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MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Dee Brown, on March 18, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Dee Brown, Chair (R)
Sen. Bryce Bennett, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Branch
Jacelyn Stewart, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 172, 3/11/2019; HB 260, 3/11/2019; HB 297, 3/11/2019; HB 305, 3/11/2019

Executive Action: SJ 13 - Do Pass as Amended

HEARING ON HB 260**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:00:07 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 260, Exempt community service act contracts from the procurement act.

[EXHIBIT\(sts55b01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sts55b02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:01:40 Jono McKinney, Montana Conservation Corps (MCC)

[EXHIBIT\(sts55b03\)](#)

15:06:47 Dan Ritter, director, Office of Community Service, Governor's Office (GOV);
Montana Commission on Community Service

15:10:27 Pedro Marques, executive director, Big Hole Watershed Committee (BHWC)

[EXHIBIT\(sts55b04\)](#)

15:13:40 Al Kurki, National Center for Appropriate Technologies

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:16:11 Meghan Holmlund, chief procurement officer, Department of Administration

15:16:33 Beth Shumate, division administrator, State Parks, Department of Fish, Wildlife,
and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:16:59 Sen. Cuffe

15:17:39 Rep. Kassmier

15:17:45 Sen. Cuffe

15:19:56 Mr. Marques, BHWC

15:20:45 Sen. Cuffe

15:21:28 Ms. Shumate, FWP

15:21:46 Chair Brown

15:21:54 Mr. McKinney, MCC

15:23:14 Chair Brown

15:25:00 Ms. Holmlund

15:25:05 Chair Brown

15:25:38 Rep. Kassmier

15:25:55 Chair Brown

15:26:13 Sen. Kary

15:31:08 Mr. McKinney

15:31:35 Sen. Ellis

15:33:36 Mr. Ritter, GOV

Closing by Sponsor:

15:34:42 Rep. Kassmier

HEARING ON HB 305

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:35:58 Rep. Thomas Winter (D), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 305, Revise laws on national guard state duty for special work.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:38:06 Major General Matt Quinn, Montana National Guard; director, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

EXHIBIT(sts55b05)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:40:59 Sen. Kary
15:44:18 Mr. Quinn, DMA
15:44:46 Chair. Brown
15:44:55 Mr. Quinn
15:45:31 Sen. Cuffe
15:46:51 Mr. Quinn
15:47:23 Sen. Brown
15:47:48 Mr. Quinn
15:48:50 Sen. Bennett
15:49:21 Mr. Quinn
15:49:55 Sen. Ellis
15:50:46 Mr. Quinn
15:52:02 Sen. Cuffe
15:52:47 Mr. Quinn

Closing by Sponsor:

15:53:36 Rep. Winter

HEARING ON HB 297

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:54:52 Rep. Frank Fleming (R), HD 51, opened the hearing on HB 297, Repeal old laws related to certain allowances for national guard members.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:55:58 Major General Matt Quinn, Montana National Guard; director, Department of Military Affairs

EXHIBIT(sts55b06)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:57:28 Rep. Fleming

HEARING ON HB 172**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:58:26 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 172, Establish county veterans' service offices.

EXHIBIT(sts55b07)**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:02:06 Mike Warner, director, Valley Veterans Service Center
 16:06:11 Michael DesRosier, Glacier County commissioner
 16:08:45 Doug Mason, adjutant historian, Corvallis American Legion Post #91
 16:18:41 Sen. Jason Ellsworth, SD 43
 16:22:04 Matthew Franklin, Wisconsin
 16:25:46 Lyn Hellegaard, chair, Valley Veterans Service Center Board; executive director, Missoula Ravalli Transportation Management Association (TMA)

EXHIBIT(sts55b08)

16:29:04 Dan Griffin, National Association of County Veterans Service Officers (NACVSO)
 16:31:18 Billy Hill, veteran, self
 16:36:50 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
 16:37:35 Harris Himes, retired marine officer; pastor, Big Sky Christian Center
 16:45:00 Gary MacLaren, veteran, self

Opponents' Testimony:

16:47:45 Tom Johnson, member, National Legislative Committee, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
 16:50:54 Edward Sperry, veteran
 17:04:52 Raymond Read, veteran

Informational Testimony:

17:07:18 Kelley Ackerman, administrator, Montana Veterans Affairs Division
 17:07:37 Major General Matt Quinn, director, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

17:07:57 Chair Brown
 17:08:13 Mr. Quinn, DMA
 17:08:26 Sen. Bennett
 17:09:02 Mr. Quinn
 17:10:21 Chair Brown
 17:13:41 Rep. Bedey
 17:14:15 Sen. Ellis
 17:14:42 Mr. Quinn
 17:14:54 Ms. Ackerman, DMA
 17:15:35 Sen. Ellis
 17:15:59 Rep. Bedey
 17:16:53 Sen. Bennett
 17:18:43 Rep. Bedey

17:18:50 Sen. Cuffe
17:20:03 Mr. MacLaren
17:21:07 Mr. Mason, American Legion
17:23:06 Sen. Cuffe
17:23:34 Mr. Johnson, VFW
17:24:25 Sen. Cuffe
17:24:37 Mr. Johnson
17:25:37 Sen. Cuffe

Closing by Sponsor:

17:25:56 Rep. Bedey

17:30:37 Recess

17:36:05 Reconvened

Sen. Vance did not return to the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 13

17:36:11 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **SJ 13 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**
Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Vance was excused.

17:37:33 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **SJ 13 DO PASS.**

17:37:48 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **SJ 13 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(sts55b09)

Discussion:

17:38:22 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division

17:38:55 Chair Brown

17:39:19 Sen. Bennett

17:40:51 Sen. Kary

17:41:40 Sen. Cuffe

17:45:09 Sen. Bennett

17:46:00 Sen. Cuffe

17:46:55 Sen. Osmundson

17:47:55 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett, Sen. Ellis and Sen. F. Smith voting no. Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

17:48:32 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary moved that **SJ 13 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 7-1 by voice vote with Sen. Bennett voting no. Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

17:49:38 Sen. Osmundson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:50 PM

Jacelyn Stewart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sts55bad.pdf](#))