

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Julie Dooling-R, on January 16, 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. Kenneth Walsh (R)
Rep. Zack Wirth (R)
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Mallerie Stromswold (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 173 01/09/2023

HB 186 01/09/2023

Executive Action:

HB 80 DO PASS

HB 89 DO PASS

HB 109 DO PASS
HB 119 DO PASS
HB 134 DO PASS
HB 143 DO PASS
HB 82 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 135 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 151 DO PASS AS AMENDED

09:01:14

Committee Discussion:

09:01:18 Rep. Julie Dooling

11:11:16

Committee Discussion:

11:11:20 Rep. Julie Dooling

HEARING ON HB 173 - Revise laws related to security of vote tabulating machines

Opening Statement:

09:01:49 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 173, Revise laws related to security of vote tabulating machines.

Discussion:

09:02:02 Rep. David Bedey-R

Proponent Testimony:

09:04:01 Dana Corson, Election Coordinator, Montana Secretary of State Office, SOS

09:04:51 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders, MACR

09:06:20 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders, MACR

Opponent Testimony:

09:08:37 Doug Bohn, Precinct 17, Ravalli county

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:14:52	Rep. Paul Green
09:15:52	Rep. David Bedey-R
09:16:10	Rep. Paul Green
09:17:01	Rep. David Bedey-R
09:17:56	Rep. Paul Green
09:18:08	Rep. David Bedey-R
09:20:02	Rep. Linda Reksten
09:20:32	Rep. David Bedey-R
09:21:58	Rep. Linda Reksten
09:22:35	Rep. David Bedey-R
09:23:20	Rep. Gary Parry
09:23:40	Rep. David Bedey-R
09:24:05	Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
09:24:35	Rep. David Bedey-R
09:25:23	Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
09:25:30	Rep. Kenneth Walsh
09:26:04	Rep. David Bedey-R
09:26:46	Dana Corson, SOS
09:28:18	Rep. Kenneth Walsh
09:29:34	Dana Corson, SOS
09:30:56	Rep. Michael Yakawich
09:32:04	Dana Corson, SOS
09:33:43	Rep. Michael Yakawich
09:33:48	Dana Corson, SOS

09:34:43	Rep. Kelly Kortum
09:35:24	Dana Corson, SOS
09:36:57	Rep. Kelly Kortum
09:37:03	Dana Corson, SOS
09:37:40	Rep. Bob Phalen
09:38:14	Dana Corson, SOS
09:38:42	Rep. Bob Phalen
09:39:23	Dana Corson, SOS
09:40:10	Rep. Bob Phalen
09:40:15	Dana Corson, SOS
09:40:34	Rep. Bob Phalen
09:40:45	Dana Corson, SOS
09:40:58	Rep. Bob Phalen
09:41:20	Dana Corson, SOS
09:41:30	Rep. Bob Phalen
09:41:41	Rep. Bob Phalen
09:41:43	Dana Corson, SOS
09:42:21	Rep. Frank Smith
09:43:01	Dana Corson, SOS
09:43:24	Rep. Frank Smith
09:43:36	Dana Corson, SOS
09:43:54	Rep. Linda Reksten
09:44:25	Dana Corson, SOS
09:45:29	Rep. Linda Reksten

09:45:48 Dana Corson, SOS
09:47:31 Rep. Tony Brockman
09:48:04 Dana Corson, SOS
09:50:39 Rep. Tony Brockman
09:50:53 Dana Corson, SOS
09:53:38 Rep. Tony Brockman
09:53:53 Dana Corson, SOS
09:54:07 Rep. Tony Brockman
09:54:24 Dana Corson, SOS
09:54:41 Rep. Marta Bertoglio
09:55:03 Dana Corson, SOS
09:56:42 Rep. Bob Phalen
09:57:05 Rep. David Bedey-R
09:58:11 Rep. Julie Dooling
09:58:56 Dana Corson, SOS
10:00:12 Rep. Julie Dooling
10:00:15 Dana Corson, SOS
10:00:35 Regina Plettenberg, MACR

Closing Statement:

10:01:26 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, closed the hearing on HB 173.

