

LEGISLATIVE **OUTLOOK** *2021*

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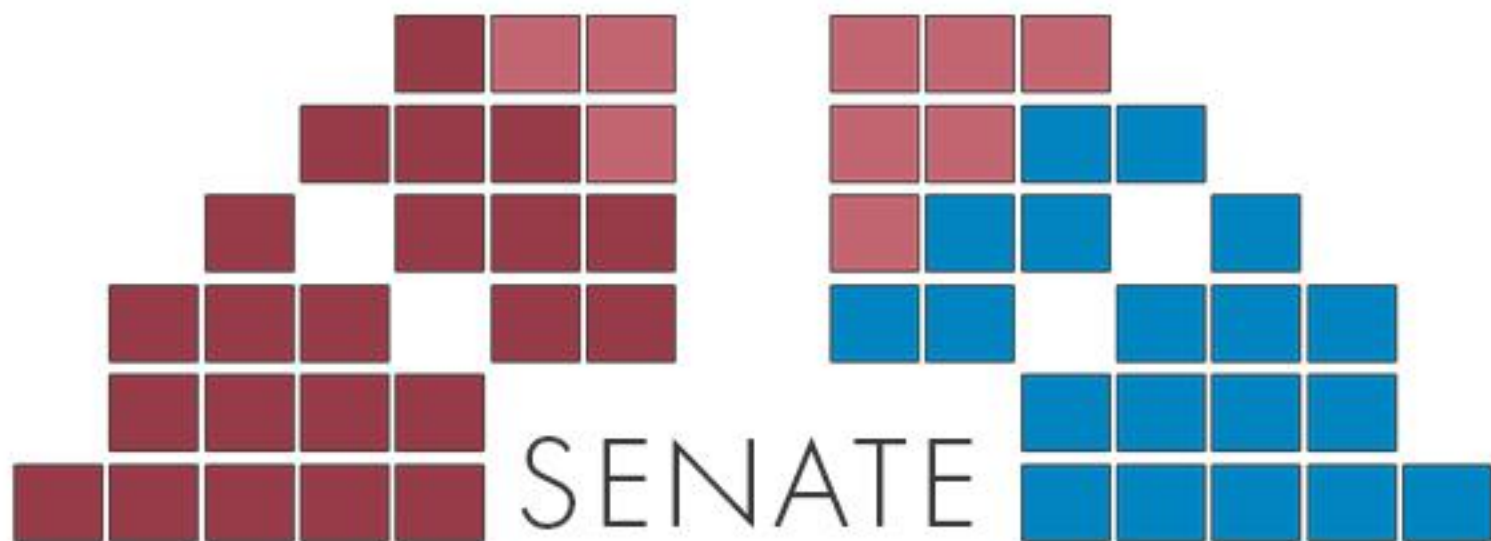
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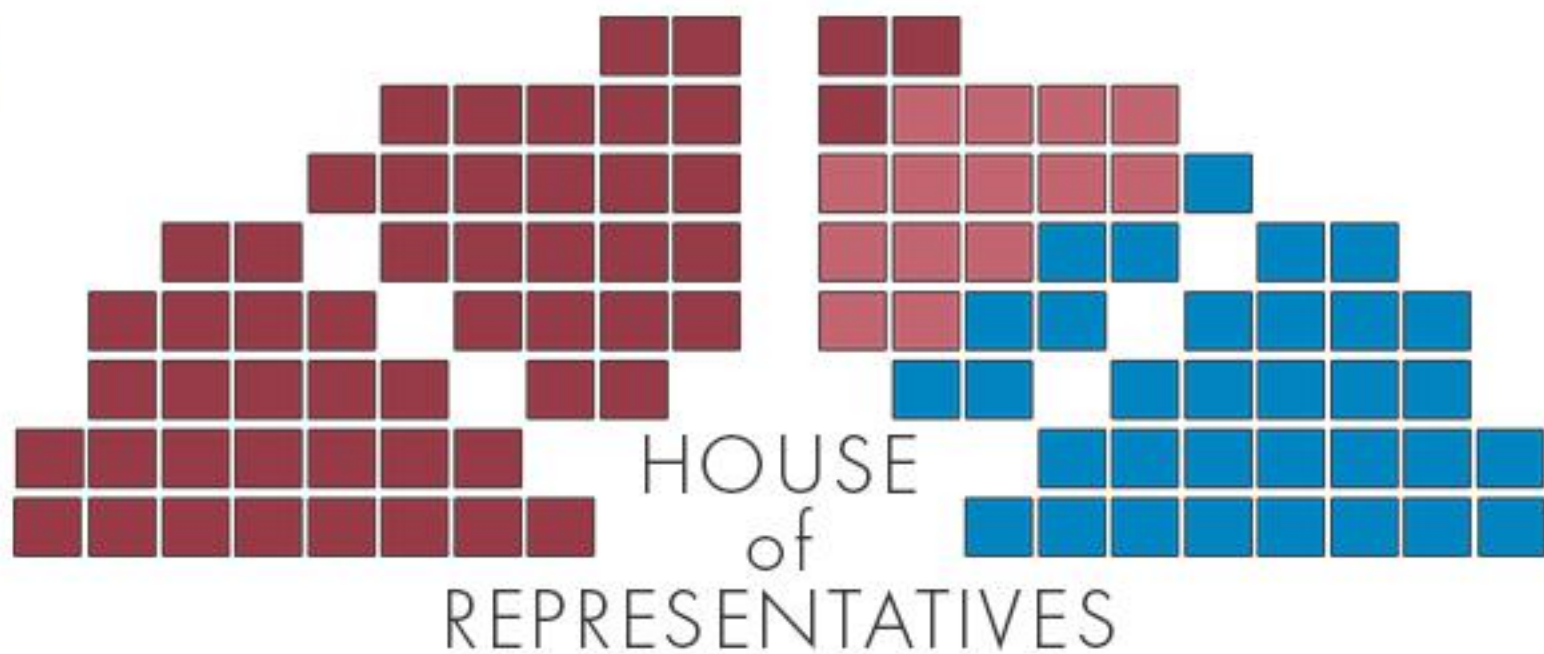
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how
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take part?



