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MONTANA

**2015  
Legislative  
Scorecard**



*“I hope we have once again reminded people that man is not free unless government is limited. There’s a clear cause and effect here that is as neat and predictable as a law of physics: as government expands, liberty contracts.”*

*— Ronald Reagan*

Americans For Prosperity Montana is a network of more than 11,000 Montana citizens who are working together to advance every individual’s right to economic freedom and opportunity.

It’s a locally-run, locally-supported, and locally-focused chapter of Americans for Prosperity, a nationwide organization of more than 2.3 million activists who believe that reducing the size of government is the best way to promote individual productivity and prosperity for all Americans.

Our mission is to mobilize citizens to advocate for policies that cut red tape and increase opportunity, put the brakes on government overspending, and get the economy working for hard workers— not special interests. For more information, visit [www.AFPMontana.com](http://www.AFPMontana.com).

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Ballance, Nancy	HD 87	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Bennett, Jerry	HD 01	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Berglee, Seth	HD 58	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Brodehl, Randy	HD 09	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Brown, Bob	HD 13	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Doane, Alan	HD 36	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Ehli, Ron	HD 86	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Essmann, Jeff	HD 54	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Flynn, Kelly	HD 70	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Glimm, Carl	HD 06	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Greef, Edward	HD 88	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Harris, Bill	HD 29	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Hertz, Greg	HD 12	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Hess, Stephanie	HD 28	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Holmlund, Kenneth	HD 38	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Knudsen, Austin	HD 34	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Lamm, Debra	HD 60	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Lang, Mike	HD 33	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Laszloffy, Sarah	HD 53	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Lavin, Steve	HD 08	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Mandeville, Forrest	HD 57	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Manzella, Theresa	HD 85	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Monforton, Matthew	HD 69	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Mortensen, Dale	HD 44	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Noland, Mark	HD 10	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Olszewski, Albert	HD 11	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Pinocci, Randall	HD 19	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Randall, Lee	HD 37	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Redfield, Alan	HD 59	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Regier, Keith	HD 04	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Ricci, Vince	HD 55	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Schwaderer, Nicholas	HD 14	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Staffanson, Scott	HD 35	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Wagoner, Kirk	HD 75	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
White, Kerry	HD 64	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Zolnikov, Daniel	HD 45	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Burnett, Tom	HD 67	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	93
Cuffe, Mike	HD 02	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	93
Fiscus, Clayton	HD 43	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	93
Miller, Mike	HD 80	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	93
Wittich, Art	HD 68	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	93
Jones, Donald	HD 46	N	N	N	E	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	84
McKamey, Wendy	HD 23	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	84
Hagstrom, Dave	HD 52	N	E	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	83
Meyers, Bruce	HD 32	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	83
Osmundson, Ryan	HD 30	N	E	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	83
Tschida, Brad	HD 97	N	E	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	83
Moore, Doc	HD 92	N	E	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	76
Fitzpatrick, Steve	HD 20	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	E	N	Y	53
Berry, Tom	HD 40	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	51
Garner, Frank	HD 07	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	51

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Salomon, Daniel	HD 93	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	44
Clark, Christy	HD 17	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	37
Shaw, Ray	HD 71	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	37
Cook, Rob	HD 18	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	30
Custer, Geraldine	HD 39	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	30
Hollandsworth, Roy	HD 27	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	30
Welborn, Jeffrey	HD 72	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	30
Karjala, Jessica	HD 48	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	7
Kelker, Kathy	HD 47	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	7
Kipp, George	HD 15	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	7
Swanson, Kathy	HD 77	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	7
Bennett, Bryce	HD 91	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Brown, Zach	HD 63	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Court, Virginia	HD 50	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Curdy, Willis	HD 98	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Dudik, Kimberly	HD 94	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Dunwell, Mary Ann	HD 84	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Eck, Jennifer	HD 79	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Ellis, Janet	HD 81	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Funk, Moffie	HD 82	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Hayman, Denise	HD 66	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Hill, Ellie	HD 90	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Hunter, Chuck	HD 83	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Jacobson, Tom	HD 21	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Lieser, Ed	HD 05	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Lynch, Ryan	HD 76	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
MacDonald, Margie	HD 51	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
McCarthy, Kelly	HD 49	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
McClafferty, Edie	HD 73	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
McConnel, Nate	HD 89	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Mehlhoff, Bob	HD 22	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Noonan, Pat	HD 74	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Olsen, Andrea	HD 100	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Pease-Lopez, Carolyne	HD 42	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Peppers, Rae	HD 41	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Perry, Zac	HD 03	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Person, Andrew	HD 96	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Pierson, Gordon	HD 78	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Pope, Christopher	HD 65	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Price, Jean	HD 24	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Schreiner, Casey	HD 25	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Smith, Bridget	HD 31	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Steenberg, Tom	HD 99	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Tropila, Mitch	HD 26	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Webber, Susan	HD 16	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Williams, Kathleen	HD 61	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Wilson, Nancy	HD 95	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0
Woods, Tom	HD 62	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	0

