

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS

Call to Order: Chair Dave Lewis, on February 21, 2013 at 8:30 AM, in Room 102
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Dave Lewis, Chair (R)
Sen. Ron Arthun (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Keith Regier (R)
Sen. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Joanne G. Blyton (R)
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division
Mary Ann Mackay, Committee Secretary
Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division
Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division, Legal
Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division, Legal
Shawn Graham, Office of Budget and Program Planning

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: HB 338, 2/15/2013; HB 454, 2/15/2013

00:12:52 Chair Lewis
00:14:23 Rep. Glimm arrived.
00:15:15 Rep. Blyton arrived.

HEARING ON HB 338

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:16:05 Rep. Keith Regier (R), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 338, Provide funding for pension debts, all new hires to DC plan.

[EXHIBIT\(jph39a01\)](#)

00:24:41 Sen. Vincent arrived.

[EXHIBIT\(jph39a02\)](#)

00:39:00 Chair Lewis

Opponents' Testimony:

00:39:09 Michael O'Connor, Public Employees Retirement Board (PERB)

[EXHIBIT\(jph39a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jph39a04\)](#)

00:51:26 David Senn, Executive Director, Teachers' Retirement Board (TRB)

[EXHIBIT\(jph39a05\)](#)

01:02:02 Mark Murphy, County Attorneys Association, Chiefs of Police Association, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA) and Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) retiree

[EXHIBIT\(jph39a06\)](#)

01:12:02 Chair Lewis

01:12:22 Mary Phippen, Self and PERS retiree

01:13:20 Diane Fladmo, Director of Research, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

[EXHIBIT\(jph39a07\)](#)

01:22:43 Jeff Teberi, Executive Director, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

[EXHIBIT\(jph39a08\)](#)

01:23:16 Chair Lewis

01:23:22 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MSBA)

01:25:19 Charlene Suckow, Montana Retired Educators Association (MREA)

[EXHIBIT\(jph39a09\)](#)

01:26:44 Marilyn Hamer, Volunteer Advocate, American Association of Retired People (AARP) Montana

[EXHIBIT\(jph39a10\)](#)

01:27:45 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association (MPEA) and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

Informational Testimony:

01:31:10 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

01:36:15 Stephanie Morrison, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

[EXHIBIT\(jph39a11\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jph39a12\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jph39a13\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:38:28 Sen. Sales
 01:38:54 Mr. Schneider, MPEA and AFSCME
 01:41:23 Sen. Sales
 01:41:46 Mr. Schneider, MPEA and AFSCME
 01:42:28 Sen. Sales
 01:43:29 Mr. Schneider, MPEA and AFSCME
 01:44:32 Chair Lewis

Closing by Sponsor:

01:45:06 Rep. Regier
[EXHIBIT\(jph39a14\)](#)
 01:50:05 Chair Lewis

Comments:

01:50:16 Sen. Facey
 01:50:34 Chair Lewis
 01:50:43 Rep. Regier
 01:50:49 Chair Lewis

 01:51:18 Recessed.
 01:58:13 Reconvened.

 01:58:21 Chair Lewis

HEARING ON HB 454**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:58:48 Rep. Bill McChesney (D), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 454, Provide funding for the public employees' retirement system defined benefit plan.
 01:59:38 Sen Facey left during break.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:01:51 Dan Villa, Budget Director, Office of the Governor (GOV)
 02:03:05 Sen. Facey returned.
[EXHIBIT\(jph39a15\)](#)
 02:05:18 Roxanne Minnehan, Executive Director, Montana Public Employees Retirement Administration (MPERA) and Montana Employees Retirement Board
[EXHIBIT\(jph39a16\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(jph39a17\)](#)
 02:12:41 Sen. Sales left.
[EXHIBIT\(jph39a18\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(jph39a19\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(jph39a20\)](#)
 02:16:24 Joe Briggs, Chair, Cascade County Board of Commissioners and MACo
[EXHIBIT\(jph39a21\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(jph39a22\)](#)
 02:19:05 Mike McGinley, Commissioner, Beaverhead County
 02:19:47 Mr. Schneider, MPERA and AFSCME
 02:21:50 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

02:26:43 Diane Fladmo, MEA-MFT
02:28:07 Mark Murphy, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA)
02:28:27 Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)
02:29:25 Leo Berry, Attorney and Association of Retired Public Employees
02:30:10 Mary Phippen, Montana Association of Clerks of District Courts and Montana Magistrates Association
02:30:37 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, MACo

Opponents' Testimony:

02:33:41 Rich Edwards, Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA)

EXHIBIT(jph39a23)

02:35:40 David Poulsen, Montana Bioscience Alliance (MBA)

02:37:34 Sen. Facey left.

02:38:43 Larry Farrar, Founder and President, Resodyn Corporation

EXHIBIT(jph39a24)

02:41:50 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF) and Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)

EXHIBIT(jph39a25)**EXHIBIT(jph39a26)**

02:43:31 Rep. Cook left.

02:49:40 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:52:18 Chair Lewis

02:53:16 Mr. Villa, GOV

02:54:26 Chair Lewis

Closing by Sponsor:

02:54:35 Rep. McChesney

02:57:34 Chair Lewis

Committee Business:

02:57:55 Chair Lewis

02:58:11 Rep. Swanson

02:58:28 Chair Lewis

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 03:01:52

Mary Ann Mackay, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jph39aad.pdf](#))