

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT SELECT COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS

Call to Order: Chair Dave Lewis, on March 5, 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. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Keith Regier (R)
Sen. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 97, 2/27/2013; SB 333, 2/27/2013

00:12:12 Chair Lewis

[EXHIBIT\(jph47a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jph47a02\)](#)

HEARING ON HB 97

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:17 Rep. Franke Wilmer (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 97, Cap highest/final average compensation in MPERA retirement systems.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:16:46 Mike O'Connor, Montana Public Employees Retirement Systems (MPERA)

[EXHIBIT\(jph47a03\)](#)

00:21:09 Shantel Siaperas, Legislative Coordinator, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[EXHIBIT\(jph47a04\)](#)

00:21:20 Sen. Jent arrived.

00:22:00 Diane Fladmo, Director of Research, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:22:42 Leo Berry, Association of Montana Retired Public Employees (AMRPE)

00:23:21 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association (MPEA) and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

00:24:41 Chair Lewis

[EXHIBIT\(jph47a05\)](#)

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:20 Rep. Wilmer

HEARING ON SB 333

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:26:03 Sen. Ron Arthun (R), SD 31, opened the hearing on SB 333, Establish cash balance benefit tier in TRS and PERS for new hires.

[EXHIBIT\(jph47a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jph47a07\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:35:34 David Senn, Executive Director, Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)

[EXHIBIT\(jph47a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jph47a09\)](#)

00:41:36 Sen. Sales left.
00:43:10 Sen. Jent left.
00:46:18 Mr. O'Connor, MPERA

EXHIBIT(jph47a10)

00:56:08 Mr. Schneider, PERS and AFSCME
00:58:49 Sen. Facey arrived.
01:04:43 Ms. Fladmo, MEA-MFT
01:07:02 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)
01:12:20 Charleen Suckow, Retired Teacher, Montana Retired Educators Association (MT REA)

EXHIBIT(jph47a11)

01:16:14 Tom Altmaier, Volunteer Advocate, American Association of Retired People (AARP) Montana

EXHIBIT(jph47a12)

01:17:25 Dan Rask, Executive Director, Montana Small Schools Alliance (MSSA)
01:21:41 Ms. Siaperas, MACo

EXHIBIT(jph47a13)

01:22:22 Mark Murphy, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA)
01:25:14 Denise Ulberg, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)
01:26:13 Jim Smith, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

Informational Testimony: None

01:27:03 Chair Lewis

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:27:18 Chair Lewis
01:28:31 Mr. Schneider, PERS and AFSCME
01:30:16 Chair Lewis
01:30:29 Mr. Schneider, PERS and AFSCME
01:30:48 Sen Jent returned.
01:31:26 Chair Lewis
01:32:17 Mr. Schneider, PERS and AFSCME
01:32:36 Chair Lewis

Closing by Sponsor:

01:32:56 Sen. Arthun
01:38:51 Chair Lewis

Committee Business:

01:39:13 Chair Lewis

EXHIBIT(jph47a14)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:41:14 Sen. Jent
01:41:41 Chair Lewis
01:42:34 Sen. Jent
01:43:16 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:44:01 Chair Lewis
01:45:56 Sen. Facey

01:47:48 Chair Lewis

01:49:09 Rep. Regier

01:49:13 Chair Lewis

[EXHIBIT\(jph47a15\)](#)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:49:32

Mary Ann Mackay, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jph47aad.pdf](#))