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Arntzen, Elsie	SD 26	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Blasdel, Mark	SD 04	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Brenden, John	SD 17	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Felder, Jennifer	SD 07	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Hansen, Kris	SD 14	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Hinkle, Jedediah	SD 32	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Kary, Doug	SD 22	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Keenan, Bob	SD 05	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Rosendale, Matt	SD 18	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Sales, Scott	SD 35	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Smith, Cary	SD 27	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Swandal, Nels	SD 30	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Taylor, Janna	SD 06	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Thomas, Fred	SD 44	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Vance, Gordon	SD 34	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Webb, Roger	SD 23	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	100
Barrett, Debby	SD 36	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	91
Brown, Dee	SD 02	N	N	Y	Y	E	Y	Y	Y	91
Howard, David	SD 29	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	Y	91
Moore, Eric	SD 19	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	Y	91
Ripley, Rick	SD 10	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	78
Brown, Taylor	SD 28	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	54
Hoven, Brian	SD 13	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	54
Jones, Lew	SD 09	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	54
Vincent, Chas	SD 01	E	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	54
Ankney, Duane	SD 20	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	45
Connell, Pat	SD 43	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	45
Tutvedt, Bruce	SD 03	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	45
Buttrey, Ed	SD 11	Y	Y	Y	Y	E	N	Y	Y	36
Hamlett, Bradley	SD 15	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	18
Stewart-Peregoy, Sharon	SD 21	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	18
Vuckovich, Gene	SD 39	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	18
Keane, Jim	SD 38	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	9
Whitford, Lea	SD 08	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	9
Windy Boy, Jonathan	SD 16	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	E	9
Barrett, Dick	SD 45	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	0
Caferro, Mary	SD 41	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	0
Cohenour, Jill	SD 42	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	0
Driscoll, Robyn	SD 25	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	0
Facey, Tom	SD 50	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	0
Kaufmann, Christine	SD 40	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	0
Larsen, Cliff	SD 47	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	0
Malek, Sue	SD 46	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	0
McNally, Mary	SD 24	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	0
Moe, Mary Sheehy	SD 12	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	0
Phillips, Mike	SD 31	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	0
Pomnichowski, JP	SD 33	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	0
Sands, Diane	SD 49	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	0
Sesso, Jon	SD 37	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	0
Wolken, Cynthia	SD 48	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	0

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Status: Vetoes by Governor

SB 114 Require that all hydro facilities be classified as renewable

Sponsor: Debby Barrett SD 36

AFP Position: **Support**

Status: Vetoes by Governor

SB 200 Lower individual income tax rates

Sponsor: Duane Ankney SD 20

AFP Position: **Support**

Status: Vetoes by Governor

HB 348 Authorize interstate healthcare compact (allows for states to regulate healthcare)

Sponsor: Nancy Ballance HD 87

AFP Position: **Support**

Status: Vetoes by Governor



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### Why We Created the Scorecard

Americans for Prosperity—Montana believes elected officials should support legislation and policies that promote and advance every individual's right to economic freedom and opportunity. The reason is simple—where there is economic freedom, people live happier, healthier and wealthier lives.

This scorecard is intended to educate the public about legislation and the voting records of legislators. This enables informed citizens to more effectively speak up and be heard by their representatives. The scorecard is also intended to hold legislators accountable for their voting record, in that it allows these citizens to voice their support or disagreement when a legislator votes for or against their interests.

Legislators scoring 90% or better are considered “Champions of Economic Freedom.”

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