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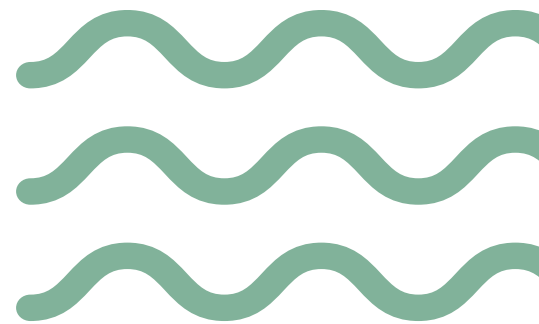
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with Montana Women Vote



Today's Objectives

- ✦ Understand the state of Medicaid
- ✦ Understand what's at stake in 2025
- ✦ Understand the importance of personal stories
- ✦ Create an outline of a personal story
- ✦ Get an understanding of the legislative process





Medicaid Expansion

Medicaid Expansion was passed into law during the 2015 session, and took effect starting January 1, 2016. Expansion ensured that a wider population qualified for the program, and nearly 50,000 Montanans enrolled in the first three months of its introduction.





Medicaid Expansion by the numbers

☆ **66%: working**

☆ **61,000: preventative
care services**

☆ **0-Rural Healthcare
closures**

☆ **90% - Federal
Funding**

☆ **Increased
Financial security**



Montana Medicaid Policy

Medicaid Expansion will have a ten year history in this state as we head into the 2025 session. It has been considered and passed through bi-partisan effort and an incredible advocacy community.

Medicaid Expansion has a history of success throughout Montana ranging from increased personal health to increased services in rural areas.

Why what happens in 2025?





Medicaid Expansion Sunset

★ 2015: adoption

- **HELP Act, sponsored by Senator Ed Buttery**
- **Allowed premiums to be charged**
- **Sunset in 2019**

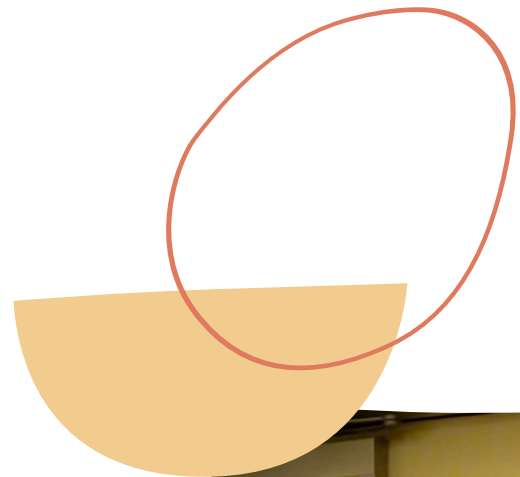
★ 2019: renewal

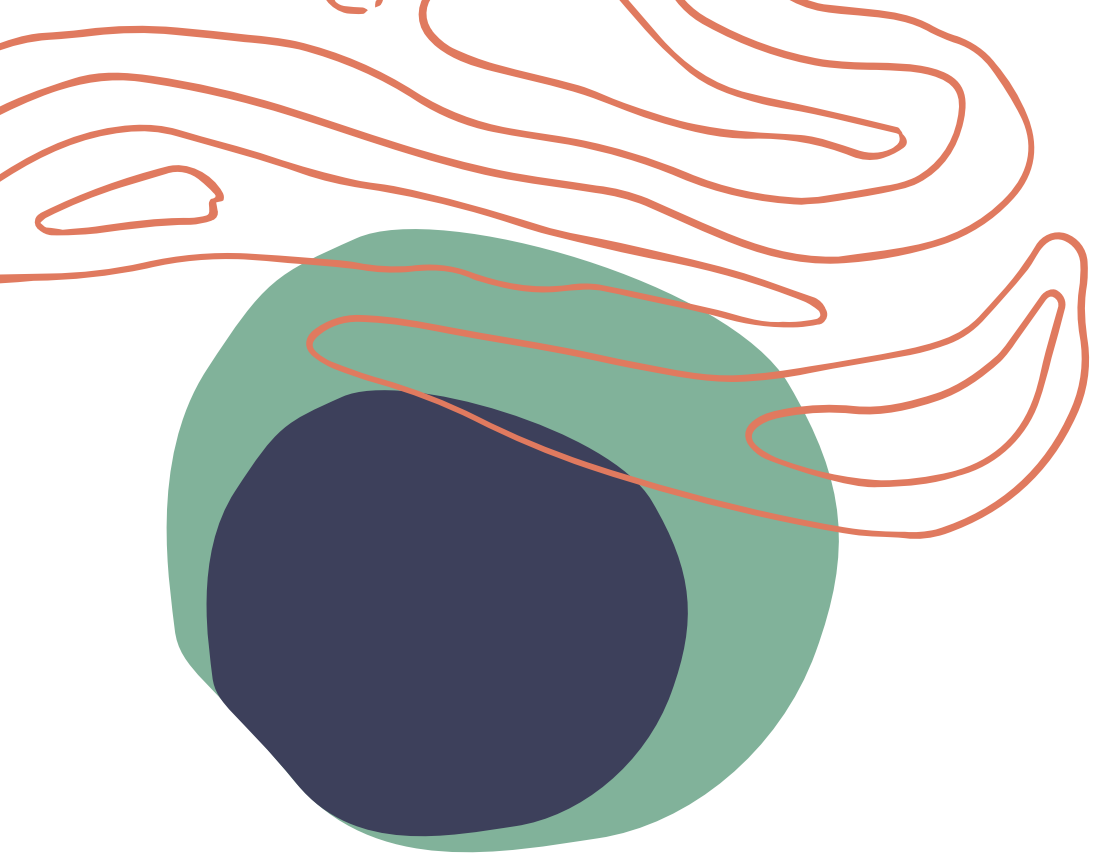
- **Renewed in 2019**
- **EMS ended the ability to charge premiums**
- **Sunset in 2025**

