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Speaking to Public Policy
from the perspective of conscience and convictions
to increase the common good.



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Truth to Power is a group of Montanans who speak to public policy from the perspective of conscience and convictions to increase the common good.

Legislative Committees

- Session Committees
- **Interim Committees**
- Budget Committees
- Ad Hoc Committees
- and more.



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Overview of legislative committees

In **session committees** and **interim committees** deal with a particular issue area.

All the members are assigned by majority leadership although legislators may request certain committees through their own party leaders , but are assigned by majority leadership.

Chairperson and vice chair persons are designated by majority party leadership. A few committees which are created by law or constitution may have a different protocol. Having the majority is very powerful, thus the importance of every single legislative election.

There are **13 general interim committees**,

- 6 budget interim committees (i.e. Budget-Education, Budget-Human services, etc),
- 5 general administrative committees, (Audit, Consumer, Finance, Information Technology, etc)and
- a few special committees which are created by a study resolution or specific legislation.

Majority leadership appoints and determines the number of Republicans and Democrats, The Environmental Quality Council was created by law and includes 4 public members which leadership chooses from applicants.



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Legislature

Montana's Legislature is made up of the three divisions, Audit, Fiscal, and Services, and includes the House of Representatives and Senate. Learn more about how each division serves all of Montana and its Legislators.

Learn More

Session Information

Legislative Audit Division

Legislative Fiscal Division

Legislative Services Division

2023 Montana Code Annotated

2023 Legislative Review

2023 Session Laws

2023 Regular Session
68th Regular Session

3/23/2024

Bill Progression

Draft Requests

1698

Introduced

1105

2nd Reading 1st Chamber

1059

Transmitted to 2nd Chamber

875

2nd Reading 2nd Chamber

804

Bills Passed

17.3%

Introduced Bills

39 (2.3%)

556 (33.33%)

41 (2.41%)

908 (57.01%)

More Statistics

Bills Amended

(A) Returned to Senate with Amendments

112

No. of Bills

(B) Returned to House with Amendments

184

No. of Bills

Bills Passed

House Bill

311

No. of Bills Passed

House Joint Resolution

6

No. of Bills Passed

House Resolution

6

No. of Bills Passed

Senate Bill

289

No. of Bills Passed

Senate Joint Resolution

17

No. of Bills Passed

Senate Resolution

76

No. of Bills Passed

SUBJECT AREA

2023

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Interim committees

Interim committees allow legislators to study certain issues within their area over a 2 year period and write a bill. It comes out of committee and into the process with perhaps more information, study, discussion, and clout than an ordinary bill draft. **Citizens can impact** the final bill form by testimony and contacts with legislators. One would think these committee bills would be guaranteed to pass through the process, but that is not the case.

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Administrative Committees

Legislative Audit Committee

Legislative Consumer Committee

Legislative Council

Legislative Finance Committee

Information Technology Planning Council

Interim Committees

Children, Families, Health, and Human Services

Criminal Justice Oversight Council

Economic Affairs

Education

Energy and Telecommunications

Environmental Quality Council

Law and Justice

Local Government

Revenue

State Administration and Veterans' Affairs

State-Tribal Relations

Transportation

Water Policy

Budget Committees

A – General Government

B – Health and Human Services

C – Natural Resources

D – Public Safety

E – Education

F – Long-Range

Other Committees

American Rescue Plan Act 2021 ↗

Districting and Apportionment Commission

Modernization and Risk Analysis Committee (MARA)

Special Select Committee on Judicial Accountability and Transparency

Special Select Committee on Energy Resource Planning and Acquisition

Court System Dependency Neglect Task Force

Transition Review Committee

HB 424 Study of State Budget process & Personal Services Expenditures

HB 5 Select Committee on Corrections Facility Capacity & System Development

About Legislative Committees

Session Committees

Past Interim Committees



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Get involved

- Identify the committees you have an interest in following.
- Identify any committee members from your area or whom you may already know.
- Watch/listen and offer testimony virtually if you cannot attend in person.
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2023-2024 ENERGY AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

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Admin Materials

The Energy and Telecommunications Interim Committee (ETIC) is a partisan committee of the Legislature that conducts interim studies as assigned. The committee also provides administrative rule review, draft legislation review, program evaluation, and oversight for the Department of Service Regulation (DPSR) and the [Public Service Commission \(PSC\)](#). The committee's statutory duties are in [5-5-230, MCA](#).

