

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Julie Dooling-R, on January 18, 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. 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. Tyson Running Wolf (D)
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 206 01/11/2023

HB 210 01/11/2023

Executive Action:

09:01:50

Committee Discussion:

09:01:54 Rep. Julie Dooling

09:01:56 [EXHIBIT\(230118STHa1\)](#)

09:01:59 [EXHIBIT\(230118STHa2\)](#)

10:20:41

Committee Discussion:

10:21:00 Rep. Julie Dooling

10:21:38 Rebecca Power

10:21:54 Rep. Julie Dooling

10:22:49 Rep. Bob Phalen

10:23:12 Rep. Julie Dooling

HEARING ON HB 206 - Generally revise mill levy election laws

Opening Statement:

09:02:57 Rep. Ron Marshall (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 206, Generally revise mill levy election laws.

Discussion:

09:07:58 Rep. Ron Marshall-R

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

09:08:22 Doug Reisig, Executive Director, Montana Quality Education Coalition (MQEC)

[EXHIBIT\(230118STHa3\)](#)

09:13:10 Daniel Farr, North South East Rural Schools

09:18:18 Shelby Demars, Montana Police Protective Association

09:21:34 Kelly Lynch, Executive Director, Montana League of Cities and Towns

09:24:22 Amanda Curtis, President, Montana Federation of Public Employees

09:26:21 Jason Rittal, Deputy Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACO)

09:28:30 Jasmine Krotkov, Montana Farmer's Union

09:29:10 Sam Forstag, Montana Library Association

09:29:59 Bob Gilbert, City of Colstrip

09:32:37 Chris Hindoien, Mayor, City of Chouteau

09:33:38 Adam Haight, Labors Local 1686

09:34:15 Carter Marsh, Montana Professional Firefighters

09:34:33 Dwayne Preshinger, Montana Hospitals and Nursing Homes

09:35:06 Keegan Medrano, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana

09:35:37 Robin Turner, City of Whitefish

09:36:45 John Finn, Montana Liberian, Lewis and Clark Library

09:38:00 Susie McIntyre, Director, Great Falls Public Library, Montana Library Association

09:39:16 Regina Plettenberg, Legislative Chair, Montana Clerk and Recorders (MACR)

09:41:02 Rich Cowger, Montana Fire Alliance

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:41:53 Bryce Kaatz, Bureau of Chief, Property Assessment Division

Questions from Committee:

09:42:22 Rep. Gregory Frazer

09:43:08 Rep. Ron Marshall-R

09:44:29 Rep. Ed Stafman
09:45:51 Jason Rittal (MACO)
09:47:57 Rep. Ed Stafman
09:48:50 Jason Rittal (MACO)
09:49:31 Rep. Denise Baum
09:50:10 Rep. Ron Marshall-R
09:50:44 Rep. Denise Baum
09:50:58 Rep. Ron Marshall-R
09:52:06 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
09:52:52 Regina Plettenberg (MACR)
09:54:33 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
09:54:42 Regina Plettenberg (MACR)
09:54:56 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
09:54:58 Regina Plettenberg (MACR)
09:55:06 Rep. Tony Brockman
09:55:29 Regina Plettenberg (MACR)
09:55:45 Rep. Bob Phalen
09:56:38 Dough Reisig (MQEC)

Closing Statement:

09:57:52 Rep. Ron Marshall (R), HD 87, closed the hearing on HB 206.

Discussion:

09:57:04 Rep. Running Wolf has arrived
09:57:56 Rep. Ron Marshall-R

HEARING ON HB 210 - Require state agencies to timely pay for services of other state agencies

Opening Statement:

10:06:18 Rep. Ron Marshall (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 210, Require state agencies to timely pay for services of other state agencies.

Discussion:

10:06:21 Rep. Ron Marshall-R

Proponent Testimony:

10:08:36 Will Selph, Department of Justice (DOJ)

[EXHIBIT\(230118STHa4\)](#)

10:11:41 Misty Giles, Director, Department of Administration

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

10:12:39 Jennifer Thompson, State Accountant, Department of Administration

10:13:01 Aislinn Brown, Bureau Chief, Agency Legal Services Bureau

Questions from Committee:

10:13:26 Rep. Kelly Kortum

10:13:35 Will Selph (DOJ)

10:14:20 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

10:14:57 Jennifer Thompson, Department of Administration

10:15:25 Rep. Gary Parry

10:15:56 Will Selph (DOJ)

10:16:35 Rep. Gary Parry

10:16:44 Jennifer Thompson, Department of Administration

10:17:26 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

10:17:53 Misty Giles, Department of Administration

10:18:37 Rep. Linda Reksten

10:18:50 Misty Giles, Department of Administration

Closing Statement:

10:19:41 Rep. Ron Marshall (R), HD 87, closed the hearing on HB 210.

Discussion:

10:19:47 Rep. Ron Marshall-R

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10:20:41

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:23:21

Heather Kellum, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230118STHaad\)](#)