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MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Douglas (Doug) Kary, on March 15, 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 81, 3/10/2021; HB 88, 3/10/2021; HB 95, 3/10/2021; HB 97, 3/10/2021

Executive Action: HB 95 Be Concurred In; HB 97 Be Concurred In; HB 88 Be Concurred In; HB 81 Be Concurred In; HB 87 Be Tabled

HEARING ON HB 81

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:00:29 Rep. Jim Hamilton (D), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB81, Generally revise laws on administration of MPERA retirement systems.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:07:13 William Holahan, Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration (MPERA)
15:08:59 Sarah Piper, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

[EXHIBIT\(sts51a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:09:59 Sen. Bennett
15:10:37 Mr. Holohan, MPERA
15:11:46 Sen. Sales
15:12:04 Mr. Holohan
15:12:56 Chair Kary
15:13:16 Mr. Holohan
15:13:49 Chair Kary
15:15:07 Mr. Holohan

Closing by Sponsor:

15:16:04 Rep. Hamilton

HEARING ON HB 88

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:19:12 Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB88, Generally revise laws on administration of TRS.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:21:14 Shawn Graham, Montana Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)

[EXHIBIT\(sts51a02\)](#)

15:27:14 Dennis Parman, executive director, Montana Rural Education Association

15:27:55 Sarah Piper, Montana Federation of Public Employees

[EXHIBIT\(sts51a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:29:00 Sen. Sales
15:29:28 Mr. Graham, TRS

15:29:58 Sen. Ellis entered the meeting.
15:30:01 Sen. Sales
15:30:15 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division

Closing by Sponsor:

15:30:59 Rep. Bertoglio

HEARING ON HB 97

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:33:30 Rep. Wendy McKamey (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HB97, Revise ethics laws regarding application to boards and commissions.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:35:10 Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

[EXHIBIT\(sts51a04\)](#)

15:38:23 Jaime MacNaughton, COPP

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(sts51a05\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:39:55 Chair Kary
15:40:18 Mr. Mangan, COPP
15:41:38 Chair Kary
15:41:48 Mr. Mangan
15:42:13 Chair Kary
15:42:27 Mr. Mangan
15:43:38 Sen. Cuffe
15:44:22 Mr. Mangan

Closing by Sponsor:

15:45:00 Rep. McKamey

HEARING ON HB 95

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:47:47 Rep. Brad Tschida (R), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB95, Revise ethics laws related to confidentiality.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:49:33 Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

[EXHIBIT\(sts51a06\)](#)

15:52:28 Jaime MacNaughton, COPP

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:53:30 Sen. Bennett

15:53:43 Mr. Mangan, COPP

Closing by Sponsor:

15:53:58 Rep. Tschida

15:54:45 Recess

15:58:54 Reconvened

Sen. Cuffe left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 95

15:59:08 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 95 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Cuffe and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Bennett will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 97

15:59:56 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 97 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Cuffe and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Bennett will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 88

16:00:49 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 88 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

16:01:27 Sen. Bennett

16:02:10 Sen. Kary

16:02:26 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Cuffe and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Cuffe will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 81

16:02:41 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 81 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Cuffe and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy. Sen. Osmundson will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 87

16:03:36 Chair Kary

16:03:45 Ginger Aldrich Legislative Services Division

16:04:25 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **HB 87 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Cuffe and Sen. Osmundson voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:05 PM

Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sts51aad.pdf](#))