal to China. **MontPIRG opposed. Senate Vote:** 3rd reading passed 41-8. **House Vote:** 3rd reading passed

# House Voting Record

as amended by Senate 81-18. **Status:** Resolution passed.

Representative	Party	Town	Score	SB 31	SB 45	SB 106	SB 125	HJ 9	SB 138	HB 30	SB 405	SB 408	HB 265	HJ 6	HB 116
Ankney, Duane	R	Colstrip	9%	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Ballance, Nancy	R	Hamilton	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Bangerter, Liz	R	Helena	25%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
Bennett, Bryce	D	Missoula	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Bennett, Jerry	R	Libby	0%	-	-	-	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	-	-
Berry, Tom	R	Roundup	17%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+
Blasdel, Mark	R	Somers	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Blyton, Joanne	R	Joliet	8%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boland, Carlie	D	Great Falls	83%	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Brockie, Clarena	D	Harlem	91%	+	E	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Brodehl, Randy	R	Kalispell	8%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Calf Boss Ribs, Frosty	D	Butte	89%	+	+	+	E	-	E	+	+	+	+	+	E
Clark, Christy	R	Choteau	25%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
Coffin, Doug	D	Missoula	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Connell, Pat	R	Hamilton	17%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Cook, Rob	R	Conrad	42%	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+
Court, Virginia	D	Billings	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Cuffe, Mike	R	Eureka	17%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Curtis, Amanda	D	Butte	83%	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Doane, Alan	R	Bloomfield	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dudik, Kim	D	Missoula	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Eck, Jenny	D	Helena	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Edmunds, Champ	R	Missoula	8%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ehli, Ron	R	Hamilton	17%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Fiscus, Clayton	R	Billings	8%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fitzpatrick, Steve	R	Great Falls	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Flynn, Kelly	R	Townsend	17%	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Galt, Wylie	R	Martinsdale	8%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gibson, Steve	R	East Helena	25%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+
Glimm, Carl	R	Kila	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Greef, Ed	R	Florence	17%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Gursky, Jen	D	Missoula	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hagan, Roger	R	Great Falls	17%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Hagstrom, Dave	R	Billings	25%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+
Halvorson, David	R	Sidney	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hansen, Kristin	R	Havre	8%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Harris, Bill	R	Winnett	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hertz, Greg	R	Polson	17%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Hill, Ellie	D	Missoula	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hollandsworth, Roy	R	Brady	17%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Hollenbaugh, Galen	D	Helena	92%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hoven, Brian	R	Great Falls	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Howard, David	R	Park City	8%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hunter, Chuck	D	Helena	92%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Ingraham, Pat	R	Thompson Fls	8%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jacobson, Tom	D	Great Falls	75%	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jones, Donald	R	Billings	8%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kary, Doug	R	Billings	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kerns, Krayton	R	Laurel	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Knudsen, Austin	R	Culbertson	9%	-	-	+	-	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**SB 138 Extending clean and green tax credits to dirty energy projects** (Art Wittich, R-Bozeman) Would have extended tax credits intended to encourage clean, renewable energy development to all forms of energy, thus incentivizing the development of dirty energy projects. **MontPIRG opposed.** **House Vote:** 3rd reading passed 58-40. **Status:** Vetoed by the Governor.

## VOTING RIGHTS

**HB 30 Repealing same day voter registration** (Ted Washburn, R-Bozeman) Would have eliminated same day voter registration. Same day registration is an important tool that protects voting rights by ensuring that no one is denied the right to vote due to an administrative error or a lost voter registration card. Without same day voter registration, thousands of Montanans would be turned away at the polls each election. **MontPIRG opposed.** **Senate Vote:** 3rd reading passed 29-21. **House Vote:** 2nd reading passed 61-39. **Status:** Bill vetoed by the Governor.



MontPIRG students at the Capitol for a lobby day

**SB 405 Placing repeal of same day voter registration on the 2014 ballot** (Alan Olson, R-Roundup) Places a legislative referendum on the 2014 ballot that would repeal same day voter registration. **MontPIRG opposed.** **Senate Vote:** 2nd reading passed 29-21. **House Vote:** 3rd reading passed 58-42. **Status:** Bill passed and will appear on the 2014 ballot.

