

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS

Call to Order: Chair Dave Lewis, on January 31, 2013 at 8:30 AM, in Room 317A
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Dave Lewis, Chair (R)
Sen. Ron Arthun (R)
Rep. Joanne G. Blyton (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Keith Regier (R)
Sen. Scott Sales (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Dave Bohyer, Legislative Branch
Mary Ann Mackay, Committee Secretary
Lisa Adams, Committee Secretary
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 95, 1/25/2013; HB 175, 1/25/2013; HB 234, 1/25/2013
Executive Action: HB 95

00:15:54 Chair Lewis

HEARING ON HB 234

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:17:48 Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 234, Revise definition of compensation in police and fire retirement systems.
00:20:33 Chair Lewis
00:20:54 Shawn Graham, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:21:38 Jerry Williams, Executive Director, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)
00:25:20 Mark Murphy, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)
00:27:45 Sen. Facey arrived.
00:32:58 Rep. Cook left.
00:37:02 Mike O'Connor, Montana Public Employees Retirement Association (MPERA)

EXHIBIT(jph21a01)

00:37:32 Rep. McChesney arrived.
00:41:53 John Bedford, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)
00:46:34 Jason Wells, Police Detective, Laurel
00:50:30 Anthony Hutchings, Officer, Belgrade
00:52:12 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Retirement Association (MPERA)
00:54:56 John Kaleczyc, Officer, Helena
00:54:59 Sen. Facey left.
00:55:23 Doug Neil, Firefighter, Great Falls
00:59:58 Eric Vandersloot, Police Officer, Bozeman
01:00:31 Jim Kilmer, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)
01:01:28 Diane Fladmo, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:02:07 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns
01:02:28 Sen. Facey returned.

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:06:38 Rep. Regier
01:07:02 Mr. Schneider, MPERA
01:07:24 Mr. O'Connor, MPERA
01:07:40 Rep. Regier
01:07:58 Mr. O'Connor, MPERA
01:08:27 Sen. Sales
01:08:45 Mr. Murphy, MPPA
01:09:08 Sen. Sales
01:09:25 Rep. Cook arrived.
01:09:26 Mr. Murphy, MPPA
01:10:43 Sen. Sales
01:10:57 Mr. Murphy, MPPA

01:11:37 Sen. Sales
 01:12:12 Mr. Murphy, MPPA
 01:13:43 Sen. Sales
 01:13:47 Mr. Murphy, MPPA
 01:13:54 Sen. Arthun
 01:14:24 Mr. Murphy, MPPA
 01:14:56 Sen. Arthun
 01:15:25 Mr. Murphy, MPPA
 01:15:41 Sen. Arthun
 01:16:01 Mr. Murphy, MPPA
 01:16:53 Sen. Arthun
 01:17:18 Mr. Murphy, MPPA
 01:18:16 Sen. Facey
 01:18:55 Mr. O'Connor, MPERA
 01:19:50 Sen. Facey
 01:20:05 Mr. O'Connor, MPERA

EXHIBIT(jph21a02)

01:20:31 Sen. Facey
 01:21:11 Mr. Murphy, MPPA
 01:22:21 Sen. Facey
 01:22:28 Sen. Blyton
 01:23:00 Mr. Murphy, MPPA
 01:23:11 Sen. Blyton
 01:23:28 Sen. Lewis
 01:23:36 Mr. Murphy, MPPA

Closing by Sponsor:

01:24:35 Rep. Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON HB 95**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:25:11 Rep. Franke Wilmer (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 95, Require contributions on working retiree compensation.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:27:40 Mike O'Connor, Montana Public Employees Retirement Association (MPERA)

EXHIBIT(jph21a03)

01:31:06 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association (MPEA)

01:32:37 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

EXHIBIT(jph21a04)

01:35:52 Diane Fladmo, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:** None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:36:48 Rep. McChesney

01:37:12 Rep. Wilmer

Closing by Sponsor:

01:37:46 Rep. Wilmer

HEARING ON HB 175**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:38:29 Rep. Franke Wilmer (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 175, Include dispatchers in the sheriffs' retirement system.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:43:11 Susan Bomstad, Montana Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials -International, Inc. (APCO)

EXHIBIT(jph21a05)

01:56:45 Roxanne Minnehan, Montana Public Employees Retirement Association (MPERA)

01:57:17 Rep. Glimm arrived.

02:03:15 Vern Burdick, Montana Sheriffs' and Peace Officers' Association (MSPOA)

02:06:03 Mark Murphy, Montana Association of Chief of Police (MACOP)

02:07:49 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association (MPEA)

02:09:15 Diane Fladmo, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

02:09:56 Chris Lounsbury, Director, Office of Emergency Management, Missoula County

EXHIBIT(jph21a06)

02:12:03 Doug Neil, Firefighter, Great Falls

02:14:28 Gordon Morris, Commissioner, Lewis & Clark County

02:14:54 Michelle Blaise, Communications Supervisor, Missoula County

02:20:56 Forrest Merrill, 911 Dispatcher, Missoula County

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

02:27:16 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:28:34 Rep. Regier

02:28:46 Ms. Minnehan, MPERA

02:29:14 Rep. Regier

Closing by Sponsor:

02:29:54 Rep. Wilmer

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 9502:31:38 **Motion:** Rep. Cook moved that **HB 95 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:31:53 Sen. Facey
02:32:40 Sen. Lewis
02:32:47 Mr. Triem, LSD

02:32:53 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-1 by voice vote with Sen. Sales voting no. Rep. Cook voted by proxy.

Discussion:

02:33:44 Stephanie Morrison, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

EXHIBIT(jph21a07)

02:38:56 Sen. Facey
02:39:30 Sen. Lewis
02:40:24 Mr. Triem, LSD

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:41:45

Lisa Adams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jph21aad.pdf](#))