

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Julie Dooling-R, on January 09, 2023 at 9:00 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. Kenneth Walsh (R)
Rep. Zack Wirth (R)
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

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 80 12/27/2022
HB 89 12/27/2022
HB 134 12/27/2022
HB 82 12/27/2022

Executive Action:

09:02:01

Committee Discussion:

09:02:07 Rep. Julie Dooling

10:32:24

Committee Discussion:

10:34:24 Rep. Julie Dooling

10:35:29 [EXHIBIT\(230109STHa1\)](#)

10:36:57 Rep. Gary Parry

10:37:15 Rep. Paul Green

10:37:21 Sundi West, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

10:37:46 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

10:37:59 Sundi West (DMA)

10:38:54 Rep. Julie Dooling

10:38:56 Sundi West (DMA)

10:39:08 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

10:39:20 Rep. Bob Phalen

10:40:23 Rep. Julie Dooling

10:40:26 Sundi West (DMA)

10:40:52 Rep. Julie Dooling

10:40:53 Sundi West (DMA)

10:41:52 Rep. Paul Green

10:42:06 Rep. Ed Stafman

10:42:13 Sundi West (DMA)
10:42:28 Rep. Julie Dooling
10:39:43 **Motion:** Move to adopt field trip option 3
10:39:43 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

HEARING ON HB 89 - Revise laws related to Montana national guard life insurance and court martials

Opening Statement:

09:02:27 Rep. Paul Green (R), HD 41, opened the hearing on HB 89, Revise laws related to Montana national guard life insurance and court martials.

Discussion:

09:02:36 Rep. Paul Green-R

Proponent Testimony:

09:03:35 Major General J.P. Hronek, Director, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

09:06:04 Roger Hagan, Montana National Guard Officer Association

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:07:30 Major Todd Wayne, Deputy SJA, Montana National Guard

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

09:08:40 Rep. Paul Green (R), HD 41, closed the hearing on HB 89.

Discussion:

09:08:44 Rep. Paul Green-R

HEARING ON HB 80 - Adopt most recent federal military codes and regulations

Opening Statement:

09:09:31 Rep. George Nikolakakos (R), HD 26, opened the hearing on HB 80, Adopt most recent federal military codes and regulations.

Discussion:

09:09:21 Rep. Green has left

09:09:41 Rep. George Nikolakakos-R

Proponent Testimony:

09:10:22 Major General J.P. Hronek, Director, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

09:13:25 Roger Hagan, Officer and Enlisted Associations of Montana National Guard

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:14:35 Major Todd Wayne, Deputy SJA, Montana National Guard

Questions from Committee:

09:16:12 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

09:16:49 Major Todd Wayne, Montana National Guard

09:18:27 Rep. Michael Yakawich

09:19:08 Rep. Julie Dooling

09:19:18 Rep. Michael Yakawich

09:19:30 Major General Hronek (DMA)

09:20:57 Rep. Bob Phalen

09:21:14 Major General Hronek (DMA)

09:21:42 Rep. Frank Smith

09:22:20 Major General Hronek (DMA)

09:23:38 Major Todd Wayne, Montana National Guard

Closing Statement:

09:24:34 Rep. George Nikolakakos (R), HD 26, closed the hearing on HB 80.

Discussion:

09:24:41 Rep. George Nikolakakos-R

HEARING ON HB 82 - Create Montana national guard enlistment incentive program

Opening Statement:

09:25:11 Rep. George Nikolakakos (R), HD 26, opened the hearing on HB 82, Create Montana national guard enlistment incentive program.

Discussion:

09:25:17 Rep. George Nikolakakos-R

Proponent Testimony:

09:27:52 Major General J.P. Hronek, Director, Department of Military Affairs

09:34:47 Roger Hagan, Officer and Enlisted Associations of the Montana National Guard

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:37:05 Major Todd Wayne, Deputy SJA, Montana National Guard

Questions from Committee:

09:37:55 Rep. Gary Parry

09:38:13 Major General Hronek (DMA)

09:39:22 Rep. Marta Bertoglio

09:40:15 Major Todd Wayne, Montana National Guard

09:43:26 Major General Hronek (DMA)

