

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Jedediah Hinkle, on March 12, 2021 at 12:00 P.M., in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Jedediah Hinkle, Chair (R)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R)
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)
Rep. Mark Noland (R)
Rep. Amy Regier (R)
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)
Rep. Barry Usher (R)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)
Rep. Rynalea Whiteman Pena (D)
Rep. Kathy Whitman (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Jim Hamilton, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Matt Regier, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Susan Fox, Legislative Branch
Brooke Sangray, 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: SB 128, 3/12/2021

12:01:02 Chair Hinkle

HEARING ON SB 128

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

12:02:39 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 128, Prohibiting certain conditioning of the legislative auditor's contract.

12:04:56 Vice Chair Hamilton joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

12:06:00 Deborah Butler, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

12:06:29 Rep. Stafman
12:07:03 Deborah Butler, LAD
12:11:04 Vice Chair Hamilton
12:11:50 Deborah Butler, LAD
12:13:31 Rep. Berglee
12:14:39 Sen. Fitzpatrick
12:15:23 Chair Hinkle
12:15:46 Sen. Fitzpatrick
12:16:15 Chair Hinkle
12:16:23 Rep. Walsh
12:16:38 Sen. Fitzpatrick

Closing by Sponsor:

12:17:09 Sen. Fitzpatrick

12:17:28 Chair Hinkle

12:17:33 **Motion:** Rep. Usher moved that **SB 128 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

12:17:43 Vice Chair Hamilton
12:18:01 Chair Hinkle
12:18:19 Rep. Stafman
12:18:39 Chair Hinkle
12:19:04 Vice Chair Hamilton
12:20:15 Chair Hinkle

12:19:22 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Marler, Rep. Stafman and Rep. Whiteman Pena voting no. Rep. Marler and Rep. Regier voting by proxy.

12:21:03 Rep. Whiteman Pena
12:21:40 Chair Hinkle

12:21:49 Rep. Usher

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:22:18

Brooke Sangray, Secretary

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