

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Julie Dooling-R, on January 12, 2023 at 8:59 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 180 01/09/2023

HB 172 01/09/2023

Executive Action:

09:00:38

Committee Discussion:

09:00:43 Rep. Julie Dooling

09:01:54 Angela Nun Deputy Director ?Secretary of State

09:08:19 Scott Cook, Office of the Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

09:13:38 Rep. Michael Yakawich

09:14:43 Scott Cook (COPP)

09:15:15 Rep. Gary Parry

09:15:17 Scott Cook (COPP)

09:16:20 Rep. Julie Dooling

09:16:23 Scott Cook (COPP)

09:16:52 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

09:17:13 Rep. Julie Dooling

09:17:17 Rep. Linda Reksten

09:17:21 Rep. Julie Dooling

09:17:28 Major General J.P. Hronek, Director of Department of Military Affairs

09:30:54 Rep. Julie Dooling

09:31:02 Rep. Denise Baum

09:31:40 Trent Gibson, Department of Military Affairs

09:32:27 Major General Hronek (DMA)

09:33:18 Trent Gibson (DMA)

09:33:47 Rep. Frank Smith

09:34:25 Major General Hronek (DMA)

09:34:31 Trent Gibson (DMA)

09:34:48 Rep. Frank Smith

09:34:55 Trent Gibson (DMA)

09:35:37 Rep. Michael Yakawich

09:36:21 Major General Hronek (DMA)

09:37:45 Brigadier Jamie Wilkins (DMA)

09:39:37 Major General Hronek (DMA)

09:41:34 Misty Giles, Department of Administration

09:41:55 [EXHIBIT\(230112STHa1\)](#)

09:45:05 [EXHIBIT\(230112STHa2\)](#)

09:56:39 Rep. Linda Reksten

09:57:45 Misty Giles, Department of Administration

09:58:32 Rep. Linda Reksten

09:58:49 Misty Giles, Department of Administration

09:58:57 Rep. Bob Phalen

09:59:06 Misty Giles, Department of Administration

10:00:14 Rep. Julie Dooling

10:01:26 Dore Schwinden, Montana Public Employee Retirement and Administration (MERPA)

10:01:45 [EXHIBIT\(230112STHa3\)](#)

10:07:36 Rep. Gary Parry

10:09:03 Rep. Linda Reksten

10:09:13 Dore Schwinden (MERPA)

10:09:29 Shawn Graham, Teacher's Retirement System (TRS)
10:09:52 [EXHIBIT\(230112STHa4\)](#)
10:17:59 Rep. Gary Parry
10:18:43 Shawn Graham (TRS)
10:19:32 Rep. Linda Reksten
10:19:41 Shawn Graham (TRS)
10:20:55 Rep. Linda Reksten
10:21:31 Shawn Graham (TRS)
10:22:57 Dan Villa, Montana Board of Investments
10:23:21 [EXHIBIT\(230112STHa5\)](#)
10:29:03 Rep. Kelly Kortum
10:29:43 Dan Villa, Montana Board of Investments
10:31:21 Rep. Julie Dooling
10:32:47 Dan Villa, Montana Board of Investments
10:33:21 Rep. Gary Parry
10:33:37 Dan Villa, Montana Board of Investments
10:35:48 Recessed
10:44:15 Reconvened
12:05:36

Committee Discussion:

12:05:41 Rep. Julie Dooling
12:06:29

HEARING ON HB 172 - Revise laws related to post-election audits

Opening Statement:

10:44:22 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 172, Revise laws related to post-election audits.

