Improving Dementia Care in Montana’s Communities
June 22, 2018
2017 Post-Session Recap: Accomplishments

**HB 24:** Providing protections to vulnerable persons from financial exploitation:
*Passed by the House and Senate, signed into law*

**HB 163:** Caregiver Act:
*Passed by the House and Senate, signed into law*

**SB 272:** Creating a new license for assisted living facilities for those with dementia:
*Passed by the House and Senate, signed into law*
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**HB 35:** Create Grant Program for Training Volunteer Respite Providers:

*Tabled in committee

**HB 36:** Fund Alzheimer’s Related Services provided by AAAs:

*Tabled in committee

**HB 17:** Increase HCBS Waiver Slots and Assisted Living Reimbursement Rates:

*Passed by the House and Senate, signed into law, defunded

**HB 70:** Strengthening guardianship services and creating a WINGS group

*Passed by the House and Senate, signed into law, defunded

**HB 2:** Biennium appropriations including $54 million in cuts to the DPHHS’s Senior and Long-Term Care Division

*Passed by the House and Senate, signed into law*
“Alzheimer’s is the most under-recognized threat to public health in the 21st century.”

-Dr. David Satcher, former US Surgeon General
### Number of People Aged 65 and Older with Alzheimer's by Age*

* Totals may not add due to rounding

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### Estimated Percentage Change

- 35%

### Caregiving (2017)

- **50,000**: Number of Caregivers
- **56,000,000**: Total Hours of Unpaid Care
- **$713,000,000**: Total Value of Unpaid Care
- **$36,000,000**: Higher Health Costs of Caregivers
Figure 1. Comparison of Montana’s Aging Population—2000 and 2060
Percent of Population 65 Years and Older by County

Sources: Year 2000 Historical Data: U.S. Census Bureau
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