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

Call to Order: Chair Douglas (Doug) Kary, on March 10, 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. Mike Fox (D)
Sen. Walt Sales (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Janet Ellis (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Branch
Alex Colafrancesco, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Jacelyn Sterling, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 22, 2/26/2021; HB 29, 2/26/2021; HB 71, 2/26/2021; HB 76, 2/26/2021

Executive Action: HB 22 Be Concurred In; HB 29 Be Concurred In; HB76 Be Concurred in; HB 71 Be Concurred In

HEARING ON HB 22

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:04:15 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB22, Allow in-kind services for easement on state land used for military facilities.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:05:01 Major General J. Peter Hronek, director, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)
[EXHIBIT\(sts48a01\)](#)

15:08:10 Roger Hagan, Department of the American Legion

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:09:33 Major Mike Talia, Montana National Guard (MTNG)

15:09:57 Rick Lamach, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:10:24 Sen. Cuffe

15:10:44 Rep Garner

15:11:01 Sen. Cuffe

15:11:28 Chair Kary

15:11:51 Mr. Talia, MTNG

15:12:02 Mr. Lamach, DMA

15:12:21 Chair Kary

15:14:33 Mr. Lamach

15:14:48 Sen. Fox

15:15:05 Rep. Garner

15:15:25 Chair Kary

15:15:38 Rep. Garner

Closing by Sponsor:

15:16:03 Rep. Garner

HEARING ON HB 71

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:18:11 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB71, Revise campaign finance reporting dates for municipal elections.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:19:25 Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

[EXHIBIT\(sts48a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:22:14 Sen. Bennett
15:22:48 Mr. Mangan, COPP
15:23:25 Sen. Bennett
15:23:58 Mr. Mangan
15:25:10 Chair Kary
15:25:39 Mr. Mangan

Closing by Sponsor:

15:26:30 Rep. Garner

HEARING ON HB 29

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:27:37 Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R), HD 26, opened the hearing on HB29, Adopt most recent federal military codes and regulations.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:28:27 Major General J. Peter Hronek, director, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)
[EXHIBIT\(sts48a03\)](#)

15:31:37 Roger Hagan, Department of the American Legion; Montana National Guard Association (MTNG)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:33:00 Mike Talia, Montana National Guard (MTNG)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:33:21 Sen. Cuffe

Closing by Sponsor:

15:33:35 Rep. Trebas

HEARING ON HB 76

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:34:20 Rep. Gregory Frazer (R), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB76, Revise Montana VEBA provisions.

15:35:53 Sen. Sales entered the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:36:15 Amy Jenks, Health Care and Benefits Division, Department of Administration (DOA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:39:37 Terri Hogan, Health Care and Benefits Division, DOA

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:40:25 Chair Kary
15:42:37 Ms. Hogan, DOA
15:42:50 Chair Kary
15:42:55 Ms. Hogan
15:43:23 Chair Kary
15:43:53 Sen. Bennett
15:44:12 Ms. Hogan

Closing by Sponsor:

15:44:45 Rep. Frazer

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 22

15:51:17 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 22 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

15:51:38 Sen. Bennett

15:52:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Cuffe will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 29

15:52:19 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 29 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Fox will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 71

15:53:20 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 71 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

15:53:50 Sen. Bennett
15:54:40 Chair Kary
15:54:51 Sen. Bennett

15:55:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Bennett voting no. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Kary will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 76

15:56:36 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 76 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Cuffe will carry the bill.

15:57:32 Chair Kary

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:58 PM

Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sts48aad.pdf](#))