09:44:55 Rep. Bob Phalen

09:45:17 Roger Hagan, Montana National Guard
09:46:59 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
09:47:23 Major General Hronek (DMA)
09:47:31 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
09:47:55 Major General Hronek (DMA)
09:49:04 Rep. Tony Brockman
09:49:17 Rep. Gregory Frazer
09:49:22 Rep. Running Wolf has left
09:49:45 Major General Hronek (DMA)
09:50:55 Rep. Running Wolf has arrived
09:52:26 Rep. Bob Phalen
09:52:38 Major General Hronek (DMA)
09:53:24 Rep. Bob Phalen
09:53:30 Major General Hronek (DMA)
09:53:43 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
09:54:14 Major General Hronek (DMA)
09:55:03 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
09:55:05 Major General Hronek (DMA)
09:55:14 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
09:55:42 Major General Hronek (DMA)
09:55:57 Major Todd Wayne, Montana National Guard
09:56:27 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
09:56:48 Major Todd Wayne, Montana National Guard
09:57:23 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

09:57:31 Major Todd Wayne, Montana National Guard
09:58:09 Rep. Julie Dooling
09:58:17 Rep. Kelly Kortum
09:58:27 Rep. Running Wolf has left
09:58:42 Major Todd Wayne, Montana National Guard
09:59:32 Rep. Green has arrived
09:59:51 Rep. Green
10:00:28 Major General Hronek (DMA)
10:01:29 Rep. Gary Parry
10:01:51 Major General Hronek (DMA)
10:02:48 Rep. Tony Brockman
10:03:08 Major General Hronek (DMA)
10:04:11 Rep. Tony Brockman
10:04:36 Major General Hronek (DMA)
10:05:29 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
10:05:48 Major General Hronek (DMA)
10:06:50 Rep. Frank Smith
10:07:07 Major General Hronek (DMA)
10:08:55 Rep. Michael Yakawich
10:09:03 Major General Hronek (DMA)

Closing Statement:

10:10:30 Rep. George Nikolakakos (R), HD 26, closed the hearing on HB 82.

Discussion:

10:10:35 Rep. George Nikolakakos-R

HEARING ON HB 134 - Revise laws related to the armory account

Opening Statement:

10:12:01 Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 134, Revise laws related to the armory account.

Discussion:

10:12:04 Rep. Katie Zolnikov-R

Proponent Testimony:

10:14:05 Major General J.P. Hronek, Director, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

10:16:38 Russ Katherman, Department of Administration A&E

10:17:44 Roger Hagan, Officer & Enlisted Association of Montana National Guard

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

10:18:41 Lieutenant Colonel, LTC John Gehring, Deputy Construction and Facilities Management Officer, Montana National Guard

Questions from Committee:

10:19:30 Rep. Michael Yakawich

10:19:58 LTC John Gehring, Montana National Guard

10:20:53 Rep. Michael Yakawich

10:21:15 LTC John Gehring, Montana National Guard

10:21:46 Rep. Tony Brockman

10:22:05 LTC John Gehring, Montana National Guard

10:22:25 Rep. Tony Brockman

10:22:40 LTC John Gehring, Montana National Guard

10:23:24 Rep. Tony Brockman

10:23:59 LTC John Gehring, Montana National Guard

10:25:09 Rep. Tony Brockman
10:25:39 LTC John Gehring, Montana National Guard
10:26:03 Rep. Gary Parry
10:26:12 LTC John Gehring, Montana National Guard
10:27:04 Rep. Paul Green
10:27:31 LTC John Gehring, Montana National Guard
10:27:53 Rep. Paul Green
10:28:07 LTC John Gehring, Montana National Guard
10:29:12 Rep. Frank Smith
10:29:43 LTC John Gehring, Montana National Guard
10:30:43 Rep. Bob Phalen
10:30:50 LTC John Gehring, Montana National Guard
10:31:15 Rep. Bob Phalen
10:31:20 LTC John Gehring, Montana National Guard
10:31:30 Rep. Bob Phalen
10:31:32 LTC John Gehring, Montana National Guard

Closing Statement:

10:31:47 Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R), HD 45, closed the hearing on HB 134.

Discussion:

10:31:51 Rep. Katie Zolnikov-R

09:02:01

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10:39:43 Move to adopt field trip option 3

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:42:56

Heather Kellum, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230109STHaad\)](#)