

# Concerned Women for America of Montana 2011 Legislative Updates



## March 21 Legislative Update

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**“Sexual Orientation” and Gender Identify –**  
Don't let sexual orientation become law in your town.

- Bill:** H.B. 516
- Sponsor:** Rep. Kris Hansen (R-33<sup>rd</sup> District)
- Definition:** “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:** Passed out of the Senate Local Government Committee by a vote of 5 – 4 on March 14, 2011. Headed to the full Senate for a floor vote, probably this week. If the Senate passes it it will go back to the House.
- Testimony:** Patti Kanduch gave testimony on February 18, 2011 before the House Judiciary Committee. [Click here](#) to read. Jeanette Zentgraf, Communications Coordinator, gave testimony on March 14<sup>th</sup> before the Montana Senate. [Click here](#) to read testimony.
- Pray:** Thank the Lord it passed out of the Local Government Committee. Pray it passes out of the Senate.
- Act:** Please call (406) 444-4800 and tell them to deliver a message to all the Senators, “Vote YES on H.B. 516.”

## **Medical Marijuana –**

We have two very real problems in Montana, pot holes and pot heads.  
Please continue to take action on HB 161. See February 23 update.

## March 9 Legislative Update

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### “Sexual Orientation” and Gender Identify –

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- Bill:** H.B. 516
- Sponsor:** Rep. Kris Hansen (R-33<sup>rd</sup> District)
- Definition:** “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:** Passed out of the full House 62-37 and transmitted to the Senate on February 23, 2011. Referred to the Senate Local Government Committee on March 2, 2011. There are 5 Republicans and 4 Democrats on the committee. Hearing is on March 14, 2011. Both Patti Kanduch, State Director, and Bonnie Zentgraft, Communications Coordinator, plan to be present.
- Testimony:** Patti Kanduch gave testimony on February 18, 2011 before the House Judiciary Committee. [Click here](#) to read.
- Pray:** Thank the Lord that it passed the House. Pray it passes out of the Senate.
- Act:** Please call (406) 444-4800 and tell them to deliver a message to the Senate Local Government Committee, “Do not table H.B. 516, vote YES on H.B. 516.”

### Medical Marijuana –

We have two very real problems in Montana, pot holes and pot heads.

Please continue to take action on HB 161. See last update.

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## February 23 Legislative Update

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### “Sexual Orientation” and Gender Identify –

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- Bill:** H.B. 516
- Sponsor:** Rep. Kris Hansen (R-33<sup>rd</sup> District)

**Definition:** "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:** Passed out of the full House 62-37 on February 23, 2011. Has been sent to the Senate.

**Testimony:** Patti Kanduch gave testimony on February 18, 2011 before the House Judiciary Committee. [Click here](#) to read.

**Pray:** Thank the Lord that it passed the House. Pray it passes out of the Senate.

**Act:** Please call (406) 444-4800 and tell them to deliver a message to the full Senate, "Vote YES on H.B. 516."

Don't let Montana become another San Francisco.

**Bill:** **H.B. 514**

**Sponsor:** Edith McClarfferty (D-75<sup>th</sup> 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:** Tabled in committee.

**Testimony:** Patti Kanduch gave testimony on February 18, 2011 before the House Judiciary Committee. [Click here](#) to read.

**Pray:** Thank the Lord it was tabled in committee!

**Act:** None.

### **Medical Marijuana –**

We have two very real problems in Montana, pot holes and pot heads.

**Bill:** **H.B. 161**

**Sponsor:** Rep. Mike Milburn (R-19<sup>th</sup> District)

**Definition:** This bill would repeal our medical marijuana law.

**Position:** Support

**Status:** Passed out of the House today with a vote of 62-37. Scheduled to be heard before the Senate Judiciary Committee on March 11, 2011.

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

**Pray:** Pray the Senate Judiciary Committee passes this bill swiftly.

Act: Please call (406) 444-4800 and tell them to deliver a message to the Senate Judiciary Committee, "Vote YES on H.B. 161."

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### February 17 Legislative Update

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#### **"Sexual Orientation" and Gender Identify –**

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**Bill:** H.B. 516  
**Sponsor:** Rep. Kris Hansen (R-33<sup>rd</sup> 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:** Patti 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."

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**Bill:** H.B. 514  
**Sponsor:** Edith McClafferty (D-75<sup>th</sup> 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: Patti 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-19<sup>th</sup> 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-11<sup>th</sup> 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-7<sup>th</sup> 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:** Pray it comes back up.  
**Act:** None

**Bill:** S.B. 169  
**Sponsor:** Rep. Greg Hinkle (R-7<sup>th</sup> 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-58<sup>th</sup> 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 Legislative Update

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### “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-16<sup>th</sup> 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-19<sup>th</sup> 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.”

### Assisted Suicide –

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-7<sup>th</sup> 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-11<sup>th</sup> 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-7<sup>th</sup> 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.