



**2023**

Montana Contractors Association

# LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD



**MONTANA CONTRACTORS ASSOC.**  
THE CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION

# EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MESSAGE

## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### MCA Bills Fared Well In Legislature

There was no shortage of headlines about controversy, but looking at the MCA's scorecard tells a different story. There was a strong push for education and workforce development bills, several infrastructure bills, and beneficial tax policy, which resulted in the average score for the legislature of 85.9 in voting for MCA bills. By comparison, the 2021 legislature had a 70.6 score in voting for MCA bills.

The scoring of bills is generally based on the 3rd reading in either house. We also give 'sponsor points' for bills which are very significant to our industry, and which we work hard with legislators on to get passed or defeated.

Representatives Denley Loge and Senator Steve Fitzpatrick scored the highest, at 103. There were 64 legislators who scored above 90.

**“Everyone was on board with workforce development and funding infrastructure this session.”**

conformation); Sen. Manzella, SB 57 (alternative contracting); Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick, SB 314 (lien laws); and Sen Chris Pope, SB 483 (public-private partnerships).

“This year we continued to score the legislators based on their votes, not their party affiliation. The measuring stick is how a bill affects contractors. The MCA also tracks lifetime voting records. We've seen some movement over time, but it really comes down to issues. Everyone was on board with workforce development and funding infrastructure this session. The lowest MCA score for any legislator was a 66.”

Thanks to the contractors who are involved from start to finish – from making contributions to the Contractors PAC and individual candidates, to simple emails that suggest how they should vote. It all makes a difference.



**David Smith**  
**Executive Director, MCA**

# MCA LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

## 2023 Montana Contractors Association Legislative Priorities

### **Transportation**

- Support Electric Vehicle registration fee
- Oppose gas tax holiday
- Ensure adequate matching funds for gas tax (use General Fund surplus if necessary)
- Support Alternative Project Delivery options: CM/GC, Progressive Design Build
- Support increased work zone safety measures

### **Natural Resources**

- Oppose changes to Opencut Act (including efforts to undo HB 599-2021)

### **Business & Labor**

- Define conflict of interest between engineering firms and contractors for publicly funded projects (or Transportation or Local Government)
- Work comp/ICEC cleanup (get rid of presumption; clarify out-of-state independent contractors.)
- Raise threshold for Prevailing Wage jobs to consistent level
- Allow reciprocity in professional licensing
- Clean-up lien law and limit liability of GCs by subs (SupCo case)
- Oppose mandated Project Labor Agreements
- Oppose Job Order Contracting

### **Education**

- Increase grant funding for Transformational Learning and work-based learning programs
- Allow industry access to student info for recruitment to construction careers
- Career coaches don't need 4-year degree

### **Appropriations**

- Support Gallatin College funding for trades facility



# LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; PAC DONORS

## Tax

- Support reasonable user fees that build infrastructure
- Bed tax for infrastructure
- Oppose changes to Contractors Gross Receipts tax

## Judiciary

- Oppose voted levies requiring 2/3 majority to pass
- Ballot initiative reform



---

## MCA Contractors PAC Builders Club 2021/22

### Distinguished Master Builder; \$5,000 & up:

Lonnie Anderson

### Master Builder; \$2,500 & up:

Bill Langlas, Al Schellinger, Derek Swank

### Journeyman - \$1,000 & up:

Trevor Livesay, Tony Martel, Andy Mathison, Jeff Milesnick, Russ Olsen, Theron & Kelly Pavlik, Eugene Schadt, Marty Schuma, Tom Zimmer

### Apprentice - \$300 & up:

Dale Anderson, David Anderson, Chase Dyksterhouse, Cale Fisher, Hal Fuglevand, Adam Gilbertson, Kerry Gray, Aaron Gray, Bob Heberly, John Leaf, Tyler McIntyre, Joshua Montanye, Mike Newton, Bill Siebrasse, Russel Smith, Tyler Smith, Brian Thompson, Robert Warren



