

OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER
2015 LEGISLATIVE SESSION ACTIVITY (As of: April 24, 2015)

	Bill Number	Sponsor	Item	Pre	Transmittal Status	Post	Fiscal Note		Overall Status
							OPD Estimate	Revised	
I Montana Public Defender Commission Requested Bills									
a	HB 133	Rep MacDonald	Allow use of flat fee contracts		Signed by the Governor		\$ -	\$ -	
b	HB 143	Rep McConnell	Suspend payment of OPD fees while incarcerated		Signed by the Governor		(10,168)	-	
c	SB 59	Sen Driscoll	Clarify courts consideration of eligibility process		Signed by the Governor		-	-	
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		Signed by the Governor		-	-	
f	SB 61	Sen Driscoll	Clarify courts' punitive authority		Tabled in House Judiciary		-	-	
g	SB 90	Sen Swandal	Remove jail time as a penalty in certain cases		Tabled in House Judiciary		(3,039,719)	(1,715,716)	
h	HB 72	Rep Lynch	Deposit OPD fees into general fund		Cancelled by the agency		-	-	

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							Request	Approved	Request	Approved
II Budget Bills										
				<u>Status - Both Chambers</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, 1/29 and 2/9/15		34,021,315	29,874,958	34,249,496	29,828,344
c	HB 2	Rep Ballance	House Appropriations		Hearings - March 5, 6, 9, and 10		34,021,315	29,874,958	34,249,496	29,828,344
d	HB 2	Rep Ballance	House Floor		Hearings - March 18, and 19		34,021,315	29,874,958	34,249,496	29,828,344
e	HB 2	Rep Ballance	Senate Finance and Claims		Hearings - March 30, 31, and April 1		34,021,315	32,917,528	34,249,496	32,879,062
f	HB 2	Rep Ballance	Senate Floor		Hearings - April 9		34,021,315	32,917,528	34,249,496	32,879,062
g	HB 2	Rep Ballance	Conference Committee		Passed the Committee and House 4/23		34,021,315	32,917,528	34,249,496	32,879,062
h	HB 2	Rep Ballance	Governor's Amendments		Signed by the Governor		34,021,315	32,917,528	34,249,496	32,879,062

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III Supplemental Funding Bill									
a	HB 3	Rep Noonan	House Appropriations		Tabled in committee 3/26	\$	1,700,000	\$ -	
b	HB 3	Rep Noonan	House Floor		No action		-	-	
c	HB 2	Rep Ballance	Senate Finance and Claims		Approved funding in HB 2 - April 1		1,700,000	1,700,000	
d	HB 2	Rep Ballance	Senate Floor		Hearings - April 9 - in HB 2		1,700,000	1,700,000	
e	HB 2	Rep Ballance	Conference Committee		Passed the Committee and House 4/23		1,700,000	1,700,000	

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IV Non-commission/agency bills with fiscal impact									
a	HB 13	K. Swanson	Employee pay plan - Now in HB 2		Signed by the Governor		\$0.50 per hour for a all employees		
b	HB 232	K. Dudik	Generally revise laws related to identity theft		Signed by the Governor		Unable to Quantify		
c	HB 261	R. Lynch	Revising clerk of court fees for transmitting records		Tabled in House Judiciary		\$ 94,100		
d	HB 317	E. Boldman Hill	Cyberbullying		Tabled in House Judiciary		Unable to Quantify		
e	HB 333	N. Schwaderer	Generally revise laws related to publicly operated cameras		Failed 2nd Reading		Unable to Quantify		
f	HB 370	D. Moore	Generally revise death penalty laws		Failed 2nd Reading		Unable to Quantify		
g	HB 427	B. Brown	Appropriate funds to defend state based water rights		Failed 2nd Reading		\$ 5,000,000		
h	HB 463	K. McCarthy	Revise laws related to asset forfeiture		Tabled in Committee - 3/17		Unable to Quantify		
i	HB 488	K. Regier	Generally Revise DUI laws		Signed by the Governor		Unable to Quantify		
j	HB 535	K. Wagoner	Mandatory min. penalties unlawful sexual conduct offense		Failed 2nd Reading		Unable to Quantify		
k	HB 89	K. Dudik	Revising Human Trafficking Laws		Signed by the Governor		Unable to Quantify		
l	SB 187	J. Fielder	Generally revise criminal laws		Failed in Committee on a tie vote		Unable to Quantify		
m	SB 286	C. Smith	Limit agency rule making if it burdens property rights		Tabled in Committee 3/24		Unable to Quantify		
n	SB 315	R. Webb	Make a 3rd DUI a felony offense		Tabled in Senate Judiciary		\$ 734,960		
o	SB 352	E. Buttrely	Create offense related to assault on healthcare & emergency providers		Tabled in Senate Judiciary		Unable to Quantify		
p	SB 359	C. Kaufmann	Gen. Revise sentencing laws regarding penalties for certain crimes		Tabled in Senate Judiciary		\$ (1,697,982)		
q	SB 60	R. Driscoll	Revise indecent exposure laws		Signed by the Governor		Unable to Quantify		
r	SB 316	R. Webb	Revise laws regarding transfer to DOC		Signed by the Governor		Unable to Quantify		

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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	HB 612	Rep Dudik	Revise dependent neglect laws		Signed by the Governor				
d	LC 544	Sen Phillips	Abolish death penalty		On hold				
e	LC 925	Rep Lynch	Generally revise public defender laws		On hold				
f	LC 2181	Rep Monforton	Revise laws regarding substitution of judges		Draft ready				
g	HB 627	Rep Brodehl	Task Force - Office of the State Public Defender		Signed by the Governor		Unable to Quantify		