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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON (H) STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Julie Dooling-R, on January 23, 2023 at 10:00 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 226 01/16/2023
       HB 232 01/16/2023
Executive Action:

10:01:21

Committee Discussion:

10:01:27   Rep. Julie Dooling

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Committee Discussion:

11:58:44   Rep. Julie Dooling

11:59:01   Rep. Ed Stafman

11:59:07   Rep. Julie Dooling

11:59:32   EXHIBIT(230123STHa2)

11:59:58   EXHIBIT(230123STHa3)

HEARING ON HB 226 - Generally revise pension laws

Opening Statement:

10:01:37   Rep. Terry Moore (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 226, Generally
                  revise pension laws.

Discussion:

10:01:43   Rep. Terry Moore-R

Proponent Testimony:

                  None

Opponent Testimony:

10:23:19   Jason Rittal, Deputy Director, Montana Association of Counties, MACO

10:28:20   Thomas Jodoin, Deputy Director, Montana League of Cities and Towns

10:29:39   Randy Brodehl, Commissioner, Flathead County

10:31:31	Sarah Piper, Montana Federation of Public Employees, MFPE
10:33:33	Al Ekblad, Operating Engineers Local 400
10:35:20	Mario Martinez, Representative, Carpenter's Union
10:36:57	John Forkan, Montana State Building and Construction Trade's Council
10:38:22	Dennis Parman, Executive Director, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA), Coalition of Advocates for Montana

Informational Witness Testimony:

10:40:23	William Holahan, Deputy Director, Public Employees Retirement Administration, MPERA
10:40:51	Steven Gassenberger, Senior Policy Analyst, Pension Integrity Project

Questions from Committee:

10:44:12	Rep. Ed Stafman
10:44:44	Jason Rittal, MACO
10:45:00	Rep. Ed Stafman
10:45:49	Jason Rittal, MACO
10:46:36	Rep. Marta Bertoglio
10:47:08	William Holahan, MPERA
10:48:50	Rep. Paul Green
10:49:26	Sarah Piper, MFPE
10:50:15	Rep. Paul Green
10:50:40	Sarah Piper, MFPE
10:51:09	Rep. Tony Brockman
10:51:38	Commissioner Randy Brodehl, Flathead County
10:52:41	Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
10:53:19	Sarah Piper, MFPE
10:54:46	Rep. Denise Baum

10:55:33	Sarah Piper, MFPE
10:56:37	Rep. Denise Baum
10:57:24	William Holahan, MPERA
10:59:18	Rep. Denise Baum
10:59:20	William Holahan, MPERA
10:59:28	Jason Rittal, MACO
11:00:23	Rep. Gary Parry
11:00:54	Jason Rittal, MACO
11:01:00	Rep. Gary Parry
11:01:34	Jason Rittal, MACO
11:04:06	Rep. Bob Phalen
11:04:26	William Holahan, MPERA
11:04:36	Rep. Bob Phalen
11:04:38	William Holahan, MPERA
11:04:54	Rep. Bob Phalen
11:05:26	Commissioner Randy Brodehl, Flathead County
11:06:27	Rep. Bob Phalen
11:07:26	Rep. Terry Moore-R
11:08:29	Rep. Linda Reksten
11:08:55	Rep. Terry Moore-R
11:09:40	Rep. Linda Reksten
11:10:14	Rep. Terry Moore-R
11:13:32	Rep. Kelly Kortum
11:14:18	William Holahan, MPERA

11:14:24	Rep. Kelly Kortum
11:14:34	William Holahan, MPERA
11:15:19	Rep. Kenneth Walsh
11:15:53	William Holahan, MPERA
11:16:20	Rep. Kenneth Walsh
11:16:45	William Holahan, MPERA
11:17:21	Rep. Michael Yakawich
11:19:03	Thomas Jodoin, Montana League of Cities and Towns
11:19:42	Rep. Michael Yakawich
11:20:11	Jason Rittal, MACO
11:21:18	Rep. Michael Yakawich
11:21:42	Rep. Terry Moore-R
11:23:18	Rep. Paul Green
11:23:41	Jason Rittal, MACO
11:23:55	Rep. Paul Green
11:24:47	Jason Rittal, MACO
11:25:22	William Holahan, MPERA
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11:32:47	Rep. Terry Moore-R
11:34:09	Rep. Bob Phalen
11:34:48	Rep. Terry Moore-R
11:35:07	Rep. Gary Parry
11:35:27	Jason Rittal, MACO

Closing Statement:

| 11:35:47 | Rep. Terry Moore (R), HD 54, closed the hearing on HB 226. |

Discussion:

| 11:35:50 | Rep. Terry Moore-R |

HEARING ON HB 232 - Allow DOA to enter into leases for consolidation purposes without LRBP approval

Opening Statement:

| 11:41:56 | Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 232, Allow DOA to enter into leases for consolidation purposes without LRBP approval. |

Discussion:

| 11:42:00 | Rep. Mike Hopkins-R |

Proponent Testimony:

| 11:43:47 | Misty Giles, Director of Administration, Department of Administration, DOA |

11:45:16   Steve Baiamonte, General Services Administrator, Department of Administration, DOA

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11:49:38   Jim Burrington, Landlord, Self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

11:51:09   Garrett Bacon, Senior Leasing Officer, Department of Administration, DOA

Questions from Committee:

11:51:39   Rep. Marta Bertoglio

11:52:08   Garrett Bacon, DOA

11:53:23   Rep. Kenneth Walsh

11:53:46   Garrett Bacon, DOA

11:53:56   Rep. Kenneth Walsh

11:54:04   Garrett Bacon, DOA

11:55:23   Rep. Julie Dooling

11:55:36   Rep. Mike Hopkins-R

11:56:47   Rep. Julie Dooling

11:57:28   Garrett Bacon, DOA

Closing Statement:

11:58:19   Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, closed the hearing on HB 232.

Discussion:

11:58:21   Rep. Mike Hopkins-R

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:00:27

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Heather Kellum, Secretary

Additional Documents:EXHIBIT(230123STHaad)EXHIBIT(230123STHaad)