★ 2025: sunset

- **The legislature must pass a bill lifting the sunset**
- **Expansion could end on June 30, 2025**
- **Medicaid will revert back to 2015 qualifications**

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Story

Fundamentals





So you want to tell your story...

★ **Your name**

★ **Outcomes**

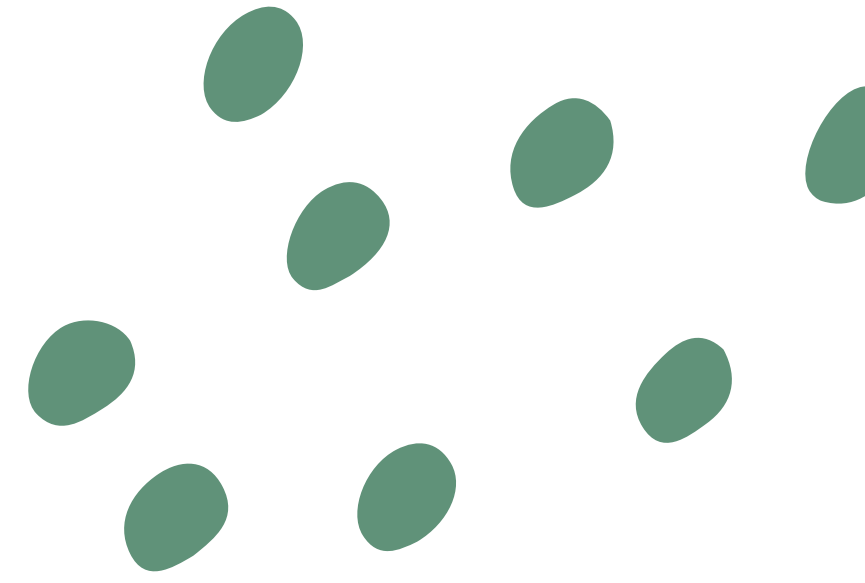
★ **Personal experience**

★ **Bill's impact**

★ **Details**

★ **The ask**

How do stories sound?



2015: Max

2019: Sarah




it's time to

PRACTICE!



What do I do next?

