

## Montana Senate Republicans Aiming for Historic Legislative Session

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The 2025 Montana legislative session will be one for the history books if the Senate Republican Majority achieves even a fraction of our ambitious agenda. **Montanans issued a clear mandate this November: they want Republicans in charge.** At both the state and federal levels, Americans empowered Republicans to fight back and return to common sense on a variety of core issues.

The Senate Republican Majority has a full plate of issues to address in the coming months, but we are prepared to work tirelessly to deliver on our promises. **We plan to make the most of the opportunity** before us, despite challenges that may arise.

As always, we intend to pass a balanced and fiscally responsible budget that reflects the priorities and values of everyday Montanans. We want to set up the state's finances in a way that grows our industries and takes care of our residents, even if the economy takes a downturn.

Our caucus is also focused on delivering tax reforms that benefit as many Montanans as possible, whether that be through changes to our property tax or income tax system. Our members have a variety of creative and intelligent proposals to make our tax system work better for both everyday Montanans and our state government.

**The Senate Republican Majority will also stand up for Montana values each and every day here at the Capitol.** We will defend the freedoms that every Montanan enjoys and seek to expand them as well where needed.

However, our agenda is at risk of being stymied by activist judges in our judicial system. Montanans task lawmakers like us to legislate, and the courts to adjudicate. Sadly, the judicial branch is attempting to overstep its constitutional

bounds and usurp our legislative authority. To prevent this from happening to us and future generations of lawmakers, we plan to pass a series of judicial reform bills. **We're not attacking the judiciary; we're defending it from its own poor choices, which risk harming the public's trust in the courts.**

We undoubtedly have a busy session ahead of us, but like most Montanans, the Senate Republican Majority is not afraid of hard work. **Our lawmakers will not take for granted the trust placed in us by voters.** We will make the 2025 session one to remember, because our job is not to keep things the same, but to make things better.