

**MINUTES**  
**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**  
**COMMITTEE ON (H) JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG RANGE**  
**PLANNING**

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Mike Hopkins-R, on January 30, 2023 at 8:02 AM, in 317B

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Mike Hopkins, Chair (R)  
Sen. Mike Cuffe, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)  
Rep. John Fitzpatrick (R)  
Sen. Mike Lang (R)  
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Matt Regier (R)

**Staff Present:** Katy Callon, Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
Sara Fleming, 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 10 01/27/2023

HB 5 01/27/2023

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HB 5 - Long-range building appropriations**

**Opening Statement:**

08:03:22 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 5, Long-range building appropriations.

**Questions from Committee:**

08:03:25 Russ Katherman, Administrator, Architecture and Engineering Division, Department of Administration (DOA)

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08:12:45 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

08:13:37 Russ Katherman, DOA

08:14:36 Sen. Mike Cuffe

08:14:43 Russ Katherman, DOA

08:22:19 Rep. Paul Tuss

08:22:40 Tim Conway, Aeronautics Administrator, Department of Transportation (MDT)

08:23:51 Sen. Mike Cuffe

08:25:21 Tim Conway, MDT

08:25:38 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

08:25:40 Tim Conway, MDT

08:26:59 Sen. Ellie Boldman

08:27:25 Tim Conway, MDT

08:31:09 Sen. Mike Cuffe

08:31:22 Tim Conway, MDT

08:32:32 Rep. Paul Tuss

08:33:47 Tim Conway, DOT

08:34:27 Sen. Mike Cuffe

08:34:47 Sen. Mike Lang

08:34:59 Tim Conway, DOT

08:35:29 Russ Katherman, DOA

08:36:59 Marina Little, Design Engineering Manager, Architecture and Engineering  
Division Department of Administration

08:38:12 Jon Swartz, Maintenance Division Administrator, Department of  
Transportation (MDT)

08:40:12 Sen. Mike Lang

08:40:18 Jon Swartz, MDT

08:40:59 Marina Little, DOA

08:41:25 Jon Swartz, MDT

08:44:22 Sen. Mike Lang

08:44:40 Jon Swartz, MDT

08:44:48 Rep. Mike Hopkins left the meeting.

08:45:05 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

08:45:08 Jon Swartz, MDT

08:45:47 Sen. Mike Cuffe

08:46:13 Jon Swartz, MDT

08:47:24 Rep. Mike Hopkins joined the meeting.

08:51:51 Marina Little, DOA

08:52:34 Mike Murolo, Facilities Bureau Chief, Department of Transportation (MDT)

08:54:36 Rep. Paul Tuss

08:55:42 Mike Murolo, MDT  
08:55:53 Sen. Mike Lang  
08:56:06 Mike Murolo, MDT  
08:57:28 Russ Katherman, DOA  
08:58:11 Rep. Mike Hopkins  
09:00:57 Rep. John Fitzpatrick  
09:01:19 Russ Katherman, DOA  
09:02:15 Rep. Paul Tuss left the meeting.  
09:02:44 Sen. Mike Cuffe  
09:05:08 Rep. Mike Hopkins  
09:05:14 Rep. Paul Tuss joined the meeting.  
09:05:20 Rep. John Fitzpatrick  
09:05:30 Jason Harlow, Governor's Office Of Budget and Planning (OBPP)  
09:06:15 Rep. Mike Hopkins

**HEARING ON HB 10 - Long-range information technology financings and appropriations**

**Opening Statement:**

09:07:20 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 10, Long-range information technology financings and appropriations.

**Questions from Committee:**

09:14:03 Katy Callon  
09:14:17 Rep. Mike Hopkins left the meeting.  
09:18:21 Rep. Paul Tuss  
09:20:08 Sen. Ellie Boldman

09:20:46 Kevin Gilbertson, Chief Information Officer, Department of Administration (DOA)

09:33:37 Rep. Mike Hopkins joined the meeting.

09:33:41 Sen. Mike Cuffe

09:33:49 Kevin Gilbertson, DOA

09:35:44 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

09:36:01 Kevin Gilbertson, DOA

09:39:00 Rep. Paul Tuss

09:39:35 Kevin Gilbertson, DOA

09:42:44 Sen. Ellie Boldman

09:43:54 Kevin Gilbertson, DOA

09:46:06 Sen. Mike Lang

09:46:27 Kevin Gilbertson, DOA

09:48:56 Sen. Mike Cuffe

09:51:03 Kevin Gilbertson, DOA

09:55:04 Rep. Mike Hopkins

09:56:10 Jason Harlow, OBPP

09:57:08 Recessed

10:13:12 Reconvened

10:13:18 Katy Callon

10:13:46 Matt Vensyckle, Chief Technology Officer, Department of Administration (DOA)

10:19:29 Sen. Mike Lang

10:19:54 Matt Vensyckle, DOA

10:20:43 Andy Hanks, Chief Information Security Officer, Department of Administration (DOA)

10:26:30 Sen. Ellie Boldman left the meeting.

10:32:38 Don Harris, Chief Legal Council, Department of Administration (DOA)

10:35:10 Rep. Mike Hopkins

10:35:27 Zach Coccoli, Deputy Director, Department of Agriculture (MDA)

10:38:23 Sen. Mike Lang

10:38:43 Zach Coccoli, MDA

10:40:12 Mike Honeycutt, Executive Office, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL)

10:52:52 Sen. Mike Lang

10:53:09 Mike Honeycutt, MDOL

10:53:57 Sen. Mike Cuffe

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10:58:59 Tyler Redden, Acting Chief Information Officer, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

11:04:33 Sen. Mike Lang

11:05:06 Tyler Redden, DNRC

11:06:09 Shawn Thomas, Division Administrator, Forreest Management Bureau. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DNRC)

11:08:09 Anna Pakenham-Stevenson, water division administrator, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

11:08:53 Sen. Mike Lang

11:09:33 Anna Pakenham-Stevenson, DNRC

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:22:33

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Sara Fleming, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230130JLHaad\)](#)