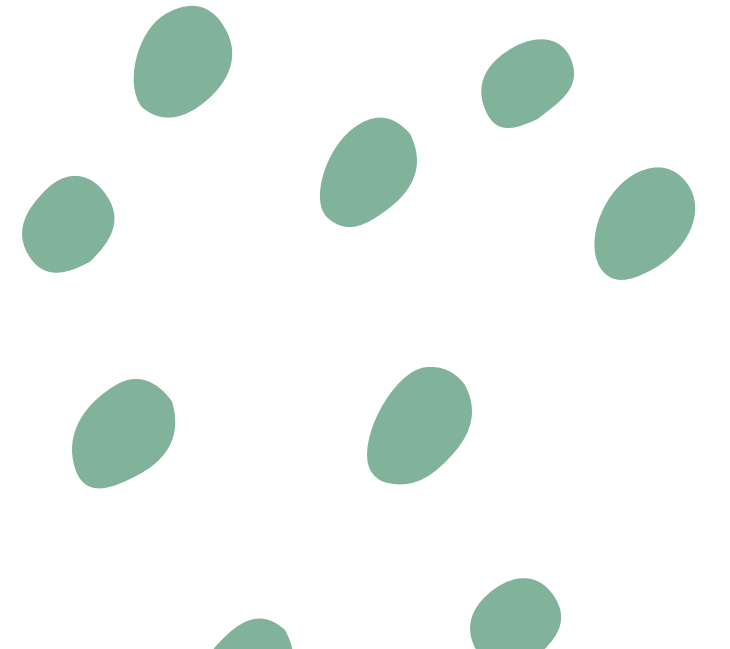
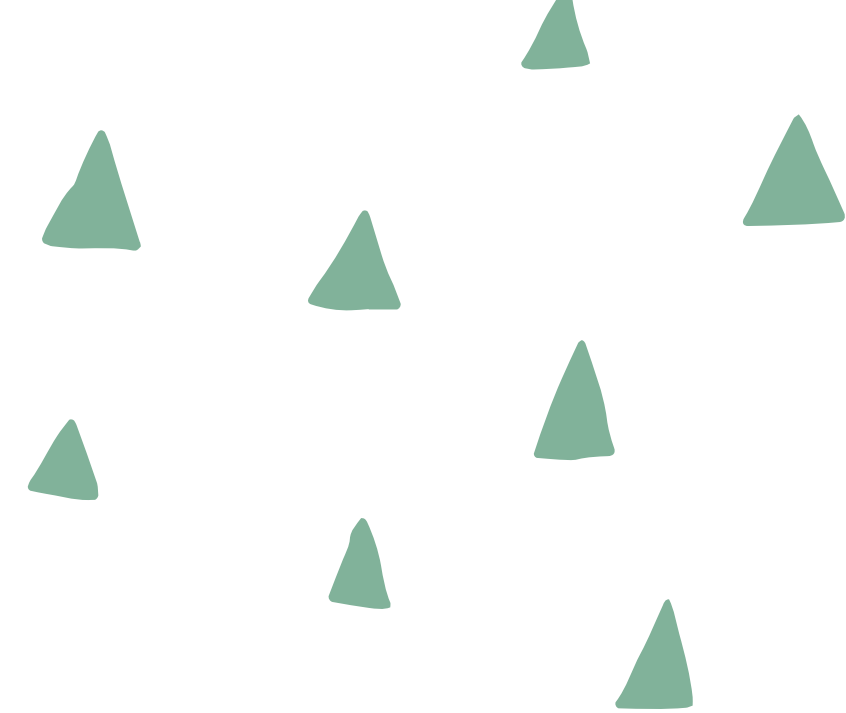
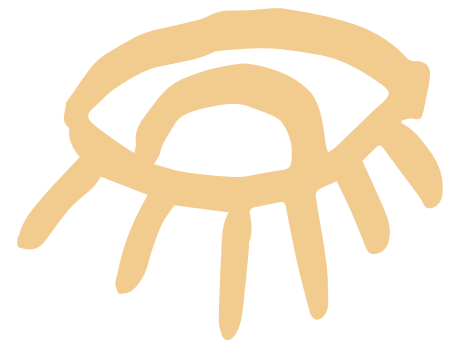


- * Keep practicing, it helps!
 - * Ask your friends and family for their stories
 - * Learn about the decision makers in your community
 - * Decide what issues are most important to you
 - * Share your story!
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Basics

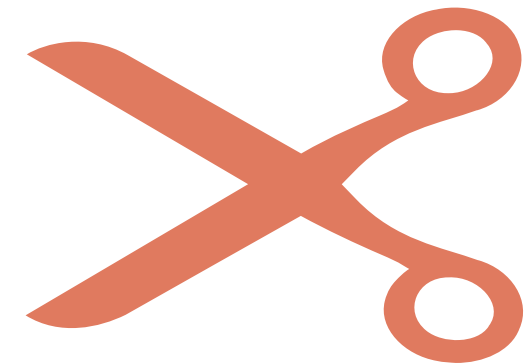
- ★ **90 days, every two years**
- ★ **Legislators work during the off years**
- ★ **Bills must pass through both chambers**
- ★ **The session is streamed and available on TV**
- ★ **Testimony can be in person, virtual, or written**

