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

Call to Order: Chair Dee Brown, on January 19, 2015 at 3:15 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Dee Brown, 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:

Sen. Roger Webb, Vice Chair (R)

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 86, 1/7/2015; SB 89, 1/7/2015; SB 124, 1/13/2015
Executive Action: SB 42 Be Amended

HEARING ON SB 86

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:51 Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SB 86, Revise electronic filing laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:23 Jonathan Motl, commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)
[EXHIBIT\(sts11a01\)](#)

00:12:42 Sue Hoell, League of Women Voters

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:13:57 Mary Baker, COPP

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:14:30 Sen. Hinkle
00:15:04 Ms. Baker
00:15:48 Sen. Driscoll
00:16:07 Ms. Baker
00:16:32 Sen. Whitford
00:17:16 Ms. Baker
00:19:10 Chair Brown
00:19:22 Ms. Baker
00:20:07 Chair Brown
00:20:19 Ms. Baker
00:20:39 Chair Brown
00:21:18 Ms. Baker

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:13 Sen. Pomnichowski

HEARING ON SB 89

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:29:14 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 89, Require supreme court justices/district court judges to file financial reports.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:30:06 Beth McLaughlin, administrator, Supreme Court

00:30:53 Bruce Spencer, State Bar of Montana (SBM)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:31:35 Sen. Brenden

Sen. Malek assumed the chair.

HEARING ON SB 124

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:33:04 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 124, Require certain boards to record and publish meetings in video or audio format.

[EXHIBIT\(sts11a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:38:40 Peter Donovan, Board of Public Education (BPE)

00:40:49 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:42:06 Dore Schwinden, Montana Public Employees Retirement Association (MPERA)

00:43:46 Shawn Graham, Teachers Retirement System (TRS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:11 Sen. Whitford

00:44:51 Mr. Donovan, BPE

00:45:37 Sen. Whitford

00:45:59 Mr. Schwinden, MPERA

00:46:18 Sen. Whitford

00:46:45 Sen. Hinkle

00:47:06 Mr. Donovan

Closing by Sponsor:

00:48:39 Chair Brown

Chair Brown assumed the chair. Sen. Webb now present

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 42

00:51:14 **Motion:** Sen. Malek moved that **SB 42 DO PASS.**

00:51:37 **Motion:** Sen. Malek moved that **SB 42 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(sts11a03)

Discussion:

00:51:57 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:53:57 Sen. Hinkle

00:54:33 Sen. Malek

00:58:28 Chair Brown

00:58:35 Sen. Malek

00:58:47 Ms. Weiss, LSD

00:59:34 Chair Brown

01:00:04 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:00:25 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Malek moved to **REQUEST A NEW FISCAL NOTE FOR SB**
42. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:00:53 Chair Brown

01:01:36 Sen. Malek

EXHIBIT(sts11a04)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:20 p.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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