

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Julie Dooling-R, on January 11, 2023 at 9:01 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. 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. Gary Parry (R)
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 109 01/02/2023

HB 119 12/27/2022

Executive Action:

HB 91 DO PASS

HB 103 TO TABLE

HB 107 TO TABLE
HB 108 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 117 DO PASS
HB 132 DO PASS

09:02:05

Committee Discussion:

09:02:10 Rep. Julie Dooling

HEARING ON HB 109 - Code commissioner bill

Opening Statement:

09:02:31 Rep. Laurie Bishop (D), HD 60, opened the hearing on HB 109, Code commissioner bill.

Discussion:

09:02:37 Rep. Laurie Bishop-D

Proponent Testimony:

09:04:01 Todd Everts, Co-Commissioner and Chief Legal Counsel for Legislature

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

09:07:19 Rep. Laurie Bishop (D), HD 60, closed the hearing on HB 109.

Discussion:

09:07:23 Rep. Laurie Bishop-D

HEARING ON HB 119 - Provide funding for public safety pension systems

Opening Statement:

09:08:02 Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 119, Provide funding for public safety pension systems.

Discussion:

09:08:04 Rep. Marta Bertoglio-R

Proponent Testimony:

09:11:51 Ryan Evans, Assistant Budget Director, Governor's Budget Office

09:12:19 Dore Schwinden, Executive Director for Public Pension System, Montana Public Employee Retirement (MPERA)

09:13:17 Colonel Steve Lavin, Chief Administrator, Montana Highway Patrol

09:15:22 Will Selph, Chief of Staff at Montana Department of Justice, DOT/MHP

09:15:58 Matthew Kultgen, Deputy Sheriff, Lewis and Clark Sheriff's Office, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association

09:18:03 Josh Jonas, Patrol Sergeant of Rosebud County

09:19:53 Brian Imnan, State Trooper, Association of Montana Troopers

09:21:27 Jamie Szlemko, Probation and Patrol Officer for State of Montana

09:22:33 Dan Smith, Executive Director for Montana Police Protective Association

09:23:38 Greg Chilcott, Commissioner of Ravalli County, Montana Association of Counties (MACO)

09:24:38 Sarah Piper, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

09:25:47 Jessie Luther, Association of Montana Troopers

09:29:57 Brian Thompson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association, Association of Montana Retired Public Employees

09:31:24 Adam Haight, Labors Local 1686, Ravalli County Deputy Sheriffs

09:31:46 Amanda Frickle, Montana AFLCIO

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:33:08	Rep. Bob Phalen
09:33:57	Colonel Steve Lavin
09:34:23	Rep. Bob Phalen
09:34:32	Colonel Steve Lavin
09:34:54	Rep. Paul Green
09:35:12	Colonel Steve Lavin
09:35:38	Rep. Paul Green
09:35:45	Colonel Steve Lavin
09:36:25	Rep. Paul Green
09:36:41	Rep. Parry has arrived
09:36:49	Colonel Steve Lavin
09:37:08	Rep. Paul Green
09:37:18	Dore Schwinden (MPERA)
09:38:38	Rep. Kenneth Walsh
09:39:05	Dore Schwinden (MPERA)
09:40:12	Rep. Kenneth Walsh
09:41:16	Dore Schwinden (MPERA)
09:41:24	Rep. Frazer has left
09:43:26	Rep. Bob Phalen
09:43:49	Ryan Evans, Governor's Office
09:44:00	Rep. Bob Phalen
09:44:05	Ryan Evans, Governor's Office

09:44:12 Rep. Bob Phalen
09:44:16 Ryan Evans, Governor's Office
09:44:32 Rep. Michael Yakawich
09:45:14 Colonel Steve Lavin
09:46:26 Rep. Michael Yakawich
09:46:28 Colonel Steve Lavin
09:47:21 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
09:48:20 Colonel Steve Lavin
09:49:35 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
09:49:51 Colonel Steve Lavin
09:50:22 Jessie Luther, Association of Montana Troopers
09:51:29 Rep. Denise Baum
09:52:20 Rep Brockman
09:53:02 Colonel Steve Lavin
09:55:18 Rep. Tony Brockman
09:55:35 Rep. Zack Wirth
09:56:02 Colonel Steve Lavin
09:56:25 Sergeant Jonas
09:56:49 Rep. Kelly Kortum
09:57:07 Dore Schwinden (MPERA)
09:57:54 Rep. Kelly Kortum
09:57:56 Dore Schwinden (MPERA)
09:58:43 Rep. Kelly Kortum
09:58:58 Dore Schwinden (MPERA)

Closing Statement:

10:00:04 Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R), HD 75, closed the hearing on HB 119.

Discussion:

10:00:07 Rep. Marta Bertoglio-R

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 91 - Revise laws related to public library state aid

10:24:12 **Motion:** Rep. Denise Baum moved that **HB 91 DO PASS.**

10:24:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 103 - Eliminate the Board of County Printing

10:25:30 **Motion:** Rep. Denise Baum moved that **HB 103 TO TABLE.**

10:25:30 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 107 - Generally revise the duties of SERC

10:26:29 **Motion:** Rep. Denise Baum moved that **HB 107 DO PASS.**

10:26:55 **Motion:** Rep. Denise Baum moved that **HB 107 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:00:10 Rep. Frazer has arrived

10:03:13 Recessed

10:23:32 Reconvened

10:27:10 Rebecca Power

10:28:22 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

10:26:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:29:37 **Motion:** Rep. Denise Baum moved that **HB 107 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:30:28 Rebecca Power
10:32:06 Rep. Kelly Kortum
10:45:21
10:32:22 Rebecca Power
10:32:27 Rep. Julie Dooling
10:32:41 Rep. Bob Phalen
10:33:27 Rebecca Power
10:33:40 Rep. Bob Phalen
10:34:00 Rep. Kelly Kortum
10:34:05 Rep. Julie Dooling
10:35:02 Rep. Bob Phalen
10:35:09 **Motion:** Rep. Denise Baum moved that **HB 107 WITHDRAW MOTION TO AMEND (HB0107.001.002).**
10:35:34 **Motion:** Rep. Denise Baum moved that **HB 107 TO TABLE.**
10:35:34 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 108 - Revise requirements for establishing alternative hours for local DOR offices

10:36:37 **Motion:** Rep. Denise Baum moved that **HB 108 DO PASS.**
10:36:49 **Motion:** Rep. Denise Baum moved that **HB 108 BE AMENDED.**
Discussion:
10:37:20 Rep. Bob Phalen
10:37:43 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
10:39:20 Rebecca Power
10:40:06 Rep. Linda Reksten
10:36:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
10:41:30 **Motion:** Rep. Denise Baum moved that **HB 108 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
10:41:30 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 117 - Generally revise working retiree laws under TRS

10:42:20 **Motion:** Rep. Denise Baum moved that **HB 117 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:42:35 Rep. Linda Reksten

10:43:15 Rep. Gary Parry

10:42:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 132 - Modify timing of legislative audits

10:44:11 **Motion:** Rep. Denise Baum moved that **HB 132 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

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10:44:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:50:32

Heather Kellum, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230111STHaad\)](#)