Legislative Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Leg Day 1	3 Leg Day 2	4 Leg Day 3	5 Leg Day 4	6 Leg Day 5	7
8	9 Leg Day 6	10 Leg Day 7	11 Leg Day 8	12 Leg Day 9	13 Leg Day 10	14
15	16 Leg Day 11	17 Leg Day 12 Last day to request General Bills & Resolutions	18 Leg Day 13	19 Leg Day 14	20 Leg Day 15	21
22	23 Leg Day 16	24 Leg Day 17 Last day to request Revenue Bills	25 Leg Day 18	26 Leg Day 19	27 Leg Day 20	28
29	30 Leg Day 21	31 Leg Day 22				

February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Leg Day 23	2 Leg Day 24	3 Leg Day 25	4
5	6 Leg Day 26	7 Leg Day 27	8 Leg Day 28	9 Leg Day 29	10 Leg Day 30	11
12	13 Leg Day 31	14 Leg Day 32	15 Leg Day 33	16 Leg Day 34	17 Leg Day 35	18
19	20 Leg Day 36 Last day for Committee or Leadership to request General Bills & Resolutions	21 Leg Day 37	22 Leg Day 38 Approx. last day for Approp Subcommittees	23 Leg Day 39	24 Leg Day 40 Last day to introduce General Bills	25
26	27 Leg Day 41	28 Leg Day 42				

