

OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER
2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION ACTIVITY (As of: January 21, 2015)

	Bill Number	Sponsor	Item	Transmittal Status		Fiscal Note	Overall Status
				Pre	Post		
I Montana Public Defender Commission Requested Bills							
a	HB 133	Rep MacDonald	Allow use of flat fee contracts	House Judiciary - Taken from Table		\$ -	
b	HB 143	Rep McConnell	Suspend payment of OPD fees while incarcerated	Transmitted to Senate		-	
c	SB 59	Sen Driscoll	Clarify courts consideration of eligibility process	Passed Sen Judiciary		-	
d	HB 71	Rep Lynch	Define income eligibility for public defender services	Tabled in House Judiciary		-	
e	HB 139	Rep McConnell	Authorize PD involvement in eligibility process	Hearing House Judiciary - 1/15/15		-	
f	SB 61	Sen Driscoll	Clarify courts' punitive authority	Passed Sen Judiciary		-	
g	SB 90	Sen Swandel	Remove jail time as a penalty in certain cases	Hearing Sen Judiciary - 1/16/15		-	
h	HB 72	Rep Lynch	Deposit OPD fees into general fund	Cancelled by the agency		-	
II Budget Bills							
				<u>Status - Both Chambers</u>			
					<u>FY 2016 Amounts</u>		<u>FY 2017 Amounts</u>
					<u>Request</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Request</u> <u>Approved</u>
a	HB 2	Rep Ballance	OPD Budget	Governor's budget submission	\$ 42,506,846	\$ 34,021,315	\$ 42,589,186 \$ 34,249,496
b	HB 2	Rep Ballance	Appropriations Subcommittee Hearings	Hearing 1/27 and 1/29/15	34,021,315	-	-
c	HB 2	Rep Ballance	House Appropriations		-	-	-
d	HB 2	Rep Ballance	House Floor		-	-	-
e	HB 2	Rep Ballance	Senate Finance and Claims		-	-	-
f	HB 2	Rep Ballance	Senate Floor		-	-	-
g	HB 2	Rep Ballance	Conference Committee		-	-	-
h	HB 2	Rep Ballance	Governor's Amendments/approval		-	-	-
III Supplemental Funding Bill							
					<u>FY 2015 Request</u>	<u>Approved</u>	
a	HB 3	Rep Noonan	Appropriations Subcommittee Hearings		\$ 1,700,000	\$ -	
b	HB 3	Rep Noonan	House Appropriations				
c	HB 3	Rep Noonan	House Floor				
d	HB 3	Rep Noonan	Senate Finance and Claims				
e	HB 3	Rep Noonan	Senate Floor				
f	HB 3	Rep Noonan	Conference Committee				
IV Non-commission/agency bills with fiscal impact							
				<u>Pre</u>	<u>Post</u>	<u>OPD Estimate</u>	<u>Fiscal Note</u> <u>Alive</u>
a	HB 13	Rep Swanson	Employee pay plan	House Appropriations		TBD	
b							
c							
d							
e							
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V Other bills							
a	HB 218	Rep Mortensen	Require OPD investigators to be licensed	Cancelled by sponsor		\$ -	
b	LC 130	Sen Webb	Generally revise public defender laws	On hold			
c	LC 759	Rep Dudik	Revise dependent neglect laws	In drafting			
d	LC 279	Sen Facey	Revise death penalty laws	In drafting			
e	LC 544	Sen Phillips	Abolish death penalty	On hold			
f	LC 925	Rep Lynch	Generally revise public defender laws	In drafting			
g	LC 2181	Rep Monforton	Revise laws regarding substitution of judges	In drafting			

VI Total 2017 Biennium Funding By Fiscal Year