

**Montana Conservation Community
Legislative Hotlist, Senate**
Week 3: January 19, 2009- Happy MLK Day!

Please Support:

SB 49, Energy efficiency standards for construction of state buildings, Sen. Wanzenried (D-Missoula). State Administration, 01/23/2009, 3pm, Rm 335. (1st hearing in committee this week.)

This bill would require minimum energy efficiency standard for new state buildings and state buildings undergoing major renovations. The requirement would be that these buildings exceed the energy efficiency code by 20%. Contact Matt Leow, Northern Plains Resource Council, 406.396.1766 or matt@northernplains.org.

SB 66, Sequestration standards for carbon dioxide, Sen. Erickson (D-Missoula). Energy and Telecom, 01/15/09, 3pm, Rm 317A. (Awaiting executive action in committee.)

This bill addresses many of the issues surrounding the geologic sequestration of carbon dioxide. It allows DEQ and the Board of Oil and Gas to work together to develop rules governing the injection of carbon dioxide into appropriate geologic formations. It requires those rules to address the modeling, monitoring and verification of these disposal sites. The bill clarifies that the surface owner owns the subsurface disposal site and clarifies long term liability from impacts caused by CO2 disposal. A similar bill passed the Senate 3rd reading with a vote of 38 – 12. Contact Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center, 406.461.9546 or ahedges@meic.org.

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