Montana Senate Conservation Hot List Week 3: January 21, 2019

Please Support:

SB 112, Prohibition on distributing things at polling place not to apply to volunteers, Sen. Bennett (D-Missoula) S-State Administration, Hearing 1/23/2019 Rm.335 2:30p.m., Support. This pro-democracy bill would allow volunteers to distribute food or beverages to Montanans who are waiting in line at the polls to cast their ballot. This bill would help busy voters who cast their ballots on election day and would increase participation in our elections. Contact Jake Brown, MCV, 406.855.7821, jake@mtvoters.org

SB 113, Allow for DL number or last four of SS number for voter registration, Sen. Bennett (D-Missoula), S-State Administration, Hearing 1/23/2019 Rm. 335 2:30p.m., Support. This bill just makes it easier for Montanans to register to vote by clarifying that a qualified voter can use either their driver license number or the last 4 digits of their social security number on the voter registration form. Contact Jake Brown, MCV, 406.855.7821, jake@mtvoters.org

SB 120, Limiting restaurant distribution of plastic straws unless requested Sen. Sue Malek (D-Missoula) S-Business, Labor & Economic Affairs, Hearing 1/25/2019 Rm.422 3p.m Support. This bill would limit retail food establishments from providing single-use plastic straws unless they were requested by the consumer. This bill is a sensible step forward in reducing the estimated 500 million straws used daily in the US. Contact Wyatt Smith, MT Audubon, 406.241.7897, wsmith@mtaudubon.org

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