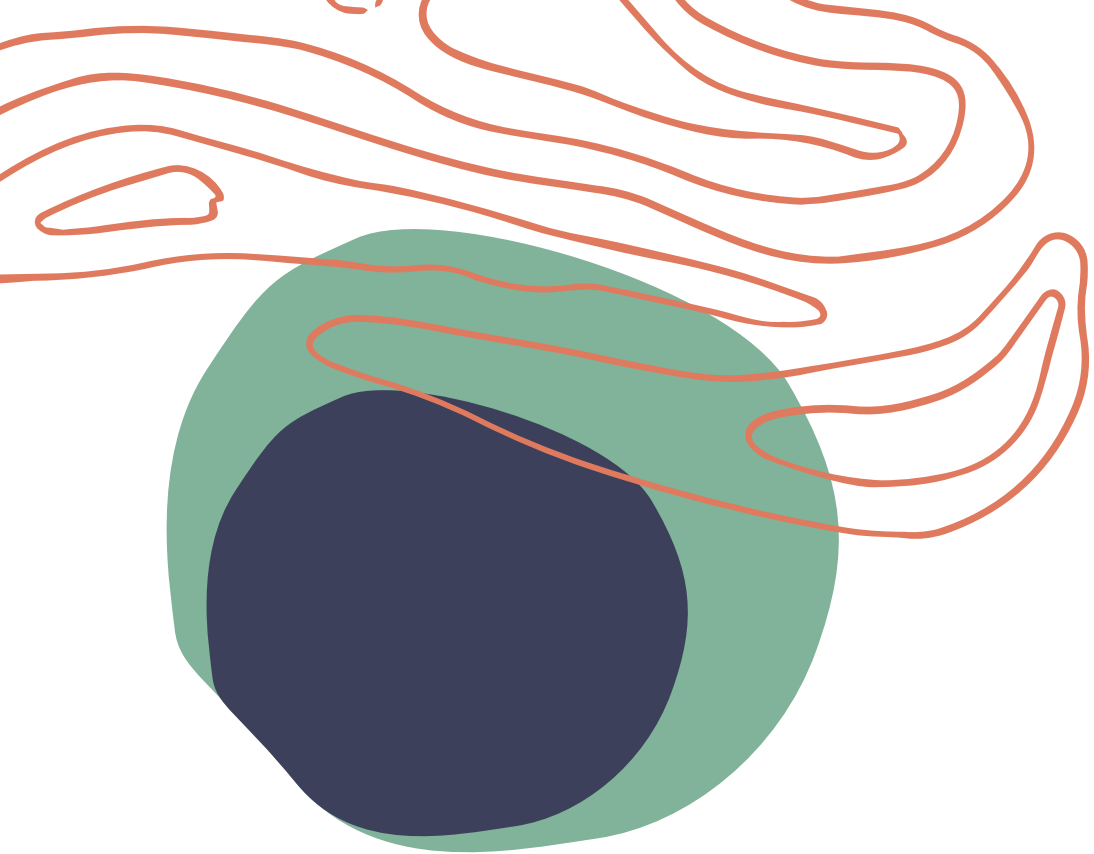




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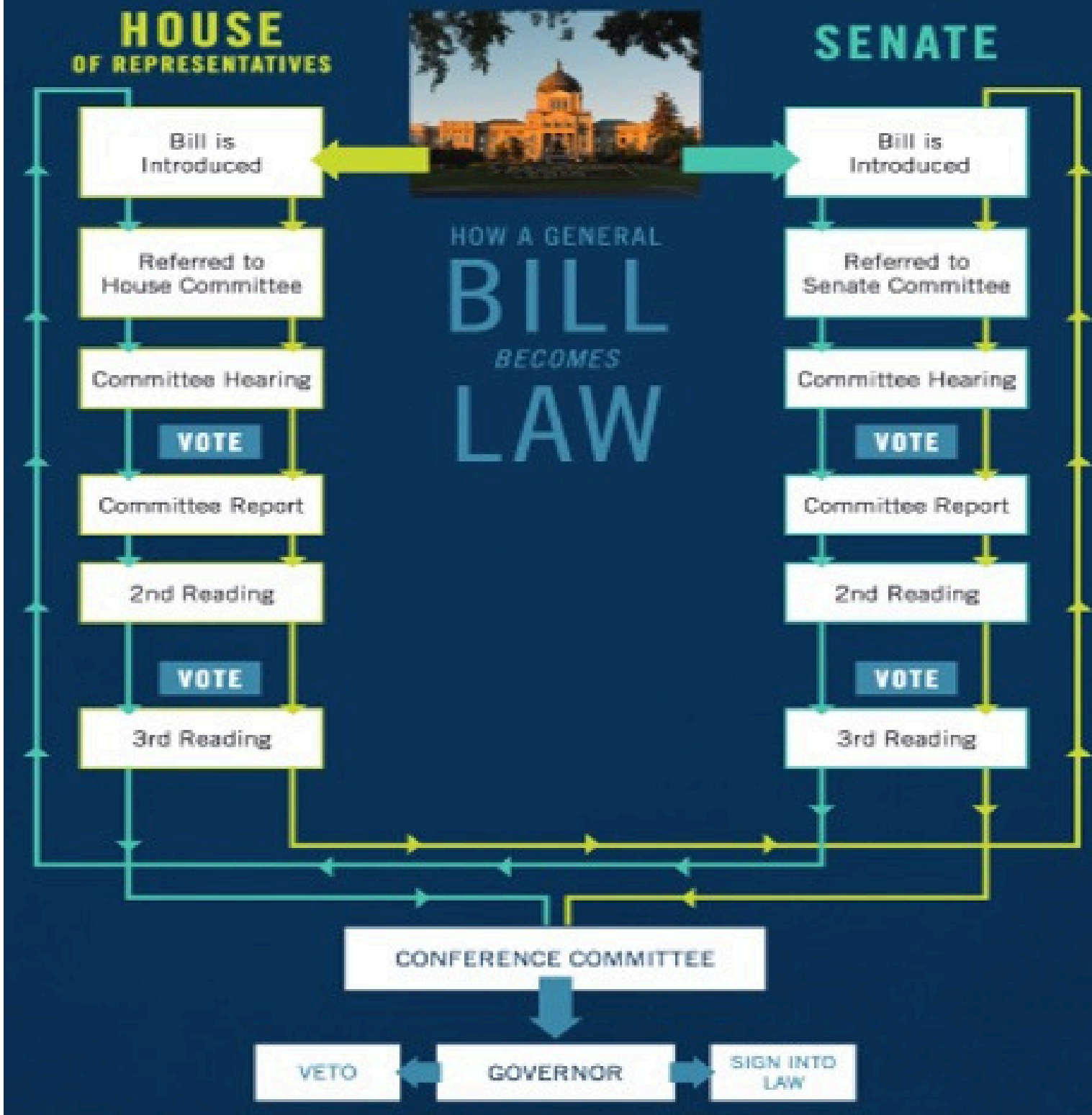
-  Members appointed by majority leadership
-  Meet in legislative off years
-  Decide priorities and explore topics
-  Can propose legislation for next session
-  Hear public testimony





HOW A GENERAL BILL BECOMES LAW

Non-budget bills follow a similar process. Below is a flowchart depicting how a bill becomes a law. Following this is a section detailing how to track legislative activity online. All information contained in the remainder of this section has been provided by the Montana Legislative Services Division.



Live streaming

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New Recordings

Calendar-Day/Month

Calendar-Week

Calendar-Month

Calendar-Year

Children, Families, Health and Human Services Committee (1)



Info	Agenda	Hand
Description	Children, Families, Health and Human Services - Video	
Location	Room 137	
Scheduled	Friday, Jan 17, 2020 08:00 - 16:30 8 Hours 30 Minutes	
Actual	Friday, Jan 17, 2020 08:02 - 17:14 9 Hours 11 Minutes	
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