

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

**Call to Order:** Chair Ryan Osmundson, on March 8, 2019 at 9:03 A.M., in Room 317  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Ryan Osmundson, Chair (R)  
Sen. Jon C. Sesso, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Cary Smith, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)  
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)  
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)  
Sen. David Howard (R)  
Sen. Tom Jacobson (D)  
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)  
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)  
Sen. Mike Lang (R)  
Sen. Nate McConnell (D)  
Sen. Mary McNally (D)  
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)  
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)  
Sen. Susan Webber (D)  
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Duane Ankney (R)  
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary  
Quinn Holzer, Legislative Branch  
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch  
Kris Wilkinson, 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: SB 195, 3/1/2019; SB 302, 3/1/2019; SB 200, 3/1/2019; SB 312,  
3/1/2019

**HEARING ON SB 195**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:04:32 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 195, Generally revise energy performance contracting laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:06:29 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns

09:08:31 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties

09:08:57 Tim Tolman, McKinstry, Ameresco

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

09:10:36 Laura Rennick, Department of Environmental Quality

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:11:03 Sen. Howard

09:11:22 Sen. Cohenour

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:12:49 Sen. Cohenour

**HEARING ON SB 302**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:13:32 Sen. John Esp (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB 302, Generally revise laws related to local government budgeting and accounting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:14:06 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

09:14:42 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

09:15:06 Chet McLean, Department of Administration (DOA)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:15:21 Sen. Ellis

09:15:58 Ms. Lynch, MLCT

09:16:13 Sen. Ellis

09:16:39 Mr. McLean, DOA

09:17:35 Chair Osmundson

09:17:40 Sen. Esp

09:17:54 Chair Osmundson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:18:03 Sen. Esp

**HEARING ON SB 200**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:18:34 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 200, Provide for equal classification of homes on a foundation.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

09:20:08 Gordy Conn, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:20:32 Sen. Howard  
09:20:42 Sen. Webb  
09:21:08 Sen. Howard  
09:21:18 Sen. Smith  
09:21:40 Sen. Webb  
09:21:51 Mr. Conn, DOR  
09:22:27 Sen. Lang  
09:22:37 Mr. Conn  
09:22:59 Sen. Flowers  
09:23:21 Sen. Webb

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:23:41 Sen. Webb

**HEARING ON SB 312**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:25:17 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SB 312, Create the looping in native communities network grant program.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:29:53 Ciinda Burd, Montana Native Vote  
[EXHIBIT\(fcs47a01\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

09:32:16 Natalia Bowser, Department of Corrections

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:32:37 Sen. Smith  
09:33:08 Sen. Small  
09:33:35 Chair Osmundson  
09:34:02 Sen. Small  
09:34:35 Chair Osmundson  
09:34:44 Sen. Small

09:35:10 Chair Osmundson  
09:35:23 Sen. Small

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:36:09 Sen. Small

**[EXHIBIT\(fcs47a02\)](#)**

09:37:40 Chair Osmundson  
09:38:30 Sen. Sesso  
09:38:39 Chair Osmundson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:38 A.M.

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([fcs47aad.pdf](#))**