

Department of Commerce

Legislative Bills for 2019 Legislative Session

1. Generally revise economic development laws by removing sunset of June 30, 2019, on statutory appropriations used for economic development from interest on the coal tax trust fund. These include the Cooperative Development Center, the Growth through Agriculture program, the Small Business Development Centers, the Small Business Innovation Research program, Certified Regional Development Corporations, the Montana Manufacturing Extension Center, and the export trade enhancement programs. Part of the bill relates to the Research and Commercialization account under 90-3-1003, MCA.
2. Generally revise the Big Sky Economic Development Trust Fund program. Proposed changes are to remove the allocation provided in statute, revise the poverty index reference, and increase the funding ceiling for each expected job.