

MINUTES
MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (H) STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Julie Dooling-R, on January 03, 2023 at 8:01 AM, in 455

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Julie Dooling, Chair (R)
Rep. Kelly Kortum, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bob Phalen, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Denise Baum (D)
Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R)
Rep. Tony Brockman (R)
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)
Rep. Paul Green (R)
Rep. Gary Parry (R)
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)
Rep. Tyson Running Wolf (D)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R)
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)
Rep. Mallerie Stromswold (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)

Staff Present: Heather Kellum, Secretary
Rebecca Power, Research Analyst

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:

HB 81 12/22/2022
HB 106 12/22/2022
HB 107 12/22/2022

Executive Action:

08:03:18

Committee Discussion:

08:03:39 Bob Tipton

08:06:30 Terry Myhre

08:06:50

Committee Discussion:

08:07:03 Rep. Tony Brockman left the meeting.

08:07:10 Rebecca Power

08:07:51 Heather Kellum

08:07:55 Rep. Julie Dooling

08:08:32 Rep. Bob Phalen

08:09:16 Rep. Denise Baum

08:09:41 Rep. Marta Bertoglio

08:10:03 Rep. Linda Reksten

08:10:38 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

08:11:01 Rep. Mallerie Stromswold

08:11:21 Rep. Paul Green

08:11:49 Rep. Sue Vinton

08:12:22 Rep. Ed Stafman

08:13:04 Rep. Gary Parry

08:13:30 Rep. Michael Yakawich

08:14:02 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

08:14:28 Rep. Gregory Frazer
08:14:45 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf
08:15:10 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf left the meeting.
08:15:18 Rep. Kelly Kortum
08:15:40 Rep. Julie Dooling
08:16:31 Rebecca Power
08:18:23 Heather Kellum
08:18:45 Rayan Hanson
08:19:14 Rep. Julie Dooling
08:19:28

Committee Discussion:

08:19:34 Rep. Julie Dooling
08:21:06 Rep. Sue Vinton
08:21:27 Rep. Julie Dooling
08:21:46 Rep. Ed Stafman
08:21:57 Rep. Julie Dooling
08:22:31 Rep. Bob Phalen
08:22:46 Rep. Julie Dooling
08:23:15 Rep. Kelly Kortum
08:23:23 Rep. Julie Dooling
08:23:52 Rep. Ed Stafman
08:24:10 Rep. Julie Dooling
08:24:45 Rep. Gary Parry
08:24:52 Rep. Julie Dooling

08:24:58 Rep. Denise Baum
08:25:11 Rep. Julie Dooling
08:25:42 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
08:25:43 Rep. Julie Dooling
08:26:19 **Motion:** Do pass on rules and procedures
08:26:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
08:26:56

Committee Discussion:

08:27:06 Rep. Julie Dooling
08:30:06 Rep. Bob Phalen
08:30:09 Rep. Linda Reksten
08:30:11 Rep. Julie Dooling
08:33:43 Rebecca Power
08:44:49 Rep. Julie Dooling
08:45:43 Rep. Michael Yakawich
08:46:21 Rep. Julie Dooling
08:48:18 Rep. Sue Vinton left the meeting.
08:49:03 Rep. Michael Yakawich
08:49:14 Rep. Julie Dooling
08:50:12 Rep. Bob Phalen
08:50:33 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
08:51:07 Rep. Julie Dooling
08:51:30 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
08:52:02 Rep. Julie Dooling

08:52:04 Rep. Paul Green
08:53:02 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
08:53:03 Rep. Julie Dooling
08:54:15 Recessed
09:13:00 Reconvened
09:13:09

Committee Discussion:

09:13:21 Rebecca Power
09:16:11 Rep. Paul Green left the meeting.
09:16:30 Rep. Bob Phalen
09:16:32 Rebecca Power
09:17:50 Rep. Michael Yakawich
09:18:08 Rep. Julie Dooling
09:20:11 Rebecca Power
09:20:48 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
09:21:12 Rep. Linda Reksten
09:21:49 Rebecca Power
09:22:13 Rep. Julie Dooling
09:22:18 Rep. Paul Green joined the meeting.
09:22:32 Rebecca Power
09:22:52 Rep. Julie Dooling
09:23:03 Rep. Michael Yakawich
09:23:17 Rep. Julie Dooling
09:23:26 Rep. Michael Yakawich

09:23:34	Rep. Julie Dooling
09:24:22	Rep. Gary Parry
09:24:26	Rebecca Power
09:24:54	Rep. Kenneth Walsh
09:25:32	Rep. Julie Dooling
09:25:57	Rebecca Power
09:31:30	Rep. Julie Dooling
09:31:56	Rep. Paul Green
09:31:59	Rebecca Power
09:32:44	Rep. Paul Green
09:33:07	Rebecca Power
09:33:47	Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
09:34:01	Rep. Julie Dooling
09:34:36	Rep. Gary Parry
09:34:37	Rebecca Power
09:35:18	Rep. Linda Reksten
09:36:04	Rep. Tony Brockman joined the meeting.
09:36:12	Rebecca Power
09:37:04	Rep. Linda Reksten
09:37:25	Rep. Julie Dooling
09:38:08	Rep. Bob Phalen
09:38:31	Rep. Julie Dooling
09:39:33	Rep. Tony Brockman
09:40:00	Rep. Julie Dooling

