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MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Ron Arthun, on April 3, 2013 at 11:00 A.M., in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Ron Arthun, Chair (R)
Sen. Dee Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Anders Blewett (D)
Sen. Larry Jent (D)
Sen. Scott Sales (R)
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Roger Webb (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch
Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 406, 4/2/2013 SB 405, 4/3/2013

Executive Action: SB 406 - Tabled
SB 405 - Do Pass

HEARING ON SB 406**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:15:11 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 406, Statutory referendum on pension reform, new hires to DC plan, not TRS or PERS.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:52 Sen. Dave Lewis (R), SD 42, Helena
00:23:11 Henry Kriegel, Montana Deputy State Director, Americans for Prosperity
00:30:18 Rep. Keith Regier (R), HD 5, Kalispell
[EXHIBIT\(sts69a01\)](#)

00:34:26 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:35:39 Roxanne Minnehan, Executive Director, Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration (MPERA) on behalf of the Public Employee Retirement Board (PERB)
00:37:55 David Senn, Executive Director, Teachers' Retirement Board (TRS)
00:41:23 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association (MPEA) and The American Federation of State, County & Municipal Employees (AFSCME)
00:46:29 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
00:49:31 Diane Fladmo, MEA-MFT
[EXHIBIT\(sts69a02\)](#)

00:53:49 Charlene Suckow, Montana Retired Educators Association
[EXHIBIT\(sts69a03\)](#)

00:54:52 Marilyn Hamer, AARP
[EXHIBIT\(sts69a04\)](#)

00:55:48 Rebecca Barger, Teamsters Local 190, Billings Montana
00:56:54 Chris Cavazos, Political Director, AFL-CIO

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:57:51 Sen. Van Dyk
01:01:32 Sen. Brown
01:02:32 Sen. Van Dyk
01:03:05 Tom Schneider, MPEA
01:04:06 Sen. Jent
01:09:42 Sen. Lewis

Closing by Sponsor:

01:10:11 Sen. Brown

HEARING ON SB 405**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:11:44 Sen. Alan Olson (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 405, Referendum to revise close of late voter registration.

Discussion:

01:12:24 Sen. Jent

01:12:59 Chairman Arthun

01:13:24 Sen. Blewett

01:14:36 Sen. Brown

01:15:11 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:15:29 Sen. Brown

01:15:40 Sheri Scurr, LSD

01:16:01 Chairman Arthun

01:16:24 Sen. Blewett

01:17:29 Chairman Arthun

01:17:38 Sen. Jent

01:17:56 **Motion/Vote:** Sen Jent moved to **OVERRIDE THE CHAIRMAN'S DECISION TO CONTINUE TO HOLD THE HEARING**. Motion failed 3-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Blewett, Sen. Jent, and Sen. VanDyk voting aye. Sen. Webb voted by proxy.**Proponents' Testimony:** None**Opponents' Testimony:**01:19:34 Linda McCulloch, Montana Secretary of State (SOS)
EXHIBIT(sts69a05)

01:23:54 Joy Bruck, State President, AARP Montana

01:25:41 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

01:28:53 Chris Cavazos, Political Director, AFL-CIO

01:30:04 Jeanne-Marie Souvigney, Montana Conservation Voters Education Fund

01:31:18 Sarah Howell, Co-Director, Montana Women Vote

01:33:47 Rebecca Barger, Teamsters Local 190, Billings, Montana

01:35:05 Sheena Rice, Montana Organizing Project

01:36:33 Linda Gryczan, Montana League of Women Voters

01:37:32 Clayton Elliott, Montana League of Rural Voters and Western Native Voice

01:38:26 Terry Minow, MEA-MFT

01:39:22 Niki Zupanic, Public Policy Director, ACLU of Montana

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:41:12 Sen. Jent
01:44:05 Linda McCulloch, SOS
01:44:39 Sen. Blewett
01:47:08 Sen. Olson

Closing by Sponsor:

01:47:56 Sen. Olson

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 406

01:52:08 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 406 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:52:57 Sen. Jent
01:53:42 Sen. Brown

01:54:23 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Brown, Sen. Sales and Sen. Webb voting aye. Sen. Webb voted by proxy.

01:55:06 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Van Dyk moved that **SB 406 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 4-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Brown, Sen. Sales and Sen. Webb voting no. Sen. Webb voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 405

01:56:19 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 405 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:56:32 Sen. Blewett
01:58:08 Sen. Sales
01:59:35 Sen. Van Dyk
02:00:53 Sen. Brown
02:01:30 Sen. Jent

02:03:33 **Vote:** Motion carried 4-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Blewett, Sen. Jent and Sen. Van Dyk voting no. Sen. Webb voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:50 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sts69aad.pdf](#))