

## MINUTES

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

**Call to Order:** Vice Chair Brown, on April 10, 2013 at 3:00 PM, 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. Kendall Van Dyk (D)  
Sen. Roger Webb (R)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Scott Sales (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Julie Emge, Committee Secretary  
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

**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: SR 51, 4/4/2013; SR 52, 4/4/2013; SR 53, 4/4/2013;  
SR 54, 4/4/2013

Executive Action: SR 51 - Be Adopted  
SR 52 - Be Adopted  
SR 53 - Be Adopted  
SR 54 - Be Adopted

**HEARING ON SR 51**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:40 Sen. Ron Arthun (R), SD 31, opened the hearing on SR 51, Confirm Governor's appointees to Montana facility finance authority.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:15 Michelle Barstad, Executive Director, Montana Facility Finance Authority (MFFA)  
[EXHIBIT\(sts75a01\)](#)

00:05:22 Sen. Blewett left the hearing.

**Discussion:**

00:06:51 Sen. Brown  
00:06:59 Ms. Barstad, MFFA

**Proponents' Testimony (continued):**

00:07:39 Larry Putnam, representing himself

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:11:43 Sen. Arthun

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 51**

00:12:11 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Van Dyk moved that **SR 51 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Blewett and Sen. Sales voted by proxy.

**HEARING ON SR 52**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:13:09 Sen. Ron Arthun (R), SD 31, opened the hearing on SR 52, Confirm Governor's appointees to the board of investments.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:14:46 David Ewer, Executive Director, Board of Investments (BOI)  
00:15:33 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:16:24 Sen. Brown  
00:16:44 Mr. Ewer, BOI

**Closing by Sponsor:** None

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 52**

00:18:02 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Van Dyk moved that **SR 52 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Blewett and Sen. Sales voted by proxy.

**HEARING ON SR 53**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:19:04 Sen. Ron Arthun (R), SD 31, opened the hearing on SR 53, Confirm Governor's appointees to the Public Employees' Retirement Board.

00:19:42 Sen. Blewett entered the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:20:06 Melanie Symons, Montana Public Employees Retirement Association (MPERA)  
**EXHIBIT(sts75a02)**

00:20:38 John Prinkki, Carbon County Commissioner  
00:21:45 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
00:22:50 Mike McGinley, representing himself  
00:23:30 Sheena Wilson, representing herself

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:24:26 Sen. Brown  
00:25:02 Ms. Symons, MPERA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:26:33 Sen. Arthun

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 53**

00:26:46 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Van Dyk moved that **SR 53 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Sales voted by proxy.

**HEARING ON SR 54**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:27:22 Sen. Ron Arthun (R), SD 31, opened the hearing on SR 54, Confirm Governor's appointee to board of investments.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:28:25 Sheena Wilson, representing herself

00:29:12 Sen. Blewett left the hearing.

00:29:45 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:30:10 Sen. Webb

00:30:26 Ms. Wilson, self

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:31:02 Sen. Arthun

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 54**

00:31:25 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Van Dyk moved that **SR 54 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Blewett and Sen. Sales voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:30 pm

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Julie Emge, Secretary

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**Additional Documents**

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**EXHIBIT([sts75aad.pdf](#))**