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MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Douglas (Doug) Kary, on January 18, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary, Chair (R)
Sen. Bryce Bennett, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Gordon Vance, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Sen. Walt Sales (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Janet Ellis (D)
Sen. Mike Fox (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Branch
Katherine Anderson, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Jacelyn Sterling, 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 56, 1/15/2021; SB 57, 1/15/2021

HEARING ON SB 56

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:46 Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB56, Make MDT, FWP employee grievance procedures same as for other state employees.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:03:12 Michelle Keele, Human Resources Division, Montana Department of Transportation

[EXHIBIT\(sts11a01\)](#)

15:04:25 Eric Strauss, administrator, Department of Labor and Industry

[EXHIBIT\(sts11a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:05:52 Rebecca Dockter, chief legal council, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

[EXHIBIT\(sts11a03\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:06:16 Sen. Ellis

15:06:37 Jacelyn Sterling, committee secretary

15:07:15 Sen. Cuffe

15:08:41 Sen. Ellsworth

Closing by Sponsor:

15:09:11 Sen. Ellsworth

HEARING ON SB 57

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:10:07 Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D), SD 33, opened the hearing on SB57, Revising laws related to reports to the Legislature.

[EXHIBIT\(sts11a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:14:07 Chair Kary

15:14:17 Sen. Pomnichowski

15:14:30 Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Services Division

Closing by Sponsor:

15:14:58 Sen. Pomnichowski

Committee Business:

15:15:31 Chair Kary
15:15:44 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division, (LSD)
15:22:08 Chair Kary
15:22:48 Ms. Aldrich, LSD
15:23:24 Sen. Ellis
15:23:56 Ms. Aldrich
15:24:39 Sen. Cuffe
15:25:01 Ms. Aldrich
15:25:34 Jacelyn Sterling, committee secretary
15:25:51 Ms. Aldrich
15:26:47 Chair Kary
15:27:03 Ms. Aldrich
15:27:42 Chair Kary
15:28:48 Sen. Cuffe

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:29 PM

Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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