

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Jeff Essmann, on January 29, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 455
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jeff Essmann, Chair (R)
Rep. Bill Harris, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Casey Schreiner, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Debra Lamm (R)
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Art Wittich (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jennifer Petersen, 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: HB 231, 1/19/2015; HB 236, 1/19/2015; HB 264, 1/19/2015; HB
288, 1/19/2015

00:00:00 Chair Essmann

HEARING ON HB 288

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:43 Rep. Tom Richmond (R), HD 56, opened the hearing on HB 288, Repeal law regarding transfer of information technology resources.

EXHIBIT(sth20a01)

00:01:59 *Rep. Wittich and Rep. Greef arrive*

00:04:21 Chair Essmann

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:41 Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecommunications Association (MTA)

00:07:44 Chair Essmann

Opponents' Testimony:

00:08:10 Ron Baldwin, Montana Chief Information Officer (CIO)

00:14:56 Chair Essmann

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:10 Rep. Wittich

00:15:36 Rep. Richmond

00:15:49 Rep. Wittich

00:15:52 Ron Baldwin, CIO

00:16:08 Chair Essmann

00:16:13 Rep. Harris

00:17:16 Ron Baldwin, CIO

00:18:36 Rep. Harris

00:19:01 Ron Baldwin, CIO

00:20:40 Rep. Lamm

00:21:01 Ron Baldwin, CIO

00:22:55 Rep. Lamm

00:23:07 Ron Baldwin, CIO

00:23:34 Chair Essmann

00:23:39 Rep. Hayman

00:24:06 Ron Baldwin, CIO

00:25:47 Rep. Schreiner

00:26:12 Ron Baldwin, CIO

00:26:16 Rep. Schreiner

00:26:30 Ron Baldwin, CIO

00:26:57 Rep. Schreiner

00:27:11 Ron Baldwin, CIO

00:27:33 Chair Essmann

00:28:30 Ron Baldwin, CIO

00:29:25 Chair Essmann

00:29:45 Ron Baldwin, CIO

00:29:54 Chair Essmann

Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:09 Rep. Richmond
00:31:55 Chair Essmann

HEARING ON HB 236**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:32:14 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 236, Require plain language in public documents.

[EXHIBIT\(sth20a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth20a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:41:47 Chair Essmann
00:42:10 Peggy Benkelman, Lewis and Clark Literacy Council (L&CLC)
00:44:41 Chair Essmann
00:44:54 Tammy Hoar, Montana Independent Living Project (MILP)
00:47:17 Chair Essmann
00:47:25 Ted Brewer, self
00:48:47 Chair Essmann

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:49:07 Rep. Garner
00:50:34 Rep. Dunwell
00:52:17 Rep. Mandeville
00:52:43 Rep. Dunwell
00:53:19 Rep. McKamey
00:53:56 Rep. Dunwell
00:55:30 Rep. McKamey
00:56:23 Rep. Dunwell
00:57:25 Rep. Harris
00:58:24 Rep. Dunwell
01:00:30 Rep. Price
01:01:13 Rep. Dunwell
01:01:58 Rep. Karjala
01:02:48 Tammy Hoar, MILP
01:05:18 Rep. Lamm
01:05:53 Rep. Dunwell
01:06:19 Rep. Lamm
01:06:42 Rep. Dunwell
01:07:12 Chair Essmann
01:08:49 Rep. Dunwell
01:09:12 Chair Essmann

Closing by Sponsor:

01:09:20 Rep. Dunwell
01:10:33 Chair Essmann

HEARING ON HB 231**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:10:43 Rep. Pat Noonan (D), HD 74, opened the hearing on HB 231, Revise information technology laws.
01:11:08 *Rep. Swanson arrives*

Proponents' Testimony:

01:13:11 Chair Essmann
01:13:23 Ron Baldwin, Montana Chief Information Officer (CIO)
01:19:16 Chair Essmann
01:19:25 Ken Bailey, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
01:20:08 Chair Essmann

Opponents' Testimony:

01:20:34 Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecommunications Association (MTA)
EXHIBIT(sth20a04)
01:26:14 Chair Essmann

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

01:26:34 Rep. Garner
01:27:06 Rep. Noonan
01:27:11 Rep. Garner
01:27:38 Rep. Noonan
01:28:53 Ron Baldwin, CIO
01:29:10 Rep. Garner
01:29:22 Ron Baldwin, CIO
01:30:47 Rep. Webber
01:31:19 Ron Baldwin, CIO
01:31:38 Warren Dupuis, Information Technology Services (ITS)
01:32:16 Chair Essmann
01:32:21 Rep. Greef
01:33:29 Ron Baldwin, CIO
01:34:27 Rep. Greef
01:34:54 Ron Baldwin, CIO
01:35:52 Chair Essmann
01:36:30 Geoff Feiss, MTA
01:37:04 Chair Essmann
01:38:05 Rep. Schreiner
01:38:22 Chair Essmann

Closing by Sponsor:

01:38:52 Rep. Noonan

01:39:57 Chair Essmann
01:40:41 Vice Chair Schreiner

HEARING ON HB 264

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:40:48 Rep. Virginia Court (D), HD 50, opened the hearing on HB 264, Require notification of change to retirement plan beneficiary.

[EXHIBIT\(sth20a05\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:None

Opponents' Testimony:

01:50:05 Shawn Graham, Montana Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)

[EXHIBIT\(sth20a06\)](#)

01:54:21 Vice Chair Schreiner

01:54:34 Dore Schwinden, Montana Public Employees Retirement Administration (MPERA)

01:56:16 Vice Chair Schreiner

01:56:25 Melanie Symons, Montana Public Employees Retirement Administration (MPERA)

01:58:32 Vice Chair Schreiner

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:58:46 Rep. Hayman

01:59:33 Shawn Graham, TRS

02:00:03 Rep. Hayman

02:00:36 Shawn Graham, TRS

02:00:53 Vice Chair Schreiner

02:00:58 Rep. B. Bennett

02:01:23 Dore Schwinden, MPERA

02:01:51 Rep. B. Bennett

02:02:04 Dore Schwinden, MPERA

02:02:22 Rep. Wittich

02:03:58 Rep. Court

02:05:41 Rep. McKamey

02:06:08 Vice Chair Schreiner

Closing by Sponsor:

02:06:41 Rep. Court

[EXHIBIT\(sth20a07\)](#)

02:10:23 Vice Chair Schreiner

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:10:56 (10:18 AM)

Jennifer Petersen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth20aad.pdf](#))