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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: By Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on February 5, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dennis Himmelberger, Chairman (R)
Rep. Duane Ankney, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Hal Jacobson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Gary Branae (D)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)
Rep. Teresa K. Henry (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. William J. Jones (R)
Rep. Bruce Malcolm (R)
Rep. Walter McNutt (R)
Rep. Alan Olson (R)
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Scott Sales

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dee Barfknecht, Committee Secretary
Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing: HB 63, HB 125
Executive Action: HB 457, HB 485

HEARING ON HB 125

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:03:36 Rep. Dave Kasten (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on HB 125, Repay loan for startup costs of the defined contribution retirement plan.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:25 Scott Miller, Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration (PERA)

EXHIBIT(sth25a01)

00:08:51 David Ewer, Budget Director, Office of the Governor

00:10:10 Leo Berry, Association of Montana Retired Public Employees

00:10:31 Betty Lou Kasten, Former Legislator

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:12:35 Rep. Jacobson
00:13:20 Mr. Ewer
00:13:48 Rep. Phillips
00:14:15 Mr. Miller
00:14:20 Rep. Phillips
00:14:27 Mr. Miller
00:14:37 Rep. Dickenson
00:15:07 Mr. Miller
00:15:22 Rep. Wilmer
00:15:56 Mr. Miller
00:16:29 Rep. Ingraham
00:17:03 Mr. Miller
00:18:00 Rep. Ingraham
00:18:22 Mr. Miller
00:19:14 Chairman Himmelberger
00:19:23 Mr. Miller
00:20:26 Rep. Wilmer
00:20:45 Mr. Miller
00:21:07 Rep. Wilmer
00:21:25 Mr. Miller
00:21:31 Rep. Hendrick
00:21:52 Mr. Miller

Closing by Sponsor: None

HEARING ON HB 63

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:22:51 Rep. John Musgrove (D), HD 34, opened the hearing on HB 63, Actuarially fund teacher retirement system.

EXHIBIT(sth25a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:25:13 David Senn, Executive Director of the Teachers' Retirement System

EXHIBIT(sth25a03)

EXHIBIT(sth25a04)

00:44:09 David Ewer, Budget Director, Office of the Governor

00:54:30 Marg Crennan, Retired Teacher, Volunteer Advocate for AARP

EXHIBIT(sth25a05)

00:57:09 Scott Dubbs, Chairman of the Teachers Retirement Board, Principle of Fergus High School

01:01:48 Charlotte Thomas, Montana Retired Educators Association

EXHIBIT(sth25a06)

01:03:56 Tom Bilodeau, Montana Education Association, Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA/MFT)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:05:25 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association

