

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

Bill Draft Requests for SAVA's Consideration For 2021 Session

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Priority No.	Short Title	Summary/Rationale	Statutes to be Amended	Fiscal Impact? Yes/No
1	Bond Validation Act 2021 Biennium	Extend the Bond Validating Act by updating 17-5-205, MCA, to cover bonds issued since the last legislative Session. This bill is brought forward each session to receive legislative confirmation of the validity of bonds issued by the state and its political subdivisions. The Act prevents the individual investor from having to employ an attorney to examine all the proceedings under which the bonds were issued. Should there be an irregularity, this Act cures the irregularity to ensure the validity of the bonds.	17-5-205, MCA	No
2	Montana VEBA Act Amendments	To comply with Affordable Care Act guidance applicable to health reimbursement arrangements like the Montana VEBA HRA, the DOA began administering the Montana VEBA HRA as a post-separation only plan and eliminated active employees as an eligible class in late 2013. The DOA formally adopted these changes to the Montana VEBA HRA through rulemaking completed in December 2019 and now proposes similar amendments to the Montana Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Association Act. Since the DOA has administered the Montana VEBA HRA in this manner since late 2013, there is no impact to participants or the participating public employers, like the State of Montana. Since the Montana VEBA HRA was established in 2003, no active employees have ever been participants. There is no impact to active employees either. The requested legislative changes are necessary in order to comply with the Affordable Care Act and the VEBA HRA summary plan document and Administrative Rules of Montana. This has not been put forth in a prior session.	2-18-1302, MCA, 2-18-1303, MCA, 2-18-1304, MCA, 2-18-1309, MCA, 2-18-1310, MCA, 2-18-1311, MCA, 2-18-1313, MCA, 2-18-1311, MCA	No