

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Caleb Hinkle-R, on January 19, 2023 at 12:03 PM, in 455

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Caleb Hinkle, Chair (R)
Rep. Lee Deming, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Ed Stafman, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Tony Brockman (R)
Rep. Terry Falk (R)
Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Paul Green (R)
Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Gary Parry (R)
Rep. Amy Regier (R)
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Steve Gist (R)
Rep. Greg Kmetz (R)
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Research Analyst
Katie Reeves, Secretary

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 260 01/17/2023

Executive Action:

HB 150 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 140 DO PASS
HB 167 DO PASS
HB 260 DO PASS AS AMENDED

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 150 - Revise legislative constituent services allowance laws

09:53:55 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **HB 150 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

11:08:38 Rep. Ed Stafman

12:36:01 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **HB 150 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:10:05 Rep. Caleb Hinkle

12:23:20 Recessed

12:34:57 Reconvened

12:37:42 Rep. Marilyn Marler

12:36:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

12:37:06 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **HB 150 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

12:37:06 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 140 - Establishing modernization and risk analysis committee

10:54:21 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **HB 140 DO PASS.**

10:54:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

HEARING ON HB 260 - Revise laws regarding legislative special counsel

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Closing Statement:

10:59:25 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, closed the hearing on HB 260.

Opening Statement:

12:04:24 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 260, Revise laws regarding legislative special counsel.

Questions from Committee:

12:06:55 Rep. Ed Stafman
12:07:41 Rep. Matt Regier-R
12:07:59 Rep. Ed Stafman
12:09:32 Rep. Matt Regier-R
12:10:17 Rep. Ed Stafman
12:10:45 Rep. Matt Regier-R
12:11:16 Rep. Ed Stafman
12:11:32 Rep. Matt Regier-R
12:12:10 Rep. Ed Stafman
12:12:42 Rep. Matt Regier-R
12:13:18 Rep. Marilyn Marler
12:13:37 Rep. Matt Regier-R
12:14:38 Rep. Marilyn Marler
12:15:11 Rep. Matt Regier-R
12:15:33 Rep. Marilyn Marler
12:15:45 Rep. Gary Parry
12:16:19 Rep. Matt Regier-R

12:16:27 Rep. Jonathan Karlen
12:17:04 Rep. Matt Regier-R
12:18:01 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
12:18:31 Rep. Matt Regier-R
12:19:07 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
12:19:16 Rep. Matt Regier-R
12:19:44 Rep. Marilyn Marler
12:20:35 Rep. Matt Regier-R
12:21:34 Rep. Paul Tuss
12:22:11 Rep. Matt Regier-R

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 167 - Revise laws related to legislative leadership exempt staff

12:39:40 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **HB 167 DO PASS.**

12:39:40 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 260 - Revise laws regarding legislative special counsel

12:40:22 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **HB 260 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

12:40:37 Rep. Ed Stafman

12:43:38 **Motion:** Rep. Ed Stafman moved that **HB 260 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

12:45:06 Rep. Terry Falk

12:43:38 **Vote:** Motion failed 9 - 7 by voice vote with Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. Green, Rep. Karlen, Rep. Marler, Rep. Romano, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Tuss, voting yes.
Rep. Romano, By Proxy

12:49:38 **Motion:** Rep. Ed Stafman moved that **HB 260 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

12:49:50 Rep. Paul Green

12:50:40 Joe Kolman

12:50:58 Rep. Gary Parry

12:51:12 Rep. Caleb Hinkle

12:51:27 Rep. Ed Stafman

12:52:56 Rep. Terry Falk

12:53:42 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **HB 260 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:16:34

Katie Reeves, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230119LEHaad\)](#)