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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 12, 2017
To: Amy Thompson and Dave Andersen
From: Abigail J. St. Lawrence
Subject: Activity report, Week of March 6th

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. There are also still a number of unintroduced appropriations and revenue bills that MAC is monitoring and will be added to the list if they are introduced. The following is a brief summary of bills MAC is actively working.

1. **HB 23—Provide for suicide prevention among American Indian and rural youth (Windy Boy)**
**Hearing, House Appropriations, Jan. 23rd; executive action pending (MAC supports)
2. **HB 46—Generally revising funding for civil legal aid. (Dudik)**
**Tabled in House Appropriations, Jan. 31st (MAC supports)
3. **HB 64—Revise child abuse diversion project laws. (Dudik)**
**Hearing in Senate Finance and Claims, March 14th (MAC supports)
4. **HB 118—Revise and provide additional funding for state suicide prevention program. (Windy Boy)**
** Hearing, House Appropriations, Jan. 19th; executive action pending (MAC supports)
5. **HB 182—Declaration of policy regarding foster parents and foster children (Garner)**
**Hearing in Senate Judiciary March 15th (MAC supports)
6. **HB 247—Revise laws on sexual abuse of children (Dudik)**
**Scheduled for House third reading, March 13th (MAC supports)
7. **HB 361—Revise SNAP eligibility (Burnett)**
** Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC opposed)
8. **HB 366—Abolish death penalty and replace with life w/o parole (A. Hertz)**
**Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC supported)
9. **HB 391—Provide for Montana earned income credit (Jacobson)**

****Passed House Tax, March 10th (MAC supports)**

10. HB 441—Generally revise human trafficking laws (Lenz)

****Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC supported)**

11. HB 467—Revise standards of evidence in child abuse and neglect cases (Treas)

****Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC opposed)**

12. HB 468—Generally revise child abuse and neglect laws (Treas)

****Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC opposed)**

13. HB 501—Generally revising laws related to boycotts of Israel (A. Knudsen)

****Hearing March 15th in Senate State Administration committee (MAC position pending)**

14. HB 522—Provide for qualified immunity for U.S. border patrol agents (Lavin)

**** Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC opposed)**

15. HB 552—Repeal English language only laws (Stewart-Peregoy)

****Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC supported)**

16. SB 65— Generally revise laws regarding housing options for offenders (Wolken)

****Passed House Judiciary, March 10th (MAC supports)**

17. SB 97— Prohibit the application of foreign law in state courts (K. Reiger)

**** Hearing in House Judiciary, March 9th; executive action pending (MAC opposes)**

18. SB 156— Provide for Montana earned income tax credit (Cohenour)

**** Hearing in Senate Tax, February 22nd; executive action pending (MAC supports)**

19. SB 197— Require child sexual abuse prevention efforts (Gauthier)

**** Referred to Senate Judiciary, March 1st (MAC supports)**

20. SB 257— Generally revise laws related to solitary confinement (R. Webb)

**** Missed deadline for general bill transmittal (MAC supported)**