# House Voting Record

## ELECTIONS

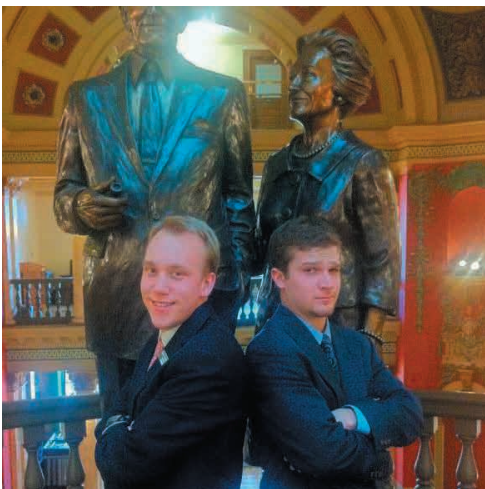
**SB 408 Distorting the primary election process** (Alan Olson, R-Roundup) Places a legislative referendum on the 2014 ballot that would fundamentally change Montana elections. Under this law all candidates would be in same pool in the primary and the two candidates with the most votes would advance to the general election rather than the top candidate for each party. The result would be the elimination of third-party candidates and even the strong possibility of single-party general elections. **MontPIRG opposed. Senate Vote:** 2nd reading passed 28-22. **House Vote:** 3rd reading passed 57-43. **Status:** Bill passed and will appear on the 2014 ballot.

## CAMPAIGN FINANCE

**HB 265 Increasing big money in Montana elections** (Steve Fitzpatrick, R-Great Falls) Would have significantly raised contribution limits for state elections and eliminated the aggregate PAC limit allowing more money from wealthy individuals and unlimited PAC contributions to flood Montana elections. **MontPIRG opposed. Senate Vote:** 3rd reading passed 26-24. **House Vote:** 3rd reading passed 59-39. **Status:** Vetoed by the Governor.

**SJ 19 Corporations aren't people and money isn't speech** (Cliff Larsen, D-Missoula) Resolution calling for an amendment to the U.S. Constitution clarifying that corporations do not have

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Lang, Mike	R	Malta	17%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Laszloffy, Sarah	R	Laurel	17%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Lavin, Steve	R	Kalispell	8%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lenz, Dennis	R	Billings	25%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
Lieser, Ed	D	Whitefish	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Lynch, Ryan	D	Butte	83%	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
MacDonald, Margie	D	Billings	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
McCarthy, Kelly	D	Billings	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
McChesney, Bill	D	Miles City	75%	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
McClafferty, Edie	D	Butte	83%	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
McNally, Mary	D	Billings	100%	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
McNiven, John	R	Huntley	9%	-	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Mehlhoff, Robert	D	Great Falls	83%	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Miller, Mike	R	Helmville	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Moore, Doc	R	Missoula	25%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+
Neill, Reilly	D	Livingston	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Noonan, Pat	D	Ramsay	75%	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+
O'Hara, Jesse	R	Great Falls	33%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
O'Neil, Jerry	R	Columbia Falls	17%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-
Osmundson, Ryan	R	Buffalo	8%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pease-Lopez, Carolyn	D	Billings	91%	+	+	+	E	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Peppers, Rae	D	Lame Deer	91%	+	+	A	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Pierson, Gordon	D	Deer Lodge	75%	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Pomnichowski, JP	D	Bozeman	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Price, Jean	D	Great Falls	92%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Randall, Lee	R	Broadus	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Redfield, Alan	R	Livingston	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Regier, Keith	R	Kalispell	8%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reichner, Scott	R	Bigfork	17%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Salomon, Dan	R	Ronan	9%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	E
Schreiner, Casey	D	Great Falls	83%	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Schwaderer, Nick	R	Superior	17%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-
Shaw, Ray	R	Sheridan	17%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Smith, Bridget	D	Wolf Point	83%	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Smith, Cary	R	Billings	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Squires, Carolyn	D	Missoula	91%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	E	+	+
Steenberg, Tom	D	Missoula	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Swanson, Kathy	D	Anaconda	91%	+	E	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Vance, Gordon	R	Bozeman	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wagoner, Kirk	R	Montana City	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Warburton, Wendy	R	Helena	9%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	E	-	-
Washburn, Ted	R	Bozeman	17%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Welborn, Jeffrey	R	Dillon	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
White, Kerry	R	Bozeman	8%	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whitford, Lea	D	Cut Bank	92%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Williams, Kathleen	D	Bozeman	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Wilmer, Franke	D	Bozeman	92%	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Wilson, Nancy	D	Missoula	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Woods, Tom	D	Bozeman	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Zolnikov, Dan	R	Billings	0%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



