WESTERN ASSET MUNICIPAL HIGH INCOME FUND INC.

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### **UNITED STATES**

### SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## **FORM N-CSR**

# CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-5497

Western Asset Municipal High Income Fund Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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10018 (Zip code)

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Stamford, CT 06902 (Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (888) 777-0102

Date of fiscal year October 31

end:

Date of reporting period: April 30, 2011

ITEM 1.	REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS.
The <b>Semi-Annual</b> Report to Stockho	olders is filed herewith.

April 30, 2011
Semi-Annual Report
Western Asset Municipal High Income Fund Inc. (MHF)
INVESTMENT PRODUCTS: NOT FDIC INSURED • NO BANK GUARANTEE • MAY LOSE VALUE

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## Fund objective

The Fund seeks high current income exempt from federal income taxes.

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## Letter from the chairman

Dear Shareholder,
We are pleased to provide the semi-annual report of Western Asset Municipal High Income Fund Inc. for the six-month reporting period ended April 30, 2011. Please read on for Fund performance information and a detailed look at prevailing economic and market conditions during the Fund s reporting period.
As always, we remain committed to providing you with excellent service and a full spectrum of investment choices. We also remain committed to supplementing the support you receive from your financial advisor. One way we accomplish this is through our website, www.leggmason.com/cef. Here you can gain immediate access to market and investment information, including:
• Fund prices and performance,
Market insights and commentaries from our portfolio managers, and
• A host of educational resources.
We look forward to helping you meet your financial goals.
Sincerely,
R. Jay Gerken, CFA
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

May 27, 2011

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#### **Investment commentary**

#### Economic review

While economic data remained mixed, the U.S. economy continued to expand over the six months ended April 30, 2011. Beginning in the fourth quarter of 2010 and continuing for most of the remainder of the period, fears regarding moderating economic growth were replaced with optimism for a strengthening economy in 2011. With investor sentiment improving, interest rates generally rose, negatively impacting some sectors of the fixed-income market. All told, investors who took on additional risk in their portfolios during the reporting period were generally rewarded.

Although the U.S. Department of Commerce continued to report positive U.S. gross domestic product (GDP) it growth, the expansion has been less robust than most other periods exiting a severe recession. According to the Commerce Department, GDP growth was 3.7%, 1.7%, 2.6% and 3.1% during the first, second, third and fourth quarters of 2010, respectively. For calendar 2010 as a whole, the economy expanded 2.9%. Based on the Commerce Department second estimate, first quarter 2011 GDP growth was 1.8%. This moderation in growth in the first quarter was due to a variety of factors, including less robust export activity, a decline in government spending and a deceleration in consumer spending given rising oil and food prices.

Turning to the job market, the unemployment rate moved lower during four of the last five months of the reporting period, though it remained elevated. The rate fell to 8.9% in February 2011, marking the first time the unemployment rate was below 9.0% since April 2009. Unemployment then ticked downward to 8.8% in March, but back up to 9.0% in April. While unemployment in the U.S. declined over the course of the reporting period, hiring has yet to rebound as strongly as in previous recoveries. The U.S. Department of Labor reported in May 2011 that approximately 13.7 million Americans looking for work have yet to find a job, and roughly 43% of these individuals have been out of work for more than six months. In addition, while the Federal Reserve Board (Fed) ii believes that unemployment will continue to decline, it projects that it will remain relatively high, between 7.5% and 8.0% at the end of 2012.

The long-ailing housing market continued to show signs of strain during the reporting period. Looking back, sales increased in the spring of 2010 largely due to the government  $\,$ s \$8,000 tax credit for first-time home buyers. However, this proved to be only a temporary boost, as sales subsequently weakened after the tax credit expired at the end of April. Existing-home sales did rebound somewhat toward the end of 2010 and in January 2011, as mortgage rates remained relatively low. However, according to the National Association of Realtors ( $\,$ NAR $\,$ ), existing-home sales then declined a sharp 8.9% in February, before increasing 3.5% in March and then falling 0.8% in April. At the end of April, the inventory of unsold homes was a 9.2 month supply at the current sales level, versus an 8.3 month supply in March. Existing-home prices remained disappointingly low, with the NAR reporting that the median existing-home price for all housing types was \$163,700 in April 2011, down 5.0% from April 2010.

The manufacturing sector was one area of the economy that remained relatively strong during the reporting period. Based on the Institute for Supply Management s PMIiii, the manufacturing

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sector has grown twenty-one consecutive months since it began expanding in August 2009. After reaching a six-year peak of 60.4 in March 2010 (a reading below 50 indicates a contraction, whereas a reading above 50 indicates an expansion), PMI data indicated somewhat more modest growth during the next nine months. However, in January 2011, the manufacturing sector expanded at its fastest pace since May 2004, with a reading of 60.8 versus 58.5 for the previous month. Manufacturing activity remained strong during the next three months and was 60.4 in April. The expansion in the manufacturing sector was broad based in April, with seventeen of eighteen industries tracked by the Institute for Supply Management growing during the month.