# MONTANA SENATOR SCORECARD

Sen. Name/District #	AVG	2023	2021	2019	2017	2015	2013	2011	2009	2007
Dan Bartel (29)	67	87	87	53	42					
Becky Beard (80)	61	81	75	44	44					
Kenneth Bogner (19)	65	75	81	39						
Ellie Boldman (45)	59	81	46		79	53	63	32		
Bob Brown (13)	62	75	89	48	46	54				
Jill Cohenour (42)	56	78	35	92	100	18			32	38
Mike Cuffe (1)	85	94	87	76	83	83	86	85		
Willis Curdy (98)	67	78	49	77	79	51				
Janet Ellis (41)	70	72	50	89	79	58				
Jason Ellsworth (43)	73	94	84	42						
Daniel Emrich (11)	61	61								
John Esp (30)	73	81	69	35				76	84	91
Steve Fitzpatrick (10)	89	103	94	78	69	93	89	98		
Pat Flowers (32)	65	78	28	90						
Mike Fox (16)	58	75	41							
Chris Friedel (26)	90	91	88							
John Fuller (8)	71	84	85	45						
Bruce Gillespie (9)	93	97	90	92						
Carl Glimm (6)	59	69	71	41	46	60	67			
Jen Gross (25)	72	75	37	89	88					
Denise Hayman (66)	63	66	37	92	79	40				
Greg Hertz (12)	72	84	88	51	49	73	87			
Steve Hinebaugh (18)	55	69	71	34	45					
Kathy Kelker (47)	69	74	53	90	79	51				
Mike Lang (17)	79	91	88	60	60	85	87			
Dennis Lenz (53)	68	75	87	40	63		73			
Ryan Lynch (76)	74	69	60	82	79	75	80			
Forrest Mandeville (29)	71	71								
Theresa Manzella (85)	58	80	67	38	42	62				
Wendy McKamey (19)	85	100	88	83	73	82				
Edith McClafferty (38)	64	75	37	89	96	75	65	36	40	
Tom McGilvray (50)	79	81	71						72	93
Brad Molnar (28)	76	72	79							
Shane Morigeau (95)	75	78	56	88	79					
Mark Noland (10)	66	77	90	50	46	65				
Shannon O'Brien (46)	63	72	54							
Andrea Olsen (100)	51	60	27	59	77	31				
Chris Pope (31)	60	81	39	68		53				
Keith Regier (3)	64	78	71	33	43	66	68	80	73	
Walt Sales (69)	93	97	88	100	88					
Daniel Salomon (47)	93	100	94	85	82	96	97	94		
Jason Small (21)	87	97	76	92	84					
Russel Tempel (14)	78	97	83	64	67					
Jeremy Trebas (26)	80	88	89		63					
Barry Usher (40)	66	81	79	48	54					
Shelley Vance (34)	81	81								
Terry Vermeire (39)	97	97								
Susan Webber (8)	68	73	46	87	79	53				
Jeffrey Welborn (36)	90	94	93	81	107	93	100	72	79	
Daniel Zolnikov ( 22)	87	87								

# MONTANA REPRESENTATIVE SCORECARD

Rep. Name/District #	AVG	2023	2021	2019	2017	2015	2013	2011	2009	2007
Kim Abbott (83)	70	81	37	85	75					
Fred Anderson (20)	93	100	99	86	88					
Brad Barker (58)	94	94								
Denise Baum (47)	75	75								
David Bedey (86)	94	94	88	100						
James Bergstrom (30)	97	97								
Marta Bertoglio (75)	94	100	88							
Michelle Binkley (85)	86	100	71							
Laurie Bishop (60)	72	78	47	84	79					
Larry Brewster (44)	93	94	92							
Tony Brockman (9)	94	94								
Alice Buckley (63)	68	81	54							
Edward Butcher (29)	97	97								
Edward Buttrey (21)	92	97	89	98	87	87	92	92		
Mary Caferro (81)	52	81	46	79	86	24	52	42	27	31
Jennifer Carlson (69)	83	78	87							
Bob Carter (98)	81	81								
Lee Deming (55)	94	94								
Julie Dooling (70)	92	94	88	95						
Mary Ann Dunwell (84)	63	72	35	85	80	45				
Neil Duram (2)	78	97	89	49						
Sherry Essmann (52)	94	94								
Jodee Etchart (48)	94	94								
Terry Falk (8)	88	88								
David B. Fern (5)	79	81	60	85	89					
Paul Fielder (13)	85	84	86							
Ross H. Fitzgerald (17)	92	100	88	98	83					
John Fitzpatrick (77)	100	100								
Tom France (94)	59	77	41							
Gregory Frazer (78)	94	100	87							
Steven Galloway (24)	92	94	90							
Bob Keenan (5)	58	84	60	12	40	92				
Jane Gillette (64)	84	81	87							
Steve Gist (25)	92	94	90							
Paul Green (41)	97	97								
Steve Gunderson (1)	71	97	95	45	46					
Jim Hamilton (61)	73	75	48	87	80					
Derek Harvey (74)	67	81	40	80						
Donavon Hawk (76)	68	84	52							
Naarah Hastings (50)	80	80								
Lyn Hellegaard (97)	84	84								
Caleb Hinkle (68)	71	66	75							
Jedediah Hinkle (67)	65	66	75		45	74				
Mike Hopkins (92)	87	93	85	80	88					
SJ Howell (95)	75	75								
Llew Jones (18)	92	97	87	94	107	96	95	77	79	100
Jonathan Karlen (96)	84	84								
Joshua Kassmier (27)	88	97	88	78						
Connie Keogh (91)	69	78	48	82						
Scot Kerns (23)	91	94	88							