who

legislative makeup



who

governor's office



GREG
GIANFORTE

25TH
GOVERNOR

who

legislative makeup



DUANE
ANKNEY
SENATE DISTRICT 20



JASON
SMALL
SENATE DISTRICT 21



DOUG
KARY
SENATE DISTRICT 22



TOM
McGILLVRAY
SENATE DISTRICT 23



MARY
McNALLY
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JEN
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BRAD
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GERALDINE
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RICCI
HOUSE DISTRICT 55



SUE
VINTON
HOUSE DISTRICT 56



FIONA
NAVE
HOUSE DISTRICT 57



SETH
BERGLEE
HOUSE DISTRICT 58

who

local leadership



CARY
SMITH

SENATE
MAJORITY LEADER



DOUG
KARY

SENATE
MAJORITY WHIP



SUE
VINTON

HOUSE
MAJORITY LEADER



SETH
BERGLEE

HOUSE
MAJORITY WHIP



DENNIS
LENZ

HOUSE
MAJORITY WHIP



BARRY
USHER

HOUSE
MAJORITY WHIP

who

committee makeup

SEN ENERGY & TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Duane Ankney (R) - Chair
Jason Small (R) - V. Chair
Mary McNally (D) - V. Chair
Doug Kary (R)

4/11
seats

SEN FINANCE & CLAIMS

Duane Ankney (R)
David Howard (R)
Doug Kary (R)
Mary McNally (D)
Cary Smith (R)

5/19
seats

who

committee makeup

HOUSE JUDICIARY

Barry Usher (R) - Chair
Kathy Kelker (D) - V. Chair
Seth Berglee (R)
Frank Fleming (R)
Dennis Lenz (R)
Mallerie Stromswold (R)