Committee Members



[REPRESENTATIVE KATIE ZOLNIKOV \(R\) --Chair](#)



[SENATOR BRAD MOLNAR \(R\) --Member](#)



[SENATOR BARRY USHER \(R\) --Member](#)



[SENATOR DANIEL ZOLNIKOV \(R\) --Member](#)



[REPRESENTATIVE LAURIE BISHOP \(D\) --Member](#)



[REPRESENTATIVE STEVEN GALLOWAY \(R\) --Member](#)



[REPRESENTATIVE GARY PARRY \(R\) --Member](#)



[SENATOR CHRISTOPHER POPE \(D\) --Vice Chair](#)

Next Scheduled Meeting:

March 15, 2024
9:30 a.m.
Room 172, State Capitol

Meeting Information

Public comment guidelines



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ETIC STAFF:

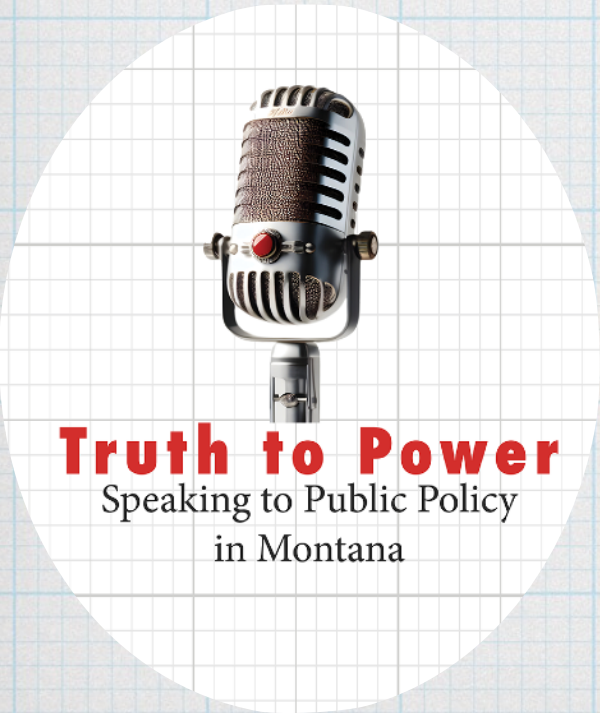
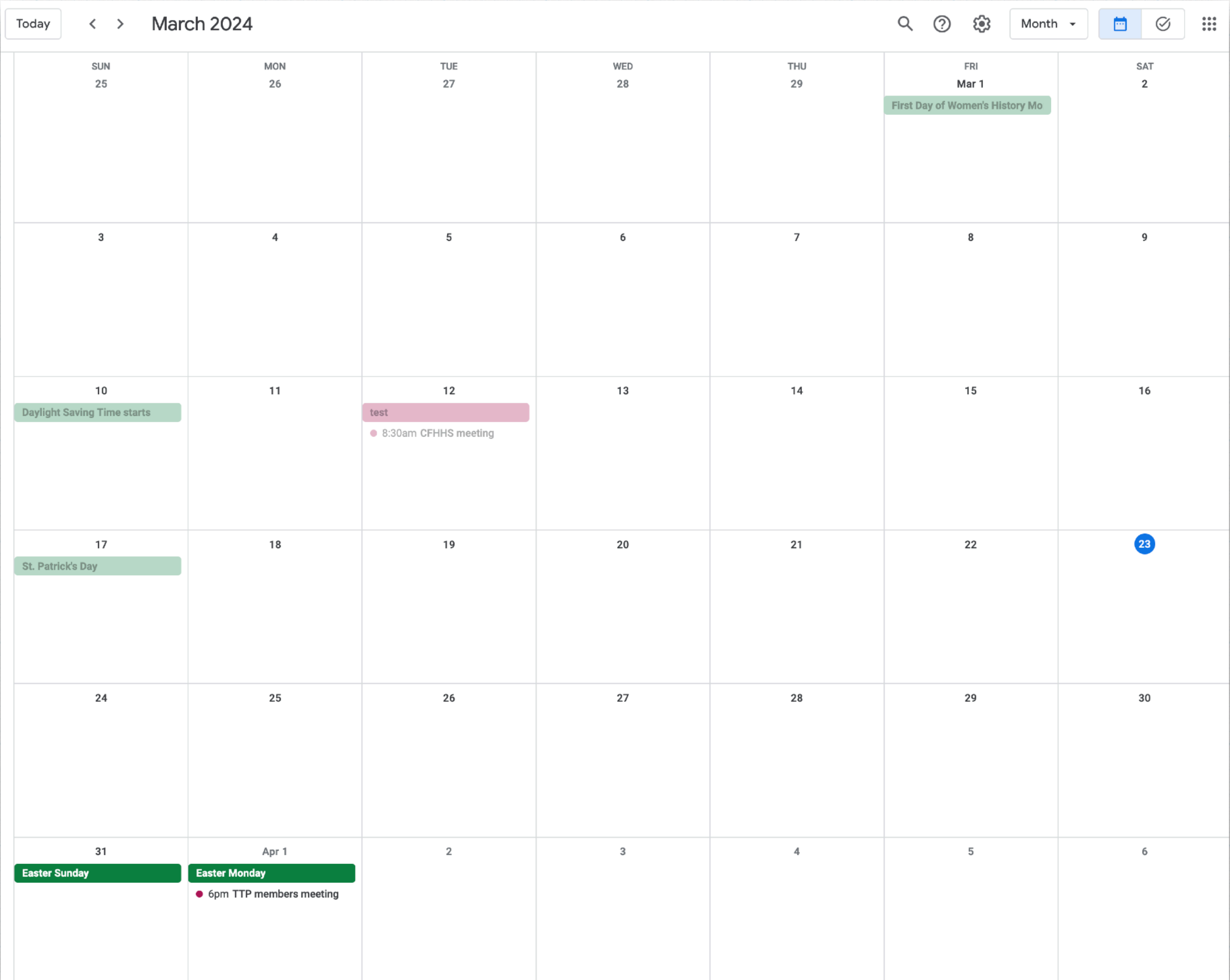
[Trevor Graff](#), Research Analyst

[Jameson Walker](#), Attorney

[Jacelyn Sterling](#), Secretary

When interim committees meet

Visit our calendar
on our website:
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or navigate to each
committee’s website
also see the streaming
schedule at leg.mt.gov



