

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

Call to Order: Chair Julie Dooling-R, on January 17, 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. 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. Tony Brockman (R)
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)
Rep. Paul Green (R)
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 190 01/09/2023

HB 196 01/11/2023

HB 199 01/11/2023

Executive Action:

09:28:52 Rep. Green has arrived
09:28:58 Rep. Parry has arrived
09:29:03 Rep. Frazer has arrived
09:36:45 Rep. Brockman has arrived
10:28:47 Rep. Sprunger has left
10:28:56 Vice Chair Kortum has left
10:32:49 Rep. Sprunger has arrived

HEARING ON HB 196 - Revise election laws related to the counting of votes

Opening Statement:

09:01:57 Rep. Lyn Hellegaard (R), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 196, Revise election laws related to the counting of votes.

Proponent Testimony:

09:03:30 Dana Corson, Election Director, Montana Secretary State Office

09:04:25 Loy Chvilicek, Representing Republican Women

[EXHIBIT\(230117STHa1\)](#)

09:08:39 Lisa Bennett, Carbon County Concerned Citizen

09:11:31 Elisabeth Hale, Vote County Volunteer in Helena

Opponent Testimony:

09:12:11 Keegan Medrano, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLU of Montana)

09:14:54 Jennifer Hensley, County of Missoula

09:16:40 Debbie Pierson, Clerks and Records, Flathead County

09:21:20 Eric Semerad, Election Administrator, Gallatin County

09:31:16 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders
(MACR)

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:34:12 Vice Chair Bob Phalen
09:36:01 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
09:39:02 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
09:42:42 Rep. Michael Yakawich
09:47:28 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf
09:47:59 Rep. Ed Stafman
09:50:34 Rep. Linda Reksten
09:52:20 Rep. Tony Brockman
09:54:09 Rep. Denise Baum
09:59:17 Vice Chair Bob Phalen
10:10:09 Rep. Ed Stafman
10:11:16 Rep. Marta Bertoglio
10:12:58 Rep. Ed Stafman
10:14:30 Rep. Paul Green
10:16:32 Rep. Denise Baum
10:21:49 Vice Chair Bob Phalen
10:25:11 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
10:29:07 Rep. Gary Parry
10:31:50 Rep. Ed Stafman

Closing Statement:

10:33:48 Rep. Lyn Hellegaard (R), HD 97, closed the hearing on HB 196.

10:35:29 **Recessed**

10:41:38 **Reconvened**

11:06:49 Rep. Reksten has left

11:27:19 Vice Chair Kortum has arrived

11:38:03 Rep. Green has left

HEARING ON HB 190 - Provide for a state government performance and results act

Opening Statement:

10:41:56 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 190, Provide for a state government performance and results act.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230117STHa2\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230117STHa3\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

11:11:44 Misty Giles, Director, Department for Administration

11:18:23 Amanda Kaster, Director, Natural Resources and Conservation

11:22:56 Chris Dorrington, Director, Department of Environmental Quality

Informational Witness Testimony:

11:37:23 Adam Carpenter, Chief Data Officer, State of Montana

Questions from Committee:

11:37:58 Rep. Denise Baum

11:41:43 Rep. Ed Stafman

11:48:53 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
11:54:07 Rep. Michael Yakawich

Closing Statement:

11:56:25 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, closed the hearing on HB 190.

12:01:33 Rep. Sprunger has left
12:01:41 Rep. Stafman has left
12:01:51 Rep. Parry has left
12:04:10 Rep. Reksten has arrived

HEARING ON HB 199 - Generally revise office of economic development

Opening Statement:

12:00:43 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 199,
Generally revise office of economic development.

Proponent Testimony:

12:02:23 Chris Heggem, Chief of Staff, Governor's Office

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

12:05:34 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, closed the hearing on HB 199.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:06:50

Heather Kellum, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230117STHaad\)](#)