

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Dave Lewis, on January 29, 2013 at 8:30 AM, in Room 317A  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Dave Lewis, Chair (R)  
Rep. Joanne G. Blyton (R)  
Rep. Rob Cook (R)  
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)  
Sen. Larry Jent (D)  
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)  
Rep. Keith Regier (R)  
Sen. Scott Sales (R)  
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)  
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Ron Arthun (R)  
Sen. Tom Facey (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Dave Bohyer, Legislative Services Division  
Tia Hunter, Committee Secretary  
Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division  
Shawn Graham, Office of Budget and Program Planning  
Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division, Attorney  
Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division, Attorney

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 82, 1/25/2013; HB 96, 1/25/2013

**HEARING ON HB 96****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:08:48 Rep. Franke Wilmer (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 96, Provide actuarial funding for PERS, HPORS, GWPORS, SRS retirement systems.

00:13:03 Chairman Lewis  
00:13:10 Rep. Wilmer  
00:13:18 Chairman Lewis  
00:13:28 Rep. Wilmer

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:14:26 Roxanne Minnehan, Executive Director, Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration (MPERA), and Public Employees Retirement Board (PERB)

**EXHIBIT(jph19a01)**

00:21:49 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association (MPEA), and American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees for Pension Issues (AFSCME)

00:24:30 Diane Fladmo, Montana Education Association - Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:25:48 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:26:59 Leo Berry, Attorney, Association of Montana Retired Public Employees (AMRPE)

00:28:45 Chairman Lewis

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:29:09 Sen. Jent  
00:29:34 Sen. Arthun arrived.  
00:29:53 Mr. Berry, AMRPE  
00:30:56 Sen. Jent  
00:31:49 Ms. Minnehan, MPERA, PERB  
00:33:07 Sen. Jent  
00:33:30 Ms. Minnehan, MPERA, PERB  
00:33:52 Sen. Jent  
00:34:37 Ms. Minnehan, MPERA, PERB  
00:34:47 Sen. Arthun  
00:35:11 Ms. Minnehan, MPERA, PERB  
00:35:41 Sen. Arthun  
00:36:03 Ms. Minnehan, MPERA, PERB  
00:36:12 Sen. Facey entered.  
00:36:33 Sen. Arthun  
00:36:59 Ms. Minnehan, MPERA, PERB

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:37:34 Rep. Wilmer

**HEARING ON SB 82****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:39:11 Sen. Dave Lewis (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 82, Require PERS new hires to be in DC plan.  
00:44:15 Sen. Vincent arrived.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:47:15 Riley Johnson, State Director, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:48:51 Dan Villa, Budget Director, Governor's Office (GOV)  
00:52:51 Michael O'Connor, MPERA  
[EXHIBIT\(jph19a02\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(jph19a03\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(jph19a04\)](#)  
01:07:41 Charlene Suckow, Volunteer Advocate, American Association of Retired People (AARP)  
01:08:39 Tom Schneider, MPEA, AFSCME  
01:12:43 Diane Fladmo, MEA-MFT  
[EXHIBIT\(jph19a05\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(jph19a06\)](#)  
01:18:41 Leo Berry, Attorney, AMRPE  
[EXHIBIT\(jph19a07\)](#)  
01:22:00 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, MACo  
01:23:14 Mark Murphy, Montana County Attorney's Association (MCAA)  
01:26:36 Rebecca Barger, Teamsters Union, 190

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:27:11 Sen. Arthun  
01:28:05 Ms. Fladmo, MEA-MFT  
01:28:53 Sen. Arthun  
01:29:37 Sen. Lewis  
01:30:37 Rep. Regier  
01:30:58 Mr. O'Connor, MPERA  
01:31:30 Rep. Regier  
01:31:43 O'Connor, MPERA  
01:31:46 Rep. Regier  
01:31:53 O'Connor, MPERA  
01:32:21 Rep. Regier  
01:32:25 O'Connor, MPERA  
01:32:28 Rep. Regier  
01:32:30 O'Connor, MPERA  
01:32:34 Rep. Swanson  
01:32:59 Sen. Lewis

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:34:02 Sen. Lewis

**Discussion:**

01:37:08 Chairman Lewis  
01:37:38 Sen. Arthun  
01:37:41 Chairman Lewis  
01:37:46 Rep. Regier  
01:37:51 Sen. Jent  
01:38:41 Chairman Lewis

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:39:52

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Tia Hunter, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([jph19aad.pdf](#))**