

# Memo

**To:** Montana State Library Commission

**From:** Jennie Stapp, State Librarian

**Date:** September 19, 2014

**Re: Executive Planning Process (EPP) priorities**

The following information represents the current status of State Library budget requests for the 2015 Legislative Session.

As the Commission is aware, the State Library is not supporting any legislative changes this year however, we will be monitoring the status of numerous bills in addition to House Bill 2, the state budget bill.

Bills of interest currently include:

- House Bill 10, a funding bill for major state IT expenditures;
- House Bill 13, the state pay plan bill (we are not aware of any proposed pay increases at this time);
- House Bill 5, the Long-Range building appropriation;
- LC 349, a bill that would require the state to remove the name “half-breed” or “breed” from any place name.
  - As the State Geographic Names Coordinator, if this bill passes it would create a modest amount of additional work for Gerry Daumiller to submit newly proposed names to the federal board of Geographic Names.
- LC 448, Generally revise public records laws
- LC 449, Develop a digital archives plan

For more information or to track bills of interest visit:

[http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/LAW0217W\\$BAIV.return\\_all\\_bills?P\\_SESS=20151](http://laws.leg.mt.gov/legprd/LAW0217W$BAIV.return_all_bills?P_SESS=20151).