

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Julie Dooling-R, on January 10, 2023 at 8:58 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. Kenneth Walsh (R)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)
Rep. Zack Wirth (R)
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 143 12/27/2022

HB 47 12/27/2022

HB 125 12/27/2022

Executive Action:

08:59:43

Committee Discussion:

08:59:49 Rep. Julie Dooling
08:59:50 Regina Plettenburg
09:00:20 Rep. Julie Dooling
09:01:01 Rep. Denise Baum
10:27:50 Rep. Phalen has left
10:27:57 Rep. Dooling reassumes the position of Chair
10:28:18

Committee Discussion:

10:28:24 Rep. Julie Dooling
10:29:29 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
10:30:05 Rebecca Power
10:30:46 Rep. Linda Reksten
10:30:56 Rep. Julie Dooling
10:31:33 Rep. Linda Reksten
10:32:15 Rep. Julie Dooling
10:32:01 Rep. Phalen has arrived

**HEARING ON HB 125 - Revise public hearing process for Montana facility finance
authority**

Opening Statement:

09:01:33 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 125, Revise public hearing process for Montana facility finance authority.

Discussion:

09:01:35 Rep. Fred Anderson-R

Proponent Testimony:

09:02:39 Adam Gill, Executive Director, Montana Facility Finance Authority

09:06:06 Rebecca Meyers, Montana Economic Developers Association

Opponent Testimony:

09:06:52 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MACO)

09:08:25 Rob Cook, Montana Newspapers Association

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:09:59 Rep. Paul Green

09:10:19 Jason Rittal (MACO)

09:10:55 Rep. Paul Green

09:10:59 Jason Rittal (MACO)

09:11:43 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

09:12:23 Adam Gill, Montana Facility Finance Authority

09:13:16 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

09:13:45 Adam Gill, Montana Facility Finance Authority

09:14:32 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

09:14:42 Adam Gill, Montana Facility Finance Authority

09:15:04 Rep. Kelly Kortum

09:15:29 Rob Cook, Montana Newspapers Association

09:15:50 Rep. Ed Stafman

09:16:35 Adam Gill, Montana Facility Finance Authority
09:17:05 Nathan Bilyeu Bond Counsel to Montana Finance Authority
09:19:09 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
09:19:27 Rob Cook, Montana Newspapers Association
09:20:21 Rep. Linda Reksten
09:20:42 Adam Gill, Montana Facility Finance Authority
09:21:09 Rep. Linda Reksten
09:21:16 Adam Gill, Montana Facility Finance Authority
09:21:45 Rep. Julie Dooling
09:22:06 Adam Gill, Montana Facility Finance Authority

Closing Statement:

09:22:43 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, closed the hearing on HB 125.

Discussion:

09:22:47 Rep. Fred Anderson-R

HEARING ON HB 47 - Generally revise the Montana Information Technology Act

Opening Statement:

09:24:53 Rep. Julie Dooling (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 47, Generally revise the Montana Information Technology Act.

Discussion:

09:13:22 Rep. Running Wolf has left

09:23:22

09:24:15 Vice Chair Phalen assumes position as Chair

09:24:59 Rep. Julie Dooling

Proponent Testimony:

09:26:36 Kevin Gilbertson, Chief Information Security Officer, State of Montana

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Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:35:50 Carrie Albro, Chief Information Officer, Department of Health and Human Services

Questions from Committee:

09:27:47 Rep. Weatherwax has left

09:36:30 Rep. Michael Yakawich

09:36:55 Kevin Gilbertson, State of Montana

09:38:32 Rep. Kelly Kortum

09:38:51 Kevin Gilbertson, State of Montana

09:40:28 Rep. Kelly Kortum

09:40:46 Kevin Gilbertson, State of Montana

09:41:34 Rep. Denise Baum

09:42:10 Kevin Gilbertson, State of Montana

09:42:35 Rep. Denise Baum

09:43:01 Kevin Gilbertson, State of Montana

09:44:21 Rep. Linda Reksten

09:45:15 Kevin Gilbertson, State of Montana

09:46:17 Rep. Linda Reksten

09:46:37 Kevin Gilbertson, State of Montana

09:47:07 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

09:47:38 Kevin Gilbertson, State of Montana

09:49:09 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
09:49:39 Kevin Gilbertson, State of Montana
09:50:47 Rep. Gary Parry
09:51:00 Kevin Gilbertson, State of Montana
09:52:50 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
09:52:57 Kevin Gilbertson, State of Montana
09:53:38 Rep. Tony Brockman
09:53:59 Kevin Gilbertson, State of Montana
09:56:06 Rep. Brockman
09:56:28 Kevin Gilbertson, State of Montana
09:59:12 Rep. Kelly Kortum
10:00:04 Kevin Gilbertson, State of Montana
10:01:09 Rep. Kelly Kortum
10:02:09 Kevin Gilbertson, State of Montana

Closing Statement:

10:02:16 Rep. Julie Dooling (R), HD 70, closed the hearing on HB 47.

Discussion:

10:02:22 Rep. Julie Dooling-R

HEARING ON HB 143 - Revise laws related to the tourism advisory council

Opening Statement:

10:03:05 Rep. Julie Dooling (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 143, Revise laws related to the tourism advisory council.

Discussion:

10:03:09 Rep. Julie Dooling-R

Proponent Testimony:

- 10:04:52 Jennifer Pelej, Division Administrator for Brand MT, Department of Commerce
- 10:09:14 Steve Wahrlich, Business Owner, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association
- 10:11:59 Racene Friede, President and CEO, Glacier Country Regional Tourism Commission

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

- 10:14:28 Rep. Michael Yakawich
- 10:15:06 Steve Wahrlich, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association
- 10:16:56 Rep. Denise Baum
- 10:17:21 Jennifer Pelej, Department of Commerce
- 10:17:59 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
- 10:18:20 Jennifer Pelej, Department of Commerce
- 10:19:17 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
- 10:19:46 Jennifer Pelej, Department of Commerce
- 10:20:24 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
- 10:21:03 Jennifer Pelej, Department of Commerce
- 10:22:21 Rep. Gary Parry
- 10:22:29 Jennifer Pelej, Department of Commerce
- 10:22:37 Rep. Gary Parry
- 10:22:42 Jennifer Pelej, Department of Commerce

10:23:14 Rep. Denise Baum
10:23:47 Jennifer Pelej, Department of Commerce
10:25:00 Steve Wahrlich Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association

Closing Statement:

10:25:46 Rep. Julie Dooling (R), HD 70, closed the hearing on HB 143.

Discussion:

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:32:32

Heather Kellum, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230110STHaad\)](#)