MEMORANDUM

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To: Amy Thomsson and Dave Andersen

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Subject: Activity report, Week of March 13th

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—children and families)

2. HB 46—Generally revising funding for civil legal aid. (Dudik)
   **Tabled in House Appropriations, Jan. 31st (MAC supported—prisoner reintegration)

3. HB 64—Revise child abuse diversion project laws. (Dudik)
   **Hearing in Senate Finance and Claims, March 21st (MAC supports—children and families)

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—children and families)

5. HB 182—Declaration of policy regarding foster parents and foster children (Garner)
   **Hearing in Senate Judiciary March 15th; executive action pending (MAC supports—children and families)

6. HB 247—Revise laws on sexual abuse of children (Dudik)
   **Returned from enrolling, March 14th (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 House Appropriations, March 15th (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)

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

16. SB 65—Generally revise laws regarding housing options for offenders (Wolken)
    **Returned to Senate with amendments, March 15th (MAC supports—re-entry)

17. SB 97—Prohibit the application of foreign law in state courts (K. Reiger)
    **Second reading in House, March 20th (MAC opposes—welcoming the stranger)

18. SB 156—Provide for Montana earned income tax credit (Cohenour)
    **Hearing in Senate Tax, February 22nd, executive action pending (MAC supports—children and families)

19. SB 197—Require child sexual abuse prevention efforts (Gauthier)
    **Hearing in House Judiciary, March 28th (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—prisoner reintegration)

21. SB 328—Generally revise alcohol tax laws (L. Whitford)
    **Hearing in Senate Taxation March 17th, executive action pending (MAC supports—children and families)