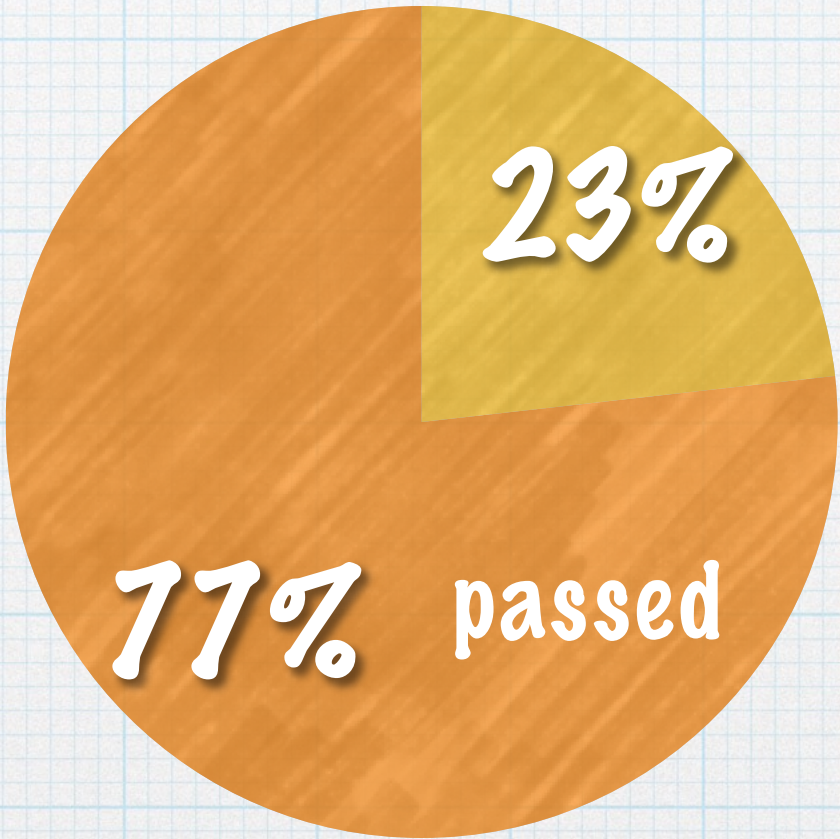
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How do you know if its a committee bill?

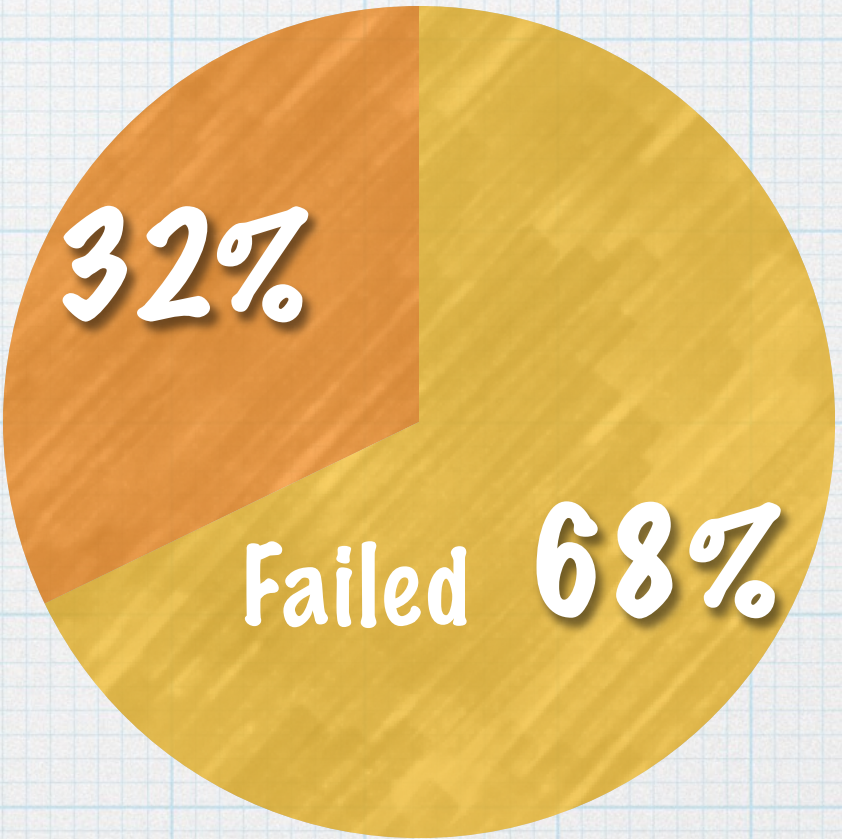


Why do you care if its a committee bill?

Committee bills are more likely to pass.
Your advocacy on interim committees is more likely be effective



committee bills



all bills



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Call to Action

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Bring a friend! Share what you find with a kindred spirit!

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