

Concerned Women for America of Montana 2011 Legislative Updates



February 17 Legislation update

“Sexual Orientation” and Gender Identify –

Don't let sexual orientation become law in your town.

- Bill:** H.B. 516
Sponsor: Rep. Kris Hansen (R-33rd District)
Definition: This bill would limit local ordinances to state protected classes. “An Act prohibiting local governments from enacting ordinances, resolutions, or policies that contain, as a protected class, any classification not specifically included as a protected class under state law; and providing an immediate effective date and a retroactive applicability date.”
Position: Support
Status: This bill has been submitted to the House Judiciary Committee and is scheduled to be heard on February 18.
Testimony: Pattie Kanduch plans to attend and give testimony. Got to <http://mt.cwfa.org> after February 18 to read testimony.
Pray: Pray Patti’s testimony has a tremendous impact on the hearts of the legislators as well as those attending the hearing. May they see the danger of not passing this bill.
Act: Please call (406) 444-4800 TODAY and tell them to deliver a message to all the House Judiciary Committee members, “Vote YES on H.B. 516.”

Don't let Montana become another San Francisco.

- Bill:** H.B. 514
Sponsor: Edith McClarfferty (D-75th District)

Definition: This bill would add sexual orientation and gender identity to our antidiscrimination laws. We have fought this bill in 2005, 2007, 2009, and we must fight this bill this year in our 2011 legislature. We can not let them win this one.

Position: Oppose

Status: This bill has been submitted to the House Judiciary Committee and is scheduled to be heard on February 18.

Testimony: Pattie Kanduch plans to attend and give testimony. Got to <http://mt.cwfa.org> after February 18 to read testimony.

Pray: Pray Patti's testimony has a tremendous impact on the hearts of the legislators as well as those attending the hearing. May they see the danger of passing this bill. Pray this bill dies in committee.

Act: Please call (406) 444-4800 TODAY and tell them to deliver a message to all the House Judiciary Committee members, "Vote NO on H.B. 514."

Medical Marijuana –

We have two very real problems in Montana, pot holes and pot heads. We fought one on Feb. 2, 2011.

Bill: H.B. 161

Sponsor: Rep. Mike Milburn (R-19th District)

Definition: This bill would repeal our medical marijuana law.

Position: Support

Status: Heard in the House Judiciary Committee February 15, 2011

Testimony: Bonnie Zentgraf, CWA's Communications Coordinator, spent two days at Helena meeting with legislators and testifying on this bill. Testimony not available.

Pray: Ask the Lord to give this bill success.

Act: Until we hear of a vote, please continue to call (406) 444-4800 and tell them to deliver a message to all the House Judiciary Committee members, "Vote YES on H.B. 161."

Assisted Suicide –

Our right to die may become our duty to die if assisted suicide becomes law in Montana.

Bill: S.B. 167

Sponsor: Sen. Anders Blewett (D-11th District)

Definition: This bill would have made assisted suicide legal in Montana.

Position: Opposed

Status: Defeated by a vote of 7-5 in the Senate Judiciary Committee on February 10, 2011.

Prayer: Thank the Lord for this awesome victory!!
Action: None
Comment: A hearty "Thank you!" to all who made their voice heard on behalf of life.

Bill: S.B. 116
Sponsor: Sen. Greige Hinkle (R-7th District)
Definition: This bill would prohibit physician assisted suicide in Montana
Position: Support
Status: Tabled in committee February 16, 2011
Testimony: Submitted by Patti Kanduch, State Director, Concerned Women for America of Montana. [Click here](#) to read testimony.
Pray: Praise God this was tabled in committee!
Act: None

Bill: S.B. 169
Sponsor: Rep. Greg Hinkle (R-7th District)
Definition: This bill would provide suicide predator penalty enhancement.
Position: Support
Status: Tabled in committee February 15, 2011.
Testimony: None
Pray: Pray this will come back up at a later time.
Act: None

Montana Challenges the Endangered Species Act -

No law has done more to destroy private property rights, threaten jobs, families, individual freedom and national security or done less to protect endangered species than the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

Bill: H.B. 321
Sponsor: Rep. Krayton Kerns. (R-58th District)
Definition: Would nullify the Federal Endangered Species Act in Montana.
Position: Support
Statuses: Passed by a vote of 13 – 7 in the House Judiciary Committee February 15, 2011.
Testimony: Submitted by Patti Kanduch, State Director, Concerned Women for America of Montana. [Click here](#) to read testimony.
Pray: Thank God for this victory!
Act: None

Comment: Thank you to all who made their voice heard on this bill.

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February 7 Legislation update

“Sexual Orientation” and Gender Identify –

There are two more Sexual Orientation bills we are watching. They are still in draft form. Stay tuned for update!

Bill: S.B. 196
Sponsor: Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D-16th District)
Definition: This bill addresses bullying in the work place. It would add Sexual Orientation to law.
Position: Oppose
Status: Tabled in committee.
Pray: Praise God this bill was tabled and is probably dead for this session!
Act: None

Medical Marijuana –

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Bill: H.B. 161
Sponsor: Rep. Mike Milburn (R-19th District)
Definition: This bill would repeal our medical marijuana law.
Position: Support
Status: Bonnie Zentgraf, CWA's Communications Coordinator, spent two days at Helena meeting with legislators and testifying on this bill. [Click here to read testimony.](#)
Pray: Ask the Lord to give this bill success.
Act: Call (406) 444-4800 and tell them to deliver a message to all the House Judiciary Committee members, “Vote YES on H.B. 161.”

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Our right to die may become our duty to die if assisted suicide becomes law in Montana.

Bill: **S.B. 116**
Sponsor: Sen. Greige Hinkle (R-7th District)
Definition: This bill would prohibit physician assisted suicide in Montana
Position: Support
Status: CWA testimony has been submitted. [Click here](#) to read testimony. Originally planned to testify in support of this bill on Feb. 11, 2011. Due to inclement weather this will not be possible.
Pray: Pray the legislators will read the testimony and that the Lord will speak to their hearts through it. Pray Senate members will honor the elderly, not dispose of them and others like trash by voting for this bill. Pray individuals and other groups will be able to valiantly testify in support of this bill.
Act: Contact your senator and ask him/her to support S.B. 116. [Click here](#) to find out who your legislators are and how to contact them.

Bill: **S.B. 167**
Sponsor: Sen. Anders Blewett (D-11th District)
Definition: This bill will make assisted suicide legal in Montana.
Position: Oppose
Status: CWA testimony has been submitted. Originally planned to testify in opposition to this bill on Feb. 11, 2011. Due to inclement weather this will not be possible.
Testimony: Submitted by Patti Kanduch, State Director, Concerned Women for America of Montana. [Click here](#) to read testimony.
Pray: Pray the legislators will read the testimony and that the Lord will speak to their hearts through it. Pray Senate members will honor the elderly, not dispose of them and others like trash by voting against this bill. Pray individuals and other groups will be able to valiantly testify in opposition to this bill.
Act: Call (406) 444-4800 and tell them to deliver a message to all the Senate Judiciary Committee members, "Vote NO on S.B. 167."

Bill: **S.B. 169**
Sponsor: Rep. Greg Hinkle (R-7th District)
Definition: This bill will provide suicide predator penalty enhancement.
Position: Support
Status: To be heard before the Senate Judiciary committee on February 9, 2011.
Testimony: None
Pray: Pray Senate members see the wisdom in this bill and support it.
Act: Call (406) 444-4800 and tell them to deliver a message to all the Senate Judiciary Committee members, "Vote YES on S.B. 169."

