

**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 February 02, 2023 at 8:05 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 02/01/2023

Executive Action:

09:13:58

**Committee Discussion:**

09:14:04 Rep. Mike Hopkins

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

**Opening Statement:**

08:06:42 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 5, Long-range building appropriations.

**Questions from Committee:**

08:06:49 Russ Katherman, Administrator, Architecture and Engineering Division, Department of Administration (DOA)

08:08:57 Becky Schlauch, Administrator, Alcohol Beverage Control Division, Department of Revenue (DOR)

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08:14:02 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

08:14:22 Russ Katherman, DOA

08:15:22 Rep. Paul Tuss

08:15:52 Russ Katherman, DOA

08:16:06 Becky Schlauch, DOR

08:16:44 Sen. Mike Cuffe

08:17:12 Rep. Mike Hopkins

08:17:41 Sen. Mike Cuffe

08:17:57 Russ Katherman, DOA

08:19:25 Sen. Mike Lang

08:20:12 Becky Schlauch, DOR

08:20:49 Ross Katherman, DOA

08:21:11 Jason Harlow, Governor's Office of Budget and Planning (OBPP)

08:21:46 Sen. Mike Cuffe

08:22:33 Rep. Mike Hopkins

08:23:00 Marina Little, Planning Manager, Architecture and Engineering Division,  
Department of Administration (DOA)

08:24:02 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

08:24:22 Wyatt Frampton, Acting Deputy Director, Forestry Division, Department  
Natural Resources and Conversation (DNRC)

08:25:07 Sen. Mike Lang

08:25:12 Marina Little, DOA

08:25:23 Wyatt Frampton, DNRC

08:26:39 Marina Little, DOA

08:27:40 Randy Stephens, Planning Manager, Architecture and Engineering  
Division , Department of Administration (DOA)

08:28:33 Wyatt Frampton, DNRC

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08:30:18 Randy Stephens, DOA

08:32:32 Rep. Mike Hopkins

08:33:18 Wyatt Frampton, DNRC

08:33:41 Randy Stephens, DOA

08:35:33 Sen. Mike Lang

08:35:52 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

08:36:14 Sen. Mike Cuffe

08:36:31 Randy Stephens, DOA

08:36:58 Wyatt Frampton, DNRC

08:37:45 Sen. Mike Cuffe

08:38:02 Rep. Mike Hopkins

08:39:05 Wyatt Frampton, DNRC

08:41:12 Randy Stephens, DOA

08:43:08 Marina Little, DOA

08:45:53 Wesley Feist, Director, State Workforce Innovation Board

08:47:49 Sen. Mike Cuffe left the meeting.

08:48:40 Marina Little. DOA

08:49:51 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

08:50:33 Marina Little, DOA

08:51:39 Rep. Mike Hopkins

08:52:06 Marina Little. DOA

08:54:00 Russ Katherman, DOA

08:54:17 Kurt Sager, Lieutenant Colonel, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)

08:56:42 Russ Katherman, DOA

08:57:25 Justin Braun, Administrator, Montana Law Enforcement Academy (MLEA)

08:59:07 Marina Little, DOA

09:03:08 Rep. Mike Hopkins

09:03:32 Donna Schmidt, Business Manager, Montana School for the Deaf and Blind

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09:09:10 Russ Katherman, DOA

09:09:34 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

09:10:22 Russ Katherman, DOA  
09:12:17 Rep. Mike Hopkins  
09:12:33 Russ Katherman, DOA  
09:13:29 Rep. John Fitzpatrick  
09:13:45 Rep. Mike Hopkins  
09:13:58

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 09:16:00

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Sara Fleming, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230202JLHaad\)](#)