



## PPAMT Legislative Session Newsletter - February 3, 2019

### Help Planned Parenthood of Montana Celebrate 50 Years of Care

Please join PPMT this spring to [celebrate Planned Parenthood of Montana's legacy of service](#) in the Treasure State.

#### **Helena 50th Celebration**

*Wednesday, March 27, 2019*

5:00 PM VIP Reception

6:00 PM General Admission

Staggering Ox || 400 Euclid Ave, Helena, MT

#### **Billings 50th Celebration**

*Saturday, April 9, 2019*

5:00 PM VIP Reception

6:00 PM General Admission

The Billings Depot || 2310 Montana Ave, Billings, MT

#### **Missoula 50th Celebration**

*Tuesday, April 6, 2019*

5:00 PM VIP Reception

6:00 PM General Admission

University of Montana Ballroom || 32 Campus Dr., Missoula, MT

### **Take Action**

Rep. DeVries' "personhood" bill HB 302 will be presented in House Judiciary on Thursday, February 7. We're asking our supporters to [help us fill the hearing room](#) and show that Montanans oppose this bill.

Did you know that you can still be fired, evicted, or refused service in Montana because of your sexual orientation or gender identity and expression? LGBTQ+ Montanans deserve to live their lives and fully participate in their communities without fear of losing their jobs or housing because of who they love, how they identify, and how they express themselves.

Join with fellow equality advocates at Montana's State Capitol to ask our legislators to **add sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression as protected classes in the Montana Human Rights Act**. The lobby day will be followed by a teach-in where participants will learn how to build sustainable movements that have tangible effects for LGBTQ Montanans.

Thursday, February 14th

10 AM to 4:15 PM in Helena, MT

Lobby Efforts: Montana's State Capitol

Teach-In: Plymouth Congregational

Register to attend here: <https://goo.gl/forms/06xJ6jui8lfws3tv2>

Invite your friends to participate here:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/287190375489201/>

Find a carpool here: <https://www.groupcarpool.com/t/xe0jcw>

Has there been a time when you were unfairly fired? Were you denied housing because of your orientation or gender expression? Have you ever been asked to leave a public establishment because of your orientation or gender identity? What do you want lawmakers to know? [Tell your story here](#), and the coalition will share it with lawmakers in the fight to ensure that everyone has access to legal protections regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

Do you know others Planned Parenthood Advocates of Montana supporters who could benefit from this weekly run-down of the Montana Legislature? [Have them sign up for the newsletter here!](#)

### **Attacks on Choice**

[\*SB 100: Requiring the provision of information before the performance of an abortion\*](#)

Requested by Sen. Keith Regier (R-Kalispell), this bill would require that patients be given the option to look at sonogram footage and listen to the fetal heartbeat before their abortion procedures. There is no exception for patients who are seeking abortion after a traumatic incident, like rape or incest, and a physician would still be required to offer even when they know the patient would not want to see or hear it. This bill's first hearing took place on Friday, February 1 so stay tuned in the weeks to come for ways to take action!

[HB 302: Constitutional amendment to define person](#)

**A hearing has been scheduled for February 7.**

Rep. Greg DeVries (R-Jefferson City) is requesting that the Montana constitution line "No person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law" be amended so that "person" would apply to *all* stages of development, including fertilization or conception. Because this is amending the state constitution directly, it will require the support of a 2/3 majority of the entire Montana Legislature in order to pass.

[LC 584: Referendum requiring the provision of information before performing an abortion](#)

Another bill requested by Sen. Keith Regier (R-Kalispell), this is an attempt to bypass the Governor's signature to have Montanans vote to make the above sonogram proposal a law. [Wondering what a referendum is? Check out the January 21 edition of Montana Legislature 101](#)

*LC 1903: Constitutional amendment to define person*

Requested by Rep. Derek Skees (R-Kalispell), this is another bill seeking to define "person" within the Montana constitution. Again, because it is a constitutional amendment it will also need the support of 2/3 of the entire Montana legislature to pass.

*LC 2436: Legislative referendum stating abortion is not constitutional right in Montana*

Rep. Theresa Manzella (R-Hamilton) is proposing that Montana voters decide whether or not Montanans have a constitutional right to make private health care decisions like abortion.

**Bills to Support**

*LC 1088: Generally revise medicaid expansion laws*

Requested by Rep. Mary Caffero (D-Helena), this bill will serve as the House Democrats' vehicle for preserving Medicaid coverage for nearly 100,000

Montanans.

### **Upcoming Events**

February 11, Helena - Planned Parenthood of Montana Teen Council Lobby Day

February 14, Helena - The Free and Fair Coalition's Equality in Montana LGBTQ Lobby Day - [Register here!](#)

March 27, Helena - [Planned Parenthood Advocates of Montana Lobby Day](#) & [Helena's Planned Parenthood of Montana 50th Anniversary Celebration](#)

April 6, Missoula - [Planned Parenthood of Montana 50th Anniversary Celebration](#)

April 9, Billings - [Planned Parenthood of Montana 50th Anniversary Celebration](#)

**Thank you for standing with Planned Parenthood Advocates of Montana.**

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