6/19
seats

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS

Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Bill Mercer (R)
Terry Moore (R)
Fiona Nave (R)
Jimmy Patelis (R)
Vince Ricci (R)
Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)
Sue Vinton (R)

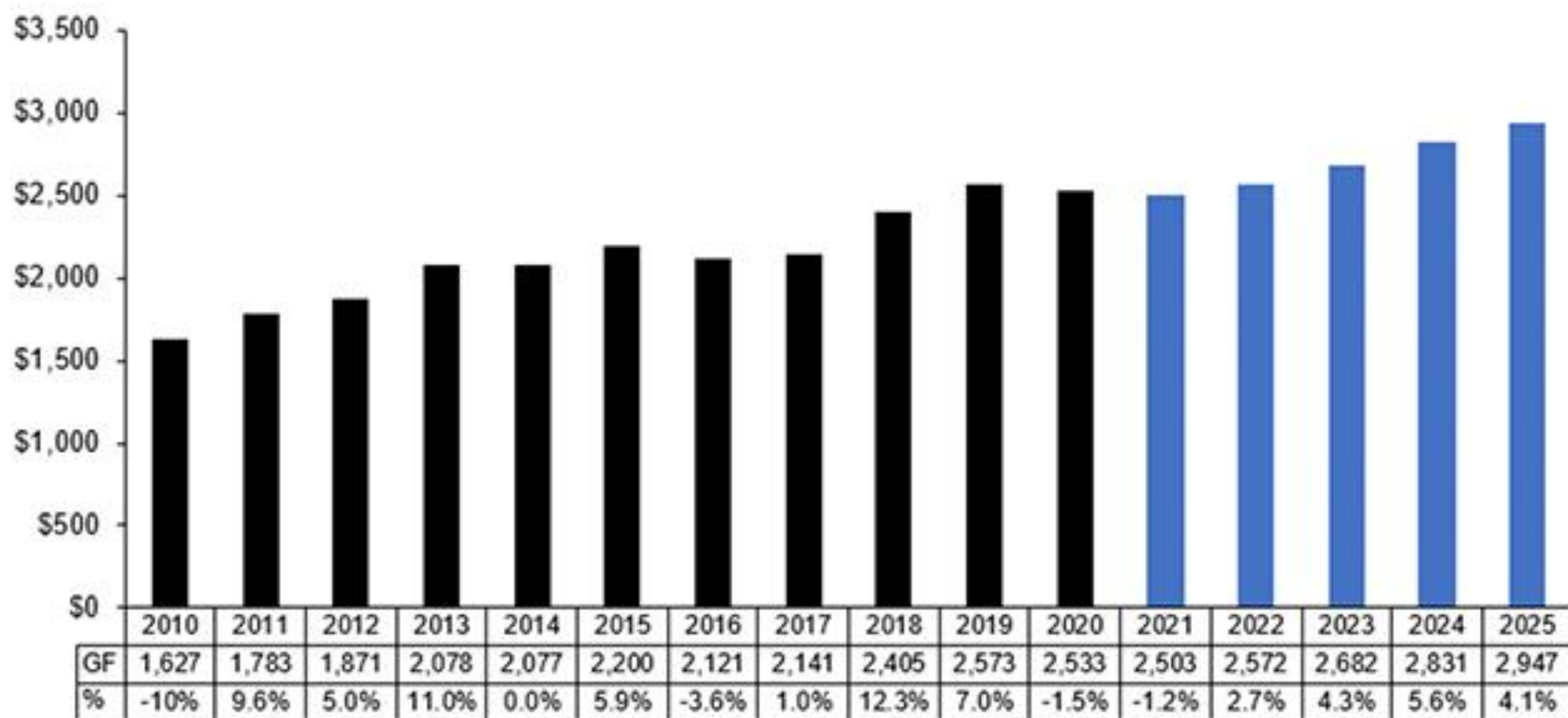
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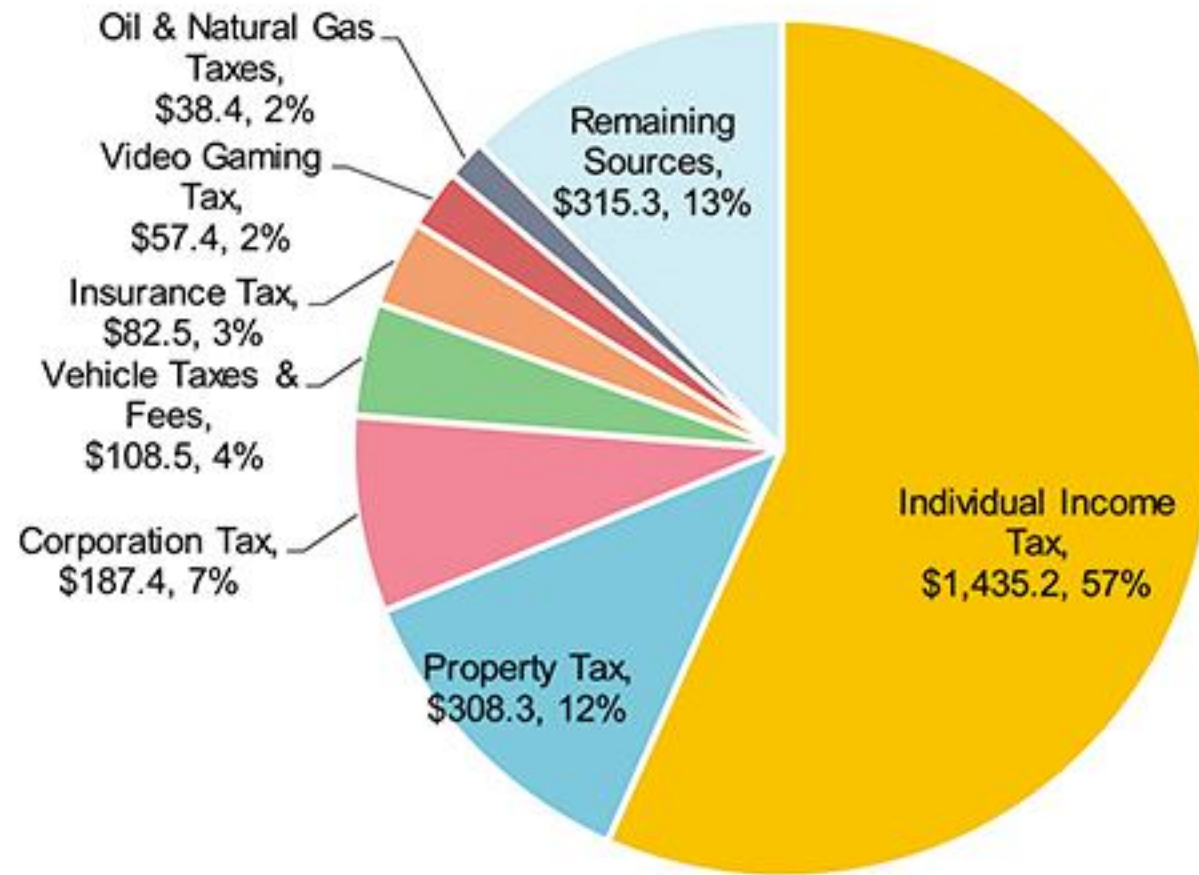
GENERAL FUND REVENUE

