

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Dee Brown, on January 14, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Dee Brown, Chair (R)
Sen. Roger Webb, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 69, 1/7/2015; SB 42, 1/7/2015; SB 72, 1/8/2015
Executive Action: SB 13 Be Tabled; SB 16 Do Pass as Amended; SB 45 Do Pass

HEARING ON SB 69

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:52 Sen. Pat Connell (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 69, Authorize sign placement as a campaign practice consideration.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:53 Roger Hagan, representing himself

00:08:16 Jonathan Motl, commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

[EXHIBIT\(sts08a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:11:04 Sen. Webb
00:12:03 Sen. Connell
00:13:39 Sen. Hinkle
00:15:04 Sen. Connell
00:16:23 Sen. Hinkle
00:16:39 Sen. Connell
00:17:05 Sen. Whitford
00:18:03 Sen. Connell
00:19:18 Sen. Webb
00:19:37 Mr. Motl, COPP
00:19:56 Sen. Webb
00:20:00 Mr. Motl
00:21:17 Chair Brown
00:21:56 Mr. Motl
00:22:44 Mary Baker, COPP
00:23:18 Chair Brown
00:23:28 Ms. Baker
00:24:12 Chair Brown
00:24:24 Ms. Baker
00:24:42 Sen. Hinkle
00:25:04 Chair Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:25:13 Sen. Connell

HEARING ON SB 42

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:27:22 Sen. Sue Malek (D), SD 46, opened the hearing on SB 42, Revise allocation of contribution in the Pers defined contribution plan.

[EXHIBIT\(sts08a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:36:15 Dory Schwinden, Montana Public Employees Retirement Administration (MPERA)

00:38:08 Melanie Symons, (MPERA)

[EXHIBIT\(sts08a03\)](#)

00:39:15 Terrence M. Smith, representing himself

[EXHIBIT\(sts08a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sts08a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sts08a06\)](#)

00:44:25 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association (MPEA)

00:46:27 Diane Fladmo, MEA-MFT

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:47:46 Sen. Hinkle

00:48:26 Ms. Symons, MPERA

00:49:54 Sen. Hinkle

00:50:05 Ms. Symons

00:50:27 Sen. Hinkle

00:50:40 Ms. Symons

00:51:10 Chair Brown

00:51:42 Ms. Symons

Closing by Sponsor:

00:52:00 Sen. Malek

[EXHIBIT\(sts08a07\)](#)

00:52:39 Chair Brown

00:53:15 Sen. Malek

HEARING ON SB 72**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:58:10 Sen. Taylor Brown (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 72, Allowing political party endorsements and expenditures in judicial races.

[EXHIBIT\(sts08a08\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:01:20 Jonathan Motl, commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

[EXHIBIT\(sts08a09\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:03:01 Sen. Malek
01:03:12 Mr. Motl, COPP
01:03:46 Sen. Malek
01:04:26 Mr. Motl
01:04:28 Chair Brown
01:05:25 Mr. Motl
01:07:11 Chair Brown
01:07:22 Mr. Motl
01:07:31 Sen. Webb
01:07:52 Mr. Motl
01:09:08 Sen. Webb
01:09:24 Mr. Motl
01:09:47 Sen. Hinkle
01:10:09 Mr. Motl

Closing by Sponsor:

01:10:50 Sen. Brown

01:11:47 Recess
01:20:36 Reconvene

01:20:50 Chair Brown
[EXHIBIT\(sts08a10\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(sts08a11\)](#)

01:21:48 Recess
01:24:42 Reconvene

01:24:44 Chair Brown

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 13

01:26:15 **Motion:** Sen. Malek moved that **SB 13 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:26:39 Sen. Malek

01:28:10 Chair Brown

01:28:30 Sen. Webb

01:28:40 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Driscoll, Sen. Malek and Sen. Whitford voting aye.

01:29:26 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Webb moved that **SB 13 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried 4-3 by voice vote with Sen. Driscoll, Sen. Malek and Sen. Whitford voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 16

01:30:38 **Motion:** Sen. Webb moved that **SB 16 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:30:48 Chair Brown

01:31:17 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 16 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(sts08a12)

Discussion:

01:31:38 Sen. Kary

01:31:51 Chair Brown

01:31:54 Sen. Kary

01:31:58 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

01:32:56 Sen. Kary

01:33:23 Chair Brown

01:33:29 Sen. Kary

01:33:53 Chair Brown

01:34:04 Sen. Driscoll

01:34:49 Sen. Malek

01:35:37 **Vote:** Motion carried 4-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Driscoll, Sen. Malek and Sen. Whitford voting no.

01:36:21 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved that **SB 16 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:36:38 Sen. Driscoll

01:37:45 Sen. Kary
01:38:20 Sen. Driscoll
01:38:57 Chair Brown
01:40:13 Sen. Malek
01:42:12 Chair Brown
01:42:25 Sen. Whitford
01:43:26 Chair Brown

01:45:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 4-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Driscoll, Sen. Malek and Sen. Whitford voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 45

01:45:51 **Motion:** Sen. Webb moved that **SB 45 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:46:20 Sen. Malek
01:47:03 Chair Brown
01:48:47 Sen. Webb
01:49:31 Chair Brown
01:49:42 Sen. Malek
01:49:54 Chair Brown
01:50:05 Sen. Whitford
01:51:23 Sen. Kary
01:51:58 Chair Brown
01:52:15 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:52:33 Chair Brown
01:52:42 Ms. Weiss, LSD
01:52:57 Chair Brown
01:53:06 Sen. Hinkle
01:53:57 Sen. Malek

01:54:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 4-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Driscoll, Sen. Malek and Sen. Whitford voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:55 p.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sts08aad.pdf](#))