09:42:36 Rep. Michael Yakawich
09:43:26 Rep. Julie Dooling
09:44:09 Rep. Bob Phalen
09:44:25 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
09:44:38 Rep. Julie Dooling
09:47:38 Rep. Michael Yakawich
09:47:56 Rep. Julie Dooling
09:48:34 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
09:48:52 Rep. Julie Dooling
09:49:07 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
09:49:12 Rebecca Power
09:49:25 Rep. Julie Dooling
09:49:45 Recessed
10:05:14 Reconvened
10:05:15

Committee Discussion:

10:05:43 Rep. Julie Dooling

HEARING ON HB 81 - Create new state veterans' cemetery

Opening Statement:

10:05:51 Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R), HD 3, opened the hearing on HB 81, Create new state veterans' cemetery.

Discussion:

10:06:46 Rep. Braxton Mitchell-R

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Proponent Testimony:

10:08:44 Major J.P Hronek, Montana National Guard, Department of Military Affairs

10:10:21 Kelly Ackerman, Montana Veteran's Affairs Division

10:12:38 Roger Hagan, Montana Department of the American Legion

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10:15:10 Bill White, Liaison to the Governor from the American Legion Department of Montana

10:16:15 Dwyane Cunningham, Department of Montana American Legion

10:16:58 Joe Flecher, Veterans of Foreign Wars

10:18:02 Lowell Long, American Legion

10:18:48 Mike Talia, Self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

10:20:09 Rep. Paul Green

10:20:48 Kelly Ackerman

10:24:01 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

10:24:31 Rep. Braxton Mitchell-R

10:24:41 Mrs. Ackerman

10:24:53 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

10:25:01 Mrs. Ackerman

10:27:34 Rep. Tony Brockman

10:27:55 Rep. Braxton Mitchell-R

10:28:17 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

10:28:26 Rep. Braxton Mitchell-R

10:28:47 Rep. Julie Dooling

10:29:11 Mrs. Ackerman

Closing Statement:

10:32:11 Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R), HD 3, closed the hearing on HB 81.

Discussion:

10:32:22 Rep. Braxton Mitchell-R

HEARING ON HB 107 - Generally revise the duties of SERC

Opening Statement:

10:33:58 Rep. Brad Barker (R), HD 58, opened the hearing on HB 107, Generally revise the duties of SERC.

Discussion:

10:34:03 Rep. Brad Barker-R

Proponent Testimony:

10:39:26 Major J.P. Hronek, Department of Military Affairs

10:41:06 Delila Bruno, Disaster and Emergency Services

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

10:44:00 Rep. Michael Yakawich

10:44:14 Rep. Brad Barker-R

10:44:29 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

10:44:49 Rep. Brad Barker-R

10:45:53	Ms. Bruno
10:47:14	Rep. Linda Reksten
10:47:38	Rep. Brad Barker-R
10:47:45	Ms. Bruno
10:47:56	Rep. Linda Reksten
10:48:23	Ms. Bruno
10:49:47	Rep. Gary Parry
10:50:01	Rep. Brad Barker-R
10:50:06	Ms. Bruno
10:51:38	Rep. Tyson Running Wolf
10:51:58	Ms. Bruno
10:52:07	Rep. Tyson Running Wolf
10:52:16	Ms. Bruno
10:52:27	Rep. Tyson Running Wolf
10:52:45	Rep. Tony Brockman
10:53:03	Ms. Bruno
10:53:18	Rep. Tony Brockman
10:53:52	Ms. Bruno
10:54:45	Rep. Bob Phalen
10:55:04	Rep. Brad Barker-R
10:55:19	Ms. Bruno
10:55:48	Rep. Gary Parry
10:55:52	Ms. Bruno
10:56:40	Rep. Denise Baum

10:56:59 Ms. Bruno
10:58:38 Rep. Gary Parry
10:58:47 Ms. Bruno
10:59:05 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

Closing Statement:

10:59:23 Rep. Brad Barker (R), HD 58, closed the hearing on HB 107.

Discussion:

10:59:27 Rep. Brad Barker-R
11:00:07 Rep. Julie Dooling

HEARING ON HB 106 - Revise laws related to federal mitigation funding

Opening Statement:

11:01:32 Toni Henneman opened the hearing on HB 106, Revise laws related to federal mitigation funding.

Discussion:

11:02:30 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

Proponent Testimony:

04:03:13 J.P. Hronek, Department of Military Affairs
04:04:16 Delila Bruno, Disaster and Emergency Services

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

11:10:13 Toni Henneman closed the hearing on HB 106.

Discussion:

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15:12:00 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

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08:26:19 Do pass on rules and procedures

08:54:15 Recessed

09:49:45 Recessed

09:13:00 Reconvened

10:05:14 Reconvened

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:15:56

Heather Kellum, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230103STHaad\)](#)