#### Financial market overview

Although the financial markets were, for the most part, characterized by healthy investor risk appetite and solid results by stocks and lower-quality bonds, there were periods of heightened volatility during the reporting period. The markets experienced sharp sell-offs in mid-November 2010, and again in mid-February and mid-March 2011. During those periods, investors tended to favor the relative safety of U.S. Treasury securities. However, these setbacks proved to be only temporary and, in each case, risk aversion was generally replaced with solid demand for riskier assets.

Due to signs that certain areas of the economy were moderating in the middle of 2010 (prior to the beginning of the reporting period), the Fed took further actions to spur the economy. At its August 10th meeting, the Fed announced an ongoing program that calls for using the proceeds from expiring agency debt and agency mortgage-backed securities to purchase longer-dated Treasury securities.

In addition, the Fed remained cautious given pockets of weakness in the economy. At its meeting in September 2010, the Fed said, The Committee will continue to monitor the economic outlook and financial developments and is prepared to provide additional accommodation if needed to support the economic recovery. . . . This led to speculation that the Fed may again move to purchase large amounts of agency and Treasury securities in an attempt to avoid a double-dip recession and ward off deflation.

The Fed then took additional action in early November 2010. Citing that the pace of recovery in output and employment continues to be slow, the Fed announced another round of quantitative easing to help stimulate the economy, entailing the purchase of \$600 billion of long-term U.S. Treasury securities by the end of the second quarter of 2011. This, coupled with the Feds previously announced program to use the proceeds of expiring securities to purchase Treasuries, means it could buy a total of \$850 billion to \$900 billion of Treasury securities by the end of June 2011. At its meeting in April 2011, the Fedsaid it continues to anticipate that economic conditions, including low rates of resource utilization, subdued inflation trends, and stable inflation expectations, are likely to warrant exceptionally low levels for the federal funds rateiv for an extended period. The Fed also stated that it would end its program of purchasing \$600 billion of Treasury securities on schedule at the end of June.

#### Fixed-income market review

After rallying in October 2010 (prior to the beginning of the reporting period) in the wake of the Fed indicating the possibility of another round of quantitative easing, the spread sectors

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(non-Treasuries) started to weaken toward the middle of November. This occurred as financial troubles in Ireland resulted in a re-emergence of the European sovereign debt crisis. While most spread sectors regained their footing during the last five months of the reporting period, others, such as emerging market debt, produced mixed results given ongoing uncertainties in Europe, concerns regarding economic growth in China and its potential impact on the global economy, geopolitical unrest in the Middle East and Libya and the devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

Both short- and long-term Treasury yields fluctuated but, overall, moved higher during the six months ended April 30, 2011. When the period began, two- and ten-year Treasury yields were 0.34% and 2.63%, respectively. Treasury yields initially moved lower, with two- and ten-year Treasury yields hitting their lows for the period of 0.33% and 2.53%, respectively, on November 4, 2010. Yields then moved sharply higher given expectations for stronger growth in 2011 and the potential for rising inflation. On February 14, 2011, two-year Treasury yields peaked at 0.87%, while ten-year Treasuries peaked at 3.75% on February 8, 2011. Treasury yields then declined as investor risk aversion increased given the uprising in Libya and, later, given the tragic events in Japan. Yields moved higher toward the end of March as investor risk appetite resumed, but then declined in April given disappointing first quarter 2011 GDP data. When the period ended on April 30, 2011, two-year Treasury yields were 0.61% and ten-year Treasury yields were 3.32%.

The municipal bond market lagged its taxable bond counterpart over the six months ended April 30, 2011. Over that period, the Barclays Capital Municipal Bond Indexv and the Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Indexvi returned -1.68% and 0.02%, respectively. The municipal bond market was negatively impacted by a sharp increase in issuance of Build America Bonds in advance of the expiration of the popular program at the end of 2010. These new securities were not readily absorbed by investor demand. In addition, there were some high profile issues regarding the financial well-being of some municipal bond issuers. However, the municipal market began to strengthen in April 2011 given improving tax revenues and a sharp decline in new issuance.

#### Performance review

For the six months ended April 30, 2011, Western Asset Municipal High Income Fund Inc. returned -2.69% based on its net asset value (NAV) vii and -5.62% based on its New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) market price per share. The Funds unmanaged benchmark, the Barclays Capital Municipal Bond Index, returned -1.68% for the same period. The Lipper High Yield Municipal Debt Closed-End Funds Category Averageviii returned -5.21% over the same time frame. Please note that Lipper performance returns are based on each funds NAV.

Certain investors may be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax, and state and local taxes will apply. Capital gains, if any, are fully taxable. Please consult your personal tax or legal adviser.

