

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Julie Dooling-R, on February 10, 2023 at 9:00 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. Paul Green (R)
Rep. Gary Parry (R)
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)
Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R)
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)
Rep. Zack Wirth (R)
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)
Rep. Tyson Running Wolf (D)
Rep. Frank Smith (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 400 02/06/2023

HB 402 02/06/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 402 - Revise elector registration laws

Opening Statement:

09:01:43 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 402, Revise elector registration laws.

Proponent Testimony:

09:05:42 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders, MACR

Opponent Testimony:

09:09:07 Keegan Madrano, American Civil Liberties Union, ACLU

09:13:10 Lant Barney, Private Citizen

09:15:13 Mary Beveridge, Private Citizen

09:16:51 Robyn Morrison, The League of Women Voters of Montana

09:20:00 Alan Lackey, Private Citizen

09:21:36 Kathy Love, Private Citizen

09:23:03 Terri Lackey, Private Citizen

09:24:10 Ta'jin Perez, Deputy Director, Western Native Voice

09:26:18 Ashley Melwani, Immigration Attorney, Private Citizen

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:29:12 Rep. Linda Reksten

09:32:29 Rep. Michael Yakawich

09:37:29 Rep. Kelly Kortum

09:44:24 Rep. Ed Stafman

09:51:00 Rep. Bob Phalen

09:55:20 Rep. Julie Dooling

09:58:18 Rep. Bob Phalen
09:59:25 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
10:03:07 Rep. Denise Baum
10:07:20 Rep. Julie Dooling
10:07:46 Rep. Bob Phalen
10:10:19 Rep. Julie Dooling
10:11:15 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

Closing Statement:

10:12:30 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, closed the hearing on HB 402.

HEARING ON HB 400 - Require agency reports to legislature to be in writing

Opening Statement:

10:34:25 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 400, Require agency reports to legislature to be in writing.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:05:22 Rep. Frazer has arrived
09:48:48 Rep. Green has left
10:16:00 Recessed
10:32:25 Rep. Green has arrived

10:34:11 Reconvened
10:38:45 Rep. Ed Stafman
10:41:13 Rep. Paul Green
10:44:03 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
10:46:40 Rep. Ed Stafman
10:50:07 Rep. Gary Parry
10:52:26 Rep. Gregory Frazer
10:55:31 Rep. Phalen has left
11:00:39 Rep. Gary Parry

Closing Statement:

11:01:04 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, closed the hearing on HB 400.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:04:44

Heather Kellum, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230210STHaad\)](#)