MontPIRG student lobbyists Sean McQuillan and Sam Thompson

# Senate Voting Record

Senator	Party	Town	Score	SB 31	SB 45	SB 106	SB 125	SB 247	HJ 9	HB 30	SB 405	SB 408	HB 265	SJ 19	SB 109	HB 116
Arntzen, Elsie	R	Billings	23%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+
Arthun, Ron	R	Wilsall	31%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	+
Augare, Shannon	D	Browning	77%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Barrett, Debby	R	Dillon	15%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Barrett, Dick	D	Missoula	92%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Blewett, Anders	D	Great Falls	85%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Boulanger, Scott	R	Darby	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+
Brenden, John	R	Scobey	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Brown, Dee	R	Hungry Horse	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Brown, Taylor	R	Huntly	31%	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
Buttrey, Edward	R	Great Falls	38%	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Caferro, Mary	D	Helena	85%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Driscoll, Robin	D	Billings	85%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Essmann, Jeff	R	Billings	15%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Facey, Tom	D	Missoula	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Fielder, Jennifer	R	Thompson Fls	23%	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Hamlett, Bradley	D	Cascade	69%	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+
Jackson, Verdell	R	Kalispell	23%	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Jent, Larry	D	Bozeman	90%	+	-	E	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	E	+
Jergeson, Greg	D	Chinook	92%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Jones, Llew	R	Conrad	38%	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Kaufmann, Christine	D	Helena	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Keane, Jim	D	Butte	69%	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Larsen, Cliff	D	Missoula	85%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Lewis, Dave	R	Helena	15%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Malek, Sue	D	Missoula	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Moore, Frederick	R	Miles City	8%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Murphy, Terry	R	Cardwell	15%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Olson, Alan	R	Roundup	31%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Peterson, Jim	R	Buffalo	31%	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+
Phillips, Mike	D	Bozeman	92%	+	-	+	+	+	E	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Priest, Jason	R	Red Lodge	0%	-	-	E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ripley, Rick	R	Wolf Creek	15%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Rosendale, Matthew	R	Glendive	8%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sales, Scott	R	Bozeman	8%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-
Sesso, Jon	D	Butte	85%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sonju, Jon	R	Kalispell	23%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+
Stewart-Perego, Sharon	D	Crow Agency	77%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Taylor, Janna	R	Dayton	15%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Thomas, Fred	R	Stevesville	15%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Tropila, Mitch	D	Great Falls	85%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Tutvedt, Bruce	R	Kalispell	23%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+
Van Dyk, Kendall	D	Billings	92%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Vincent, Chas	R	Libby	23%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-
Vuckovich, Gene	D	Anaconda	62%	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Walker, Edward	R	Billings	8%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wanzeried, David	D	Missoula	100%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Webb, Roger	R	Billings	15%	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Windy Boy, Jonathon	D	Box Elder	77%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
Wittich, Art	R	Bozeman	15%	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

constitutional rights and that unlimited campaign spending does not equate to constitutionally protected free speech. It would have added the collective voice of the Montana Legislature to speak in concert with the will of Montana voters as expressed through I-166, which passed by a three-to-one margin in November. **MontPIRG supported. Senate Vote:** 3rd reading passed 29-21. **Status:** *Died in House Judiciary Committee.*

**HJ 6 Corporations aren't people and money isn't speech**(Ellie Hill, D-Missoula) Resolution calling for an amendment to the U.S. Constitution clarifying that corporations do not have constitutional rights and that unlimited campaign spending does not equate to constitutionally protected free speech. It would have added the collective voice of the Montana Legislature to speak in concert with the will of Montana voters as expressed through I-166, which passed by a three-to-one margin in November. **MontPIRG supported. House Vote:** 2nd reading failed 49-51. **Status:** *Died on House floor.*

## CONSUMER PROTECTION

**SB 109 The slumlord loophole bill** (Matthew Rosendale, R-Glendive) Would have allowed landlords to avoid compliance with building codes by allowing them to only comply with the building codes in place at the time of construction. **MontPIRG opposed. Senate Vote:** 3rd reading failed 24-25. **Status:** *Died on Senate floor.*

**HB 116 Enforcing interest rate cap on online predatory lenders** (Jenny Eck, D-Helena) Provides the necessary tools for the Division of Banking to regulate online lenders that violate Montana's 36% interest rate cap approved by Montana voters through I-164 in 2010. **MontPIRG supported. Senate Vote:** 3rd reading passed 38-12. **House Vote:** 3rd reading passed 61-37. **Status:** *Became law.*

### Scorecard Key

- +** a vote FOR the public interest.
- a vote AGAINST the public interest.
- A** legislator was absent for the vote.
- E** legislator was excused for the vote.