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

Call to Order: Chair Dee Brown, on April 12, 2019 at 3:12 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. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)

Members Absent: None

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

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: HJ 39, 4/10/2019; SJ 29, 4/10/2019

15:13:10 Sen. Brown turned the duties and position of the Chair over to Vice Chair Kary.

HEARING ON SJ 29

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:13:43 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SJ 29, Study of public employee pension funding and options.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

15:15:29 Brian Thompson, Association of Montana Retired Public Employees

Informational Testimony:

15:17:04 Dore Schwinden, Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration

15:19:26 Shawn Graham, executive director, Montana Teachers' Retirement System

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:21:34 Sen. Bennett

15:22:28 Sen. Brown

15:22:57 Sen. Ellis

15:25:30 Sen. Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

15:26:01 Sen. Brown

15:26:50 Sen. Brown resumed the duties and position of the Chair.

HEARING ON HJ 39

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:27:18 Rep. Tom Burnett (R), HD 67, opened the hearing on HJ 39, Requesting Legislative Performance Audit on combining admin of TRS and MPERA.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:29:00 Shawn Graham, executive director, Montana Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)

15:30:45 Dore Schwinden, Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration (MPERA)

15:31:24 Angus Maciver, legislative auditor, Legislative Audit Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:31:56 Chair Brown

15:32:21 Rep. Burnett

15:32:36 Chair Brown

15:38:44 Mr. Graham, TRS

15:40:21 Chair Brown

15:44:48 Mr. Schwinden

Closing by Sponsor:

15:45:06 Rep. Burnett

15:46:18 Chair Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:46 PM

Jacelyn Stewart, Secretary

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