01:11:05 Darrell Rud, Executive Director, School Administrators of Montana

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:15:41 Rep. Barrett

01:16:28 Rep. Musgrove

01:17:17 Rep. Dickenson

01:18:17 Ms. Thomas

01:18:38 Rep. Dickenson

01:18:51 Ms. Thomas

01:19:02 Rep. Phillips

01:19:30 Mr. Senn

01:19:53 Rep. Phillips

01:20:00 Mr. Senn

01:20:05 Rep. Phillips

01:20:15 Mr. Ewer

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01:20:59 Rep. Phillips
 01:21:15 Mr. Ewer
 01:21:58 Rep. Jacobson
 01:22:38 Mr. Senn
 01:22:49 Rep. Jacobson
 01:23:32 Mr. Senn
 01:23:47 Rep. Branae
 01:24:10 Mr. Vogel
 01:26:00 Rep. Branae
 01:26:11 Mr. Vogel
 01:26:19 Rep. Ankney
 01:26:56 Mr. Miller
 01:27:16 Rep. Ankney
 01:27:26 Mr. Senn
 01:28:24 Rep. Wilmer
 01:28:59 Mr. Senn
 01:29:10 Rep. Wilmer
 01:29:17 Mr. Senn
 01:29:34 Rep. Wilmer
 01:29:57 Mr. Senn
 01:30:18 Rep. Wilmer
 01:30:40 Mr. Senn
 01:31:10 Rep. Wilmer
 01:31:51 Mr. Senn
 01:32:08 Rep. Wilmer
 01:32:45 Mr. Vogel
 01:34:24 Rep. Wilmer
 01:34:49 Mr. Vogel
 01:35:33 Rep. Malcolm
 01:36:19 Mr. Senn
 01:36:54 Rep. Malcolm
 01:37:22 Mr. Senn
 01:39:20 Rep. Jacobson
 01:40:00 Mr. Senn
 01:40:09 Rep. Jacobson
 01:40:43 Mr. Senn
 01:40:47 Rep. Jacobson
 01:41:21 Mr. Senn
 01:42:18 Rep. Ingraham
 01:43:07 Mr. Ewer
 01:44:23 Rep. Ingraham
 01:44:35 Mr. Ewer
 01:45:29 Chairman Himmelberger
 01:45:57 Amy Carlson, Governor's Office
 01:46:56 Rep. Malcolm
 01:47:21 Mr. Ewer
 01:48:16 Rep. Malcolm
 01:48:21 Mr. Senn
 01:48:45 Rep. Ingraham

01:49:37 Mr. Senn
01:50:11 Rep. Hendrick
01:50:36 Mr. Senn
01:51:39 Rep. Hendrick
01:52:54 Mr. Senn

Closing by Sponsor:

01:53:01 Rep. Musgrove

01:55:26 Break
02:15:27 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 457

02:16:17 **Motion:** Rep. Olson moved that **HB 457 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:16:30 Rep. Jones
02:18:25 Rep. Ingraham
02:20:51 Rep. Malcolm
02:21:21 Rep. Ingraham
02:22:35 Rep. Hendrick
02:23:02 Rep. Wilmer
02:23:59 Rep. Olson
02:27:14 Rep. Jones
02:27:30 Rep. Phillips

02:27:41 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 457 DO PASS** failed by roll call vote, 5-13. Reps. Ankney, Caferro, McNutt, Olson and Small-Eastman voted aye. Reps. Sales, Barrett and Dickenson voted by proxy.

02:28:13 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ankney made a substitute motion that **HB 457 BE TABLED**, which carried by voice vote, 17-1. Rep. Olson voted no. Reps. Sales, Barrett and Dickenson voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 485

02:29:45 **Motion:** Rep. Ingraham moved that **HB 485 DO PASS.**

02:30:14 **Motion:** Rep. Jacobson moved that **HB 485 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(sth25a07)

Discussion:

02:30:23 Sheri Heffelfinger
02:33:26 Rep. Jones
02:33:38 Rep. Jacobson
02:34:04 Rep. Phillips
02:34:22 Rep. Jones
02:35:18 Rep. Olson
02:35:23 Rep. Jacobson
02:35:42 Chairman Himmelberger
02:35:51 Ms. Heffelfinger
02:36:10 Rep. Phillips
02:36:34 Ms. Heffelfinger
02:37:43 Rep. Hendrick

02:38:24 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 485 BE AMENDED** carried by voice vote, 15-3. Rep. Caferro, Sales and Barrett voted no. Reps. Sales, Barrett and Dickenson voted by proxy.

02:38:55 **Motion:** Rep. Olson moved that **HB 485 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

02:39:52 Rep. Henry
02:42:48 Rep. Ankney
02:45:23 Rep. Jacobson

02:48:57 **Vote:** Motion that **HB 485 DO PASS AS AMENDED** carried by roll call vote, 12-6. Reps. Ankney, Barrett, Malcolm, McNutt, Sales and Himmelberger voted no. Reps. Sales, Barrett and Dickenson voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

02:49:25 Adjournment

REP. DENNIS HIMMELBERGER, Chairman

DEE BARFKNECHT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([sth25aad.pdf](#))