

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Julie Dooling-R, on January 25, 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. 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. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

Staff Present: Heather Kellum, Secretary
Rebecca Power, Research Analyst

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

SB 18 01/20/2023

SB 40 01/20/2023

SJ 4 01/20/2023

Executive Action:

HB 180 DO PASS

HB 210 DO PASS AS AMENDED

HEARING ON SB 18 - Add benefit policy statement to pension systems

Opening Statement:

10:01:48 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 18, Add benefit policy statement to pension systems.

Proponent Testimony:

10:04:10 Shawn Graham, Executive Director, Teacher's Retirement System, TRS

10:05:41 Dore Schwinden, Executive Director, Montana Public Employees Retirement, MPERA

10:06:53 Jason Rittal, Deputy Director, Montana Association of Counties, MACO

10:07:11 Sarah Piper, Montana Federation of Public Employees, MFPE

10:07:51 Brian Thompson, Association of Montana Retired Public Employees, AMRPE

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

10:09:12 Rep. Kelly Kortum

Closing Statement:

10:10:03 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, closed the hearing on SB 18.

HEARING ON SB 40 - Generally revise laws related to Montana national guard duty status

Opening Statement:

10:11:30 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 40, Generally revise laws related to Montana national guard duty status.

Proponent Testimony:

10:14:36 Major General J.P. Hronek, Director, Department of Military Affairs, DMA

10:18:04 Roger Hagan, Montana Officer and Enlisted Associations of National Guard

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

10:19:43 Trent Gibson, Director, Youth Challenge Academy

10:20:00 Lieutenant Colonel, LTC Noah Genger, Commander of 189th Aviation Battalion

Questions from Committee:

10:20:27 Rep. Michael Yakawich

10:21:21 Rep. Bob Phalen

10:22:56 Rep. Linda Reksten

10:24:32 Rep. Paul Green

10:26:40 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

10:27:39 Rep. Gary Parry

10:28:50 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

10:31:43 Rep. Paul Green

10:32:53 Rep. Bob Phalen

Closing Statement:

10:34:14 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, closed the hearing on SB 40.

HEARING ON SJ 4 - Provide for interim study of PERS and TRS

Opening Statement:

10:37:34 Sen. Wendy McKamey (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SJ 4, Provide for interim study of PERS and TRS.

Proponent Testimony:

10:40:12 Shawn Graham, Executive Director, Teacher's Retirement System, TRS

10:41:33 Dore Schwinden, Executive Director, Montana Public Employees Retirement Association, MPERA

10:42:48 Sarah Piper, Montana Federation of Public Employees, MFPE

10:44:18 Randy Brodehl, Montana Association of Counties, MACO

10:45:07 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties, MACO

10:45:52 Brian Thompson, Association of Montana Retired Public Employees, AMRPE

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

10:47:22 Rep. Gary Parry

10:52:05 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

10:56:56 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf

10:59:13 Rep. Marta Bertoglio

11:01:21 Rep. Gary Parry

Closing Statement:

11:02:45 Sen. Wendy McKamey (R), SD 19, closed the hearing on SJ 4.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 180 - Revise municipal police officers retirement laws

11:17:51 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 180 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

11:04:20 Recessed

11:17:39 Reconvened

11:18:26 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

11:19:12 Rebecca Power

11:19:53 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

11:21:00 Rep. Gary Parry

11:21:17 Rep. Julie Dooling

11:21:36 Rep. Gregory Frazer

11:22:26 Rep. Denise Baum

11:17:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

11:23:47 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 210 DO PASS.**

11:24:08 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 210 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:22:45 Rep. Green has left

11:24:30 Rebecca Power

11:24:08 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:26:11 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 210 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

11:26:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:30:21

Heather Kellum, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230125STHaad\)](#)