

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN KEITH BALES, on January 19, 2009 at 5:00 P.M., in Room 317 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Keith Bales, Chairman (R)
Sen. Dave Lewis, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Gregory D. Barkus (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. John Brueggeman (R)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Mike Cooney (D)
Sen. Rick Laible (R)
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 18, 1/13/2009

Executive Action: None.

00:00:12 Sen. Bales

HEARING ON SB 18

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:10 **SEN. DAVID WANZENRIED (D), SD 49**, opened the hearing on **SB 18**, Revise fiscal note laws.

00:05:47 Sen. Bales

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:01 Director David Ewer, Budget Office

00:06:52 Senator Cooney joined the meeting.

00:07:48 Sen. Peterson joined the meeting.

00:08:14 Sen. Bales

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:33 Sen. Ripley

00:09:01 Sen. Wanzenried

00:09:20 Sen. Bales

00:09:26 Sen. Hawks

00:10:25 Director Ewer

00:11:37 Sen. Bales

00:12:27 Director Ewer

00:14:39 Sen. Bales

00:14:45 Sen. Brendan

00:15:54 Director Ewer

00:16:21 Sen. Bales

Closing by Sponsor:

00:16:35 Sen. Wanzenried

00:17:42 Sen. Bales

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:19 P.M.

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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