During this six-month period, the Fund made distributions to shareholders totaling \$0.22 per share, which may have included a return of capital. The performance table shows the Fund s

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Investment commentary (cont d)	
six-month total return based on its NAV and market price as of April 30, 2011. Past performance is no guarantee of	f future results.
Performance Snapshot as of April 30, 2011 (unaudited)	
Price Per Share \$7.39 (NAV) \$7.25 (Market Price)	6-Month Total Return* -2.69% -5.62%
All figures represent past performance and are not a guarantee of future results.	
* Total returns are based on changes in NAV or market price, respectively. Total returns assume the r distributions, including returns of capital, if any, in additional shares in accordance with the Fund s Dividend Performance figures for periods shorter than one year represent cumulative figures and are not annualized.	
Looking for additional information?	
The Fund is traded under the symbol MHF and its closing market price is available in most newspapers under the N is available on-line under the symbol XMHFX on most financial websites. <i>Barron s</i> and the <i>Wall Street Journal s</i> closed-end fund tables that provide additional information. In addition, the Fund issues a quarterly press release that c financial websites as well as www.leggmason.com/cef.	s Monday edition both carry
In a continuing effort to provide information concerning the Fund, shareholders may call 1-888-777-0102 (toll free), Normal from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time, for the Fund s current NAV, market price and other information.	Monday through Friday
As always, thank you for your confidence in our stewardship of your assets.	
Sincerely,	

R. Jay Gerken, CFA
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
May 27, 2011
RISKS: High-yield bonds involve greater credit and liquidity risks than investment grade bonds. As interest rates rise, bond prices fall, reducing the value of the Fund s holdings. The Fund may use derivatives, such as options and futures, which can be illiquid, may disproportionately increase losses, and have a potentially large impact on Fund performance.
All investments are subject to risk including the possible loss of principal. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. All index performance reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes. Please note that an investor cannot invest directly in an index.
The information provided is not intended to be a forecast of future events, a guarantee of future results or investment advice. Views expressed may differ from those of the firm as a whole.

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- i Gross domestic product (GDP) is the market value of all final goods and services produced within a country in a given period of time.
- ii The Federal Reserve Board (Fed) is responsible for the formulation of policies designed to promote economic growth, full employment, stable prices and a sustainable pattern of international trade and payments.
- iii The Institute for Supply Management s PMI is based on a survey of purchasing executives who buy the raw materials for manufacturing at more than 350 companies. It offers an early reading on the health of the manufacturing sector.
- iv The federal funds rate is the rate charged by one depository institution on an overnight sale of immediately available funds (balances at the Federal Reserve) to another depository institution; the rate may vary from depository institution to depository institution and from day to day.
- v The Barclays Capital Municipal Bond Index is a market value weighted index of investment grade municipal bonds with maturities of one year or more.
- vi The Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Index is a broad-based bond index comprised of government, corporate, mortgage- and asset-backed issues, rated investment grade or higher, and having at least one year to maturity.
- vii Net asset value ( NAV ) is calculated by subtracting total liabilities and outstanding preferred stock (if any) from the closing value of all securities held by the Fund (plus all other assets) and dividing the result (total net assets) by the total number of the common shares outstanding. The NAV fluctuates with changes in the market prices of securities in which the Fund has invested. However, the price at which an investor may buy or sell shares of the Fund is the Fund s market price as determined by supply of and demand for the Fund s shares.
- viii Lipper, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Reuters, provides independent insight on global collective investments. Returns are based on the six-month period ended April 30, 2011, including the reinvestment of all distributions, including returns of capital, if any, calculated among the 14 funds in the Fund s Lipper category.

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Fund at a glance (unaudited)		
Investment breakdown (%) as a percent	of total investments	
The bar graph above represents the companaged. As a result, the composition of	position of the Fund s investments as of April 30, 2011 and October 31, 2010. The Fund is act f the Fund s investments is subject to change at any time.	ively

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Spread durat	tion (unaudited)
Economic Ex	posure April 30, 2011
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BC Muni Bon MHF	Barclays Capital Municipal Bond Index Western Asset Municipal High Income Fund Inc.

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Effective duratio	n (unaudited)		
Interest Rate Exp	posure April 30, 2011		
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### Schedule of investments (unaudited)

April 30, 2011

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Security	]	Rate	Maturity Date	Face Amount	Value
Municipal Bonds 97.0%					
Arizona 1.7%					
Pima County, AZ, IDA Revenue, Tucson Electric Power Co.	5	.750 %	9/1/29	\$1,000,000	\$ 1,002,210
Salt Verde, AZ, Financial Corp. Gas Revenue	5	.000 %	12/1/37	1,500,000	1,236,795
University Medical Center Corp., AZ, Hospital Revenue	6	.250 %	7/1/29	500,000	502,485
Total Arizona					2,741,490
Arkansas 0.4%					
Arkansas State Development Financing Authority, Industrial Facilities Revenue, Potlatch Corp. Projects	7	.750%	8/1/25	600,000	<b>602,346</b> (a)
California 4.5%					
Golden State Tobacco Securitization Corp., California Tobacco Settlement Revenue, Asset Backed	7	.800%	6/1/42	2,000,000	2,288,400(b)
M-S-R Energy Authority, CA, Gas Revenue				_	_