

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Julie Dooling-R, on February 02, 2023 at 9:01 AM, in 455

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Julie Dooling, Chair (R)  
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. Kelly Kortum (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 309 01/27/2023

HB 314 01/27/2023

HB 316 01/27/2023

HB 319 01/30/2023

Executive Action:

09:02:10

**Committee Discussion:**

09:02:13 Rep. Julie Dooling

09:04:02 Rep. Bob Phalen

09:03:27 Vice Chair Phalen assumed the Chair

09:03:49 Rep. Dooling has left

10:45:43

**Committee Discussion:**

10:45:46 Rebecca Power

**HEARING ON HB 319 - Revise laws related to FURS membership**

**Opening Statement:**

09:04:24 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 319, Revise laws related to FURS membership.

**Discussion:**

09:04:30 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald-R

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:05:58 Carter Marsh, Montana State Firemen's Association, MSFA

09:09:48 Brad Roe, Local Fire Department 2457

09:11:57 George Erickson, Local Fire Department 2457

09:14:12 William Holahan, Deputy Director, Public Employees Retirement Association, MPERA

**Opponent Testimony:**

09:16:06 Tom Ebezery, Attorney, Montana Airport Management Association ,  
MAMA

09:20:04 Ross Marty, Secretary Treasure, Montana Airport Managers Association,  
MAMA

09:22:00 Shane Ketterling, Assistant Director, City of Billings Logan Airport,  
Montana Airport Management Association , MAMA

09:27:45 Ian McKay, Montana Airport Management Association, MAMA

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

09:34:06 Rep. Paul Green

09:34:41 Carter Marsh, MSFA

09:35:27 Rep. Paul Green

09:35:36 Carter Marsh, MSFA

09:36:10 Rep. Denise Baum

09:36:54 William Holahan, MPERA

09:37:51 Rep. Denise Baum

09:38:12 William Holahan, MPERA

09:38:43 Rep. Denise Baum

09:38:57 William Holahan, MPERA

09:39:06 Rep. Linda Reksten

09:39:34 William Holahan, MPERA

09:39:56 Rep. Linda Reksten

09:40:02 William Holahan, MPERA

09:40:25 Rep. Linda Reksten

09:40:28 William Holahan, MPERA

09:41:04 Rep. Gary Parry  
09:41:22 Carter Marsh, MSFA  
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09:42:25 Rep. Gary Parry  
09:42:32 Carter Marsh, MSFA  
09:42:39 Rep. Gary Parry  
09:42:44 Carter Marsh, MSFA  
09:43:39 Rep. Gregory Frazer  
09:44:42 Carter Marsh, MSFA  
09:45:45 Rep. Kenneth Walsh  
09:46:19 Tom Ebezery, MAMA  
09:47:03 Rep. Kenneth Walsh  
09:47:44 William Holahan, MPERA  
09:49:12 Rep. Kenneth Walsh  
09:49:33 William Holahan, MPERA  
09:49:54 Rep. Kenneth Walsh  
09:50:06 William Holahan, MPERA  
09:50:31 Rep. Tony Brockman  
09:51:10 Carter Marsh, MSFA  
09:52:01 Rep. Tony Brockman  
09:52:16 Carter Marsh, MSFA  
09:53:43 Rep. Tony Brockman  
09:53:57 Carter Marsh, MSFA  
09:54:21 Rep. Michael Yakawich

09:55:16 Shane Ketterling, MAMA  
09:56:25 Rep. Denise Baum  
09:57:25 Shane Ketterling, MAMA  
09:58:42 Rep. Denise Baum  
09:59:03 Shane Ketterling, MAMA

**Closing Statement:**

09:59:55 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, closed the hearing on HB 319.

**Discussion:**

09:59:59 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald-R

**HEARING ON HB 309 - Revise voting requirements of quasi-judicial boards**

**Opening Statement:**

10:05:52 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 309, Revise voting requirements of quasi-judicial boards.

**Discussion:**

09:30:23 Rep. Kortum has arrived  
09:54:11 Rep. Sprunger has left  
10:06:00 Rep. Tony Brockman-R

**Proponent Testimony:**

10:07:43 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor, Governor's Office

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

10:11:06 Rep. Michael Yakawich

10:12:02 Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras  
10:12:26 Rep. Michael Yakawich  
10:12:38 Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras  
10:13:26 Rep. Michael Yakawich  
10:13:45 Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras  
10:14:29 Rep. Gary Parry  
10:14:51 Rep. Bertoglio has left  
10:15:07 Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras  
10:15:18 Vice Chair Kortum  
10:15:36 Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras  
10:16:16 Rep. Denise Baum  
10:17:08 Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras

**Closing Statement:**

10:17:52 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, closed the hearing on HB 309.

**Discussion:**

10:17:55 Rep. Tony Brockman-R

**HEARING ON HB 314 - Revise compensation for members of boards, commissions, and councils**

**Opening Statement:**

10:19:21 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 314, Revise compensation for members of boards, commissions, and councils.

**Discussion:**

10:19:23 Rep. Tony Brockman-R

**Proponent Testimony:**

10:20:34 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor, Governor's Office

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

10:24:12 Steve Story, Chief of Water Operations Bureau, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, DNRC

**Questions from Committee:**

10:24:59 Rep. Linda Reksten  
10:25:18 Steve Story, DNRC  
10:25:56 Rep. Gary Parry  
10:26:36 Rep. Tony Brockman-R  
10:27:58 Rep. Kenneth Walsh  
10:28:39 Rep. Tony Brockman-R  
10:29:03 Rep. Denise Baum  
10:29:42 Rep. Tony Brockman-R  
10:30:01 Rep. Linda Reksten  
10:30:16 Rep. Tony Brockman-R  
10:30:29 Steve Story, DNRC  
10:31:12 Rep. Linda Reksten  
10:31:27 Steve Story, DNRC  
10:31:46 Rep. Paul Green  
10:31:50 Rep. Tony Brockman-R  
10:32:18 Rep. Bob Phalen  
10:32:24 Rep. Tony Brockman-R

**Closing Statement:**

10:32:38 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, closed the hearing on HB 314.

**Discussion:**

10:32:40 Rep. Tony Brockman-R

**HEARING ON HB 316 - Generally revise laws related to advisory councils**

**Opening Statement:**

10:33:17 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 316,  
Generally revise laws related to advisory councils.

**Discussion:**

10:33:25 Rep. Tony Brockman-R

**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

10:36:13 Rep. Zack Wirth  
10:36:38 Rep. Tony Brockman-R  
10:37:06 Rep. Linda Reksten  
10:37:26 Rep. Tony Brockman-R  
10:38:01 Rep. Michael Yakawich  
10:39:13 Rep. Tony Brockman-R  
10:41:03 Rep. Michael Yakawich  
10:41:33 Rep. Tony Brockman-R  
10:42:24 Rep. Frank Smith  
10:42:51 Rep. Tony Brockman-R

10:43:28 Rep. Linda Reksten

10:43:54 Rep. Tony Brockman-R

**Closing Statement:**

10:44:25 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, closed the hearing on HB 316.

**Discussion:**

10:44:28 Rep. Tony Brockman-R

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09:03:27 Vice Chair Phalen assumed the Chair

09:03:49 Rep. Dooling has left

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:47:08

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Heather Kellum, Secretary

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