

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Julie Dooling-R, on February 06, 2023 at 9:01 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. Gary Parry (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. Paul Green (R)
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)
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 348 01/30/2023

Executive Action:

HB 216 TO TABLE
HB 264 DO PASS
HB 269 DO PASS
HB 281 DO PASS

HB 298 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 306 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 329 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 208 TO TABLE

09:02:49

Committee Discussion:

09:02:53 Rep. Julie Dooling

09:11:12 Rep. Julie Dooling

11:05:04

Committee Discussion:

11:05:10 Rep. Julie Dooling

HEARING ON HB 348 - Revise laws related to state government employee directories

Opening Statement:

09:03:23 Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HB 348, Revise laws related to state government employee directories.

Discussion:

09:03:25 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

Proponent Testimony:

09:05:56 Rhonda Wiggers, Montana Broadcasters Association, MBA

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:07:48 Rep. Tony Brockman

09:08:22 Rep. Kenneth Walsh-R

09:08:41 Rep. Denise Baum

09:09:32 Rep. Kenneth Walsh-R

Closing Statement:

09:10:14 Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R), HD 71, closed the hearing on HB 348.

Discussion:

09:10:17 Rep. Kenneth Walsh-R

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 216 - Generally revise laws related to public employees and labor organizations

10:18:20 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 216 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:18:31 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

10:19:08 Rep. Tony Brockman

10:19:34 Rep. Gregory Frazer

10:22:39 Rep. Denise Baum

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10:24:07 Rep. Marta Bertoglio

10:24:55 Rep. Michael Yakawich

10:26:24 Rep. Gary Parry

10:27:37 Rep. Julie Dooling

10:30:18 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Gary Parry moved that **HB 216 TO TABLE.**

10:30:18 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried 17 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Phalen, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 264 - Establish decennial veterans' long term care needs study

10:31:35 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 264 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:32:00 Heather Kellum
10:32:04 Rep. Marta Bertoglio
10:32:21 Rep. Kelly Kortum
10:31:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 269 - Establish a local disaster resiliency fund

10:33:27 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 269 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:33:41 Heather Kellum
10:33:44 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
10:34:18 Rep. Bob Phalen
10:34:44 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
10:35:22 Rep. Bob Phalen
10:35:45 Rep. Gregory Frazer
10:37:01 Rep. Marta Bertoglio
10:37:25 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf
10:37:49 Rep. Tony Brockman
10:38:27 Rep. Gary Parry
10:39:15 Rep. Bob Phalen
10:33:27 **Vote:** Motion carried 17 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Phalen, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 281 - Revise the burial preservation board member terms

10:40:57 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 281 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:41:13 Heather Kellum
10:41:20 Rep. Tony Brockman
10:41:40 Rep. Denise Baum
10:41:58 Rep. Gary Parry

10:43:04 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf
10:40:57 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 298 - Revise board of veterans affairs laws

10:44:35 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 298 DO PASS.**
Discussion:
10:44:45 Heather Kellum
10:44:53 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf
10:45:02 **Motion:** Rep. Tyson Running Wolf moved that **HB 298 BE AMENDED.**
Discussion:
10:45:22 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf
10:46:00 Rep. Marta Bertoglio
10:45:02 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
10:46:35 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 298 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Discussion:
10:46:49 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf
10:46:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 306 - Require candidates for office be registered to vote

10:49:16 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 306 DO PASS.**
Discussion:
10:48:23 Heather Kellum
10:48:39 Rep. Michael Yakawich
10:49:30 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
10:49:36 **Motion:** Rep. Kenneth Walsh moved that **HB 306 BE AMENDED.**
Discussion:
10:50:04 Rebecca Power
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10:50:44 Rep. Tony Brockman

10:49:36 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 5 by voice vote with Rep. Baum, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Running Wolf, Rep. Smith, Rep. Weatherwax, voting no.
Rep. Weatherwax, By Proxy

10:52:29 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 306 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:52:43 Rep. Ed Stafman

10:54:25 Rep. Kelly Kortum

10:55:05 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf

10:52:29 **Vote:** Motion carried 11 - 7 by voice vote with Rep. Baum, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Running Wolf, Rep. Smith, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Walsh, Rep. Weatherwax, voting no.
Rep. Weatherwax, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 329 - Allow state employees to use paid sick leave for child related events

10:57:15 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 329 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:57:23 Heather Kellum

10:57:38 Rep. Kelly Kortum

10:58:14 **Motion:** Rep. Kenneth Walsh moved that **HB 329 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:58:45 Rebecca Power

10:58:14 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:59:35 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 329 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

10:59:35 **Vote:** Motion carried 17 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Phalen, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 208 - Revise laws relating to state employee travel

11:00:32 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Phalen moved that **HB 208 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

09:11:36 Recessed
10:16:41 Reconvened
11:00:56 Rep. Julie Dooling
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[EXHIBIT\(230206STHa4\)](#)
11:01:47 Rep. Marta Bertoglio
11:02:32 Rep. Denise Baum
[EXHIBIT\(230206STHa5\)](#)
11:03:58 Rep. Ed Stafman
11:04:23 Rep. Kelly Kortum
11:04:27 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Kelly Kortum moved that **HB 208 TO TABLE.**
Discussion:
09:02:49
11:05:04
11:04:27 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:05:47

Heather Kellum, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230206STHaad\)](#)