by fiscal year (\$millions)



what

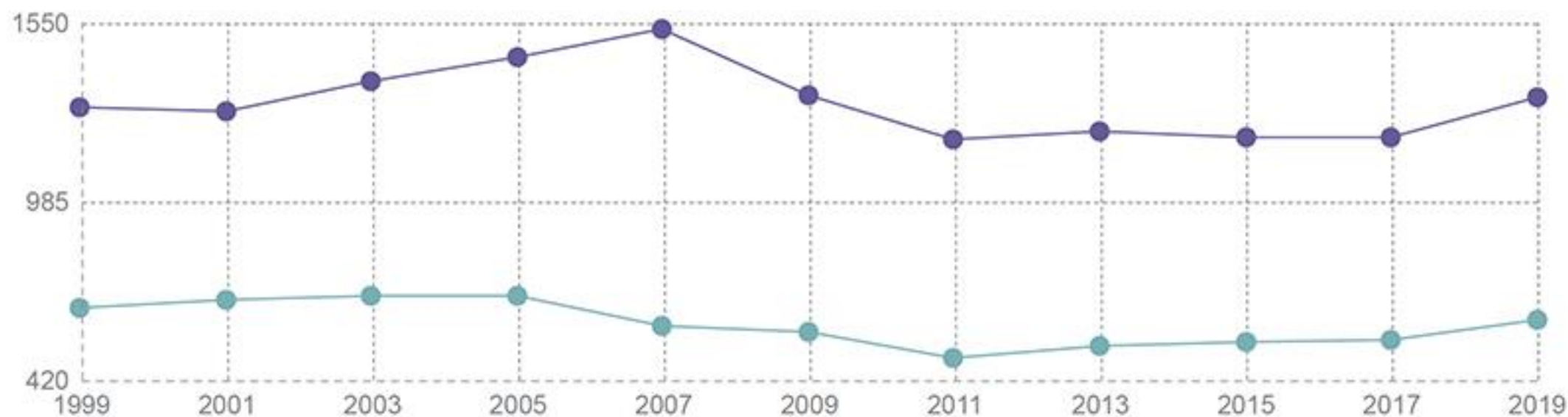
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FY2020
GENERAL FUND
REVENUE
\$2,533 million

what

passing legislation



2019

BILLS

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605

PASSED

1309

INTRODUCED

when

legislative dates

JAN
4

First day of the
2021 Legislative Session

FEB
27

Transmittal of
General Bills to other
chamber

MAR
29

Transmittal of Appropriation
and Revenue Bills

APR
28

Sine Die

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where

will it take place

Hybrid Virtual Session

All public participation in the legislative process is limited to remote participation.

Hybrid, Socially Distanced Session

A panel of four (Sen Pres, Speaker, Sen Min, & House Min) shall determine the level of in-person public involvement in all matters of legislative business.

The approach may provide restricted in-person public involvement in the legislative process or closure of any areas of the Capitol to the public that is under control of the Legislature.

Restrictions may include testing for COVID-19 symptoms, requiring electronic exhibits from members of the public, room capacity limitations, daily in-person attendance limits, advance in-person registration, room closures, directional traffic, and any other relevant social distancing measure that may limit the spread of COVID-19.



MONTANA'S WORKFORCE

Make our state more
attractive to the next
generation of workforce

Invest in education to ensure graduates
are ready to enter the workforce

Address gaps in equality
of opportunity for minority
populations

TAX REFORM

Reduce the cost of doing
business in Montana

Diversify revenue streams to alleviate
dependence on property taxes

Optimize our tax structure
and add economic
development tools

PUBLIC SAFETY

Increase public safety
resources such as police
and fire personnel

Adequately fund mental health and
addiction treatment services

Enhance the capacity of
the judicial system to
efficiently litigate cases

why

is it important to the Chamber

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how

you can take part



VOTERVOICE

Use our VoterVoice platform to find and contact your elected officials. Go to:

billingschamber.com/action-center



VIDEOCONF

In conjunction with MSU Billings we host a bi-weekly video conference call to connect our local residents to legislators in Helena.



VIRTUAL

It's likely there will be some form of virtual participation in this legislative session, making it easy for Billings residents to offer testimony without traveling all the way to Helena.

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