Discussion:

10:01:29 Rep. David Bedey-R

HEARING ON HB 186 - Revise dates for special purpose elections

Opening Statement:

10:07:35 Rep. Alice Buckley (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 186, Revise dates for special purpose elections.

Discussion:

10:07:48 Rep. Alice Buckley-D

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Proponent Testimony:

10:11:10 Kelly Lynch, Executive Director, League of Cities and Towns

10:13:47 Mike Veselik, Economic Development Program Manager, City of Bozeman

10:16:00 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders, MACR

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

10:17:51 Dana Corson, Election Coordinator, Montana Secretary of State Office, SOS

Questions from Committee:

10:08:43 Rep. Weatherwax has arrived

10:18:11 Rep. Gary Parry

10:18:39 Rep. Alice Buckley-D

10:18:59 Rep. Denise Baum

10:19:45 Regina Plettenberg, MACR

10:20:55 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

10:21:28 Rep. Alice Buckley-D

10:22:12 Regina Plettenberg, MACR

10:22:45 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

10:22:59 Rep. Michael Yakawich

10:23:26 Dana Corson, SOS
10:24:18 Rep. Running Wolf has left
10:24:59 Rep. Michael Yakawich
10:25:12 Dana Corson, SOS
10:25:44 Rep. Kelly Kortum
10:26:03 Regina Plettenberg, MACR
10:27:29 Rep. Zack Wirth
10:27:55 Rep. Alice Buckley-D
10:28:41 Rep. Bob Phalen
10:28:59 Rep. Alice Buckley-D
10:29:14 Rep. Bob Phalen
10:29:40 Rep. Alice Buckley-D

Closing Statement:

10:30:02 Rep. Alice Buckley (D), HD 63, closed the hearing on HB 186.

Discussion:

10:30:06 Rep. Alice Buckley-D

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

10:55:59 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 80 DO PASS.**

10:55:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

10:57:18 **Motion:** Rep. Paul Green moved that **HB 89 DO PASS.**

10:57:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 109 - Code commissioner bill

10:58:15 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 109 DO PASS.**

10:58:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 119 - Provide funding for public safety pension systems

10:58:54 **Motion:** Rep. Marta Bertoglio moved that **HB 119 DO PASS.**

10:58:54 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 134 - Revise laws related to the armory account

10:59:41 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 134 DO PASS.**

10:59:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

11:00:15 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 143 DO PASS.**

11:00:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 82 - Create Montana national guard enlistment incentive program

11:01:10 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 82 DO PASS.**

11:01:10 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:01:14 **Motion:** Rep. Courtenay Sprunger moved that **HB 82 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:31:16 Recessed

10:55:22 Reconvened
10:55:27 Rep. Running Wolf has arrived
11:02:23 Rebecca Power
11:02:34 Rep. Bob Phalen
11:02:44 Rebecca Power
11:01:14 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
11:03:17 **Motion:** Rep. Courtenay Sprunger moved that **HB 82 BE AMENDED.**
11:03:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
11:04:07 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 82 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
11:04:07 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 135 - Revise administrative provisions of TRS

11:05:10 **Motion:** Rep. Marta Bertoglio moved that **HB 135 DO PASS.**
11:05:10 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
11:05:19 **Motion:** Rep. Marta Bertoglio moved that **HB 135 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:05:40 Rebecca Power
11:06:11 Rep. Kelly Kortum
11:06:19 Rep. Marta Bertoglio
11:05:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
11:07:12 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 135 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
11:07:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 151 - Generally revise building construction procurement laws

11:08:07 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 151 DO PASS.**
11:08:07 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
11:08:35 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 151 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:08:40 Rebecca Power

11:08:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:09:27 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 151 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:10:08 Rebecca Power

11:09:27 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:10:32 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 151 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

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11:10:32 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:12:16

Heather Kellum, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230116STHaad\)](#)