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MEMORANDUM

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Subject: Activity report, Week of March 20th

Note: MAC is monitoring a far larger number of bills than what is listed and is also active in the budget process under HB 2 as it affects children's services. The following is a brief summary of bills MAC is actively working. Please be aware that the deadline for introduction of all bills has passed, so there can be no new bills introduced now without a suspension of the rules.

1. **HB 23— Provide for suicide prevention among American Indian and rural youth (Windy Boy)**
   **Hearing in House Appropriations, January 23rd; executive action pending (MAC supports—children and families)

2. **HB 46—Generally revising funding for civil legal aid. (Dudik)**
   **Tabled in House Appropriations, January 31st (MAC supported—children and families)

3. **HB 64—Revise child abuse diversion project laws. (Dudik)**
   **Sent to enrolling, March 24th (MAC supports—children and families)

4. **HB 118—Revise and provide additional funding for state suicide prevention program. (Windy Boy)**
   ** Hearing in House Appropriations, January 19th; executive action pending (MAC supports—children and families)

5. **HB 182— Declaration of policy regarding foster parents and foster children (Garner)**
   **Tabled in Senate Judiciary, March 23rd (MAC supports—children and families)

6. **HB 247—Revise laws on sexual abuse of children (Dudik)**
   *Transmitted to Governor, March 22nd (MAC supports—children and families)

7. **HB 361—Revise SNAP eligibility (Burnett)**
   ** Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC opposed—children and families)

8. **HB 366—Abolish death penalty and replace with life w/o parole (A. Hertz)**
   **Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC supported--abolition)

9. **HB 391—Provide for Montana earned income credit (Jacobson)**
   **Referred to Senate Taxation, March 25th (MAC supports—children and families)

10. **HB 441—Generally revise human trafficking laws (Lenz)**
    **Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC supported—children and families)

11. **HB 467—Revise standards of evidence in child abuse and neglect cases (Trebas)**
    **Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC opposed—children and families)

12. **HB 468—Generally revise child abuse and neglect laws (Trebas)**
    **Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC opposed—children and families)

13. **HB 501—Generally revising laws related to boycotts of Israel (A. Knudsen)**
    **Committee vote failed in Senate State Administration, March 17th (MAC opposes—welcoming the stranger)

14. **HB 522—Provide for qualified immunity for U.S. border patrol agents (Lavin)**
    ** Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC opposed—welcoming the stranger)

15. **HB 552—Repeal English language only laws (Stewart-Peregoy)**
    **Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC supported—welcoming the stranger)

16. **HB 611—Generally revise state laws related to immigration and refugees (Skees)**
    **Hearing in House Judiciary, March 27th (MAC opposes—welcoming the stranger)

17. **SB 65— Generally revise laws regarding housing options for offenders (Wolken)**
    **Sent to enrolling, March 24th (MAC supports—re-entry)

17. **SB 97— Prohibit the application of foreign law in state courts (K. Reiger)**
    **Signed by president, March 23rd (MAC opposes—welcoming the stranger)

18. **SB 156— Provide for Montana earned income tax credit (Cohenour)**
    **Re-referred to Senate Finance and Claims, March 25th (MAC supports—children and families)

19. **SB 197— Require child sexual abuse prevention efforts (Gauthier)**
    ** Hearing in House Judiciary, March 31st (MAC supports—children and families)

20. **SB 257— Generally revise laws related to solitary confinement (R. Webb)**
    ** Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC supported—children and families)

21. **SB 328— Generally revise alcohol tax laws (Whitford)**
    ** Tabled in Committee March 24 (MAC supports—children and families)