Discussion:

10:44:28 Rep. David Bedey-R

Proponent Testimony:

10:47:00 Dana Corson, Elections Director, Montana Secretary State Office

10:48:34 Greg Chilcott, Ravalli Valley Commissioner, MACO President

10:50:11 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerk Recorders (MACR)

10:51:05 Steve Turkiewicz, Lobbyist, Secure Democracy USA

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

10:52:43 Rep. Denise Baum

10:53:34 Rep. David Bedey-R

10:54:15 Regina Plettenberg (MACR)

10:56:02 Rep. Denise Baum

10:56:28 Regina Plettenberg (MACR)

10:57:28 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

10:57:48 Regina Plettenberg (MACR)

10:59:00 Rep. Linda Reksten

10:59:12 Regina Plettenberg (MACR)

11:00:43 Rep. Gary Parry

11:00:56 Regina Plettenberg (MACR)

11:01:49 Rep. Ed Stafman

11:02:38 Rep. David Bedey-R

11:03:20 Rep. Ed Stafman

11:03:48 Rep. David Bedey-R

11:04:50 Rep. Kelly Kortum

11:05:10 Regina Plettenberg (MACR)

11:06:42 Rep. Tony Brockman

11:07:14 Regina Plettenberg (MACR)

11:08:11 Rep. Tony Brockman

11:08:22 Regina Plettenberg (MACR)

11:09:39 Rep. Denise Baum

11:10:04 Regina Plettenberg (MACR)

11:10:50 Rep. Denise Baum

11:11:12 Regina Plettenberg (MACR)

11:12:10 Rep. Bob Phalen

11:13:04 Regina Plettenberg (MACR)

11:14:40 Rep. Ed Stafman

11:15:18 Dana Corson, Montana Secretary State Office

11:15:47 Rep. Ed Stafman

11:16:03 Dana Corson, Montana Secretary State Office

11:16:34 Rep. Ed Stafman

11:17:03 Dana Corson, Montana Secretary State Office

11:18:01 Rep. Bob Phalen

11:18:27 Dana Corson, Montana Secretary State Office

11:20:17 Rep. Bob Phalen

11:20:29 Dana Corson, Montana Secretary State Office
11:21:18 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
11:21:53 Dana Corson, Montana Secretary State Office
11:23:09 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
11:23:15 Dana Corson, Montana Secretary State Office
11:23:23 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
11:23:59 Regina Plettenberg (MACR)
11:25:34 Rep. Marta Bertoglio
11:26:03 Rep. Julie Dooling

Closing Statement:

11:26:16 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, closed the hearing on HB 172.

Discussion:

11:26:20 Rep. David Bedey-R

HEARING ON HB 180 - Revise municipal police officers retirement laws

Opening Statement:

11:30:39 Rep. Neil Duram (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HB 180, Revise municipal police officers retirement laws.

Discussion:

11:30:44 Rep. Neil Duram-R

Proponent Testimony:

11:36:15 Dan Smith, Executive Director, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)
11:38:39 Steve Iker, Chief of Police, Eureka Police Department
11:40:39 Dennis Hengel, Chief of Police, Manhattan Police Department
11:43:38 Dan Westbrook, Resident of Eureka

11:45:00 Sarah Piper, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

11:46:14 Dore Schwinden, Executive Director, Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration (MPERA)

Questions from Committee:

11:48:18 Rep. Gary Parry

11:48:37 Dore Schwinden (MPERA)

11:49:15 Rep. Gary Parry

11:49:34 Dore Schwinden (MPERA)

11:49:55 Rep. Bob Phalen

11:50:30 Rep. Neil Duram-R

11:51:58 Rep. Bob Phalen

11:52:13 Dan Smith (MPPA)

11:55:13 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

11:55:49 Dan Smith (MPPA)

11:56:43 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

11:58:04 Dore Schwinden (MPERA)

11:58:20 Rep. Denise Baum

11:58:33 Rep. Stafman has left

11:59:04 Dennis Hengel, Manhattan Police Department

11:59:48 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

12:00:30 Rep. Neil Duram-R

Closing Statement:

12:01:56 Rep. Neil Duram (R), HD 2, closed the hearing on HB 180.

Discussion:

12:02:00 Rep. Neil Duram-R

09:00:38

12:05:36

10:35:48 Recessed

10:44:15 Reconvened

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:08:28

Heather Kellum, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230112STHaad\)](#)