

Memo

To: Montana State Library Commission

From: Jennie Stapp, State Librarian

Date: November 24, 2014

Re: Legislative update

Included with this memo is Governor Bullock's FY 16/17 State Library budget as released on November 17, 2014.

As the Commission is aware, the State Library is not supporting any legislation this year however, we will be monitoring numerous bills in addition to House Bill 2, the state budget bill. As of the date of this memo, the LAWS system includes more than 1100 proposed bill drafts. Bills of interest currently include:

- House Bill 10, a funding bill for major state IT expenditures;
- House Bill 13, the state pay plan bill;
 - The currently negotiated plan would include (1) \$.50/hour salary increase each year of the biennium, both increases effective the first pay period in October and (2) increase the state share toward the group benefits plan 10% the first year of the biennium and 8% the second year of the biennium.
- LC 349, a bill that would require the state to remove the name "half-breed" or "breed" from any place name.
 - As the State Geographic Names Coordinator, if this bill passes it would create a modest amount of additional work for Gerry Daumiller to submit newly proposed names to the federal board of Geographic Names.
- LC 448, Generally revise public records laws
- LC 449, Develop a digital archives plan

Please note that the Attorney General's request for funding to remodel the lower level of the State Library was not included in the Long Range Building bill.

For more information or to track bills of interest visit:

[http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/LAW0217W\\$BAIV.return_all_bills?P_SESS=20151](http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/LAW0217W$BAIV.return_all_bills?P_SESS=20151).