

**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 31, 2023 at 8:07 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 5 01/31/2023

HB 10 01/31/2023

Executive Action:

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

**Opening Statement:**

08:07:47 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 5, Long-range building appropriations.

**Questions from Committee:**

08:07:54 Catherine Duncan. Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

08:08:23 Public Safety Committee Roll Call  
Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Sen. Vance  
Excused

08:12:34 Sen. Mike Cuffe

08:15:15 Russ Katherman, Administrator, Architecture and Engineering Division,  
Department of Administration (DOA)

08:15:53 Sen. Ellie Boldman left the meeting.

08:20:41 Rep. Paul Tuss left the meeting.

08:31:45 Chair Mercer

08:32:46 Sen. Ellie Boldman joined the meeting.

08:33:38 Russ Katherman, DOA

08:35:23 Sen. Mike Cuffe

08:35:41 Russ Katherman, DOA

08:38:28 Sen. Lynch

08:39:54 Russ Katherman, DOA

08:41:53 Sen. Mike Cuffe left the meeting.

08:44:03 Vice Chair McGillvray

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08:49:01 Russ Katherman, DOA

08:50:45 Marina Little, Design Engineering Manager, Architecture and Engineering Division, Department of Administration (DOA)

08:51:52 Rep. Nave

08:52:10 Marina Little, DOA

08:53:43 Jim Anderson, Public Safety Chief, Department of Corrections (DOC)

08:54:57 Marina Little, DOA

08:56:09 Jim Anderson, DOC

08:56:58 Chair Mercer

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09:01:02 Chair Mercer

09:01:32 Brian Gootkin, Director, Department of Corrections (DOC)

09:01:45 Cynthia Woolkin, Deputy Director, Department of Corrections (DOC)

09:02:41 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

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09:21:11 Marina Little, DOA

09:22:05 Rep. Mike Hopkins left the meeting.

09:22:11 Vice Chair McGillvray

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09:23:04 Russ Katherman, DOA

09:23:32 Rep. Paul Tuss joined the meeting.

09:24:48 Vice Chair McGillvray

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

**Opening Statement:**

11:29:08 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 10, Long-range information technology financings and appropriations.

**Questions from Committee:**

11:29:14 Catherine Duncan, LFD

11:30:01 Rep. Mike Hopkins

11:30:11 Lorri Bakri, Administrator, Montana Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)

11:40:44 Rep. Nave

11:40:58 Lorri Bakri, MVD

11:41:45 Rep. Mike Hopkins

11:43:01 Chair Mercer

11:43:28 Jennifer Fielder, Commissioner, District 4, Montana Public Service Commission

11:45:39 Sen. Mike Lang joined the meeting.

11:56:38 Rep. Mike Hopkins

11:57:06 Brian Gootkin, DOC

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11:59:59 Chair Mercer

12:02:00 Brian Gootkin, DOC

12:02:32 Kevin Gilbertson, Chief Information Officer, Department of Administration (DOA)

12:04:31 Sen. Lynch

12:05:08 Chair Mercer

12:05:47 Rep. Mike Hopkins

**Questions from Committee:**