# MONTANA REPRESENTATIVE SCORECARD

Rep. Name/District #	AVG	2023	2021	2019	2017	2015	2013	2011	2009	2007
Emma Kerr-Carpenter (49)	81	88	69	85						
Greg Kmetz (38)	90	90								
Casey Knudsen (33)	69	102	88	49	38					
Rhonda Knudsen (34)	74	84	98	40						
Kelly Kortum (65)	55	72	37							
Brandon Ler (35)	90	91	88							
Denley M. Loge (14)	88	103	94	76	77					
Jennifer Lynch (73)	84	84								
Marty Malone (59)	90	91	89							
Marilyn Marler (90)	70	78	46	85						
Ron Marshall (87)	89	91	86							
Eric Matthews (66)	75	75								
Bill Mercer (46)	74	91	88	42						
Russel Miner (19)	94	94								
Braxton Mitchell (3)	88	88	88							
Terry Moore (54)	65	81	62	51						
Fiona Nave (57)	85	82	88							
Nelly Nicol (53)	94	94								
George Nikolakakos (26)	97	97								
Greg Oblander (40)	97	97								
Gary Parry (39)	100	100								
Bob Phalen (36)	89	90	88							
Joe Read (93)	81	91	62	79				91		
Amy Regier (6)	83	84	81							
Matt Regier (4)	60	88	77	36	38					
Linda Reksten (12)	93	97	88							
Melissa Romano (81)	81	81								
Tyson Runningwolf (16)	79	82	63	91						
Wayne Rusk (88)	100	100								
Jerry Schillinger (37)	84	83	85							
Kerri Seekins-Crowe (43)	91	93	89							
Lola Sheldon-Galloway (22)	54	81	77	33	23					
Frank J. Smith (16)	62	71	47	91	76			42		45
Laura Smith (79)	84	84								
Tanner Smith (11)	91	91								
Courtenay Sprunger (7)	100	100								
Ed Stafman (62)	61	75	47							
Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (42)	56	78	44	78	96	20	51	28	52	
Katie Sullivan (89)	72	81	48	86						
Mark Thane (99)	68	81	54							
Paul Tuss (28)	81	81								
Sue Vinton (56)	75	90	88	58	63					
Kenneth Walsh (71)	95	100	89							
Marvin Weatherwax (15)	66	92	33	73						
Tom Welch (72)	90	94	88	100	78					
Jonathan Windy Boy (32)	61	84	50	84	81	24	62	32	86	44
Zachary Wirth (80)	94	94								
Michael Yakawich (51)	97	97								
Zooey Zephyr (100)	81	81								
Katie Zolnikov (45)	40	97	80							



## **MONTANA CONTRACTORS ASSOC. THE CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATION**

### **MCA Mission Statement**

Working together to advocate for quality contractors, people, and projects by providing value and opportunity for our members.

### **MCA Vision**

The Montana Contractors Association is the premier membership organization representing Montana's construction industry and professionals while improving the quality of life and safety in our communities.

### **MCA Values**

The MCA recognizes the following values of the organization and our members:

- ***Integrity:*** We are honest, earn trust, and do the right thing all the time.
- ***Generosity:*** We are generous with our time, talent, and resources. We focus on giving back to our community.
- ***Collaboration:*** We are committed to teamwork through open and transparent communication.
- ***Leadership:*** We engage and unite our membership toward common goals.
- ***Professionalism:*** We convey excellence, where each endeavor is performed with safety, quality, and competence.

Montana Contractors Association  
1717 11th Avenue, Helena, MT  
(406) 442-4162 | [www.mtagc.org](http://www.mtagc.org)