

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Julie Dooling-R, on February 14, 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. Gregory Frazer (R)
Rep. Paul Green (R)
Rep. Gary Parry (R)
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)
Rep. Tyson Running Wolf (D)
Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)
Rep. Zack Wirth (R)
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Ed Stafman (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 412 02/07/2023

HB 427 02/08/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 427 - Revise military affairs laws regarding worker's compensation

Opening Statement:

09:01:39 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 427, Revise military affairs laws regarding worker's compensation.

Proponent Testimony:

09:04:23 Major General J.P. Hronek, Director, Department of Military Affairs, DMA

09:09:09 Mike Talia, On behalf of Roger Hagan

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:10:58 Major Todd Wayne, Deputy SJ, Montana National Guard

09:11:33 Janae Grotbo, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Military Affairs, DMA

09:12:10 Bill Wheeler, Department of Labor and Industry

09:12:30 Nick Mazanec, Attorney, Montana State Fund, MSF

Questions from Committee:

09:13:03 Rep. Michael Yakawich

09:15:13 Rep. Linda Reksten

09:18:14 Rep. Paul Green

09:19:04 Rep. Denise Baum

09:21:21 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

09:23:32 Rep. Julie Dooling

Closing Statement:

09:25:24 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, closed the hearing on HB 427.

HEARING ON HB 412 - Generally revise code of ethics for public officials and government employees

Opening Statement:

09:26:53 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 412, Generally revise code of ethics for public officials and government employees.

Proponent Testimony:

09:36:41 Bruce Spencer, Montana Judges Association, MJA

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:38:26 Scott Cook, Office of the Commissioner of Political Practices, COPP

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[EXHIBIT\(230214STHa4\)](#)

Questions from Committee:

09:05:52 Rep. Stafman has arrived

09:39:34 Rep. Tony Brockman

09:41:06 Rep. Gary Parry

09:41:41 Rep. Julie Dooling

09:42:12 Rep. Michael Yakawich

09:45:46 Rep. Ed Stafman

09:48:54 Rep. Bob Phalen

09:53:50 Rep. Kelly Kortum

09:55:02 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

09:57:11 Rep. Michael Yakawich
09:59:40 Rep. Bob Phalen
10:01:14 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
10:03:05 Rep. Gary Parry
10:05:55 Rep. Kelly Kortum
10:06:00 Rep. Ed Stafman

Closing Statement:

10:07:43 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, closed the hearing on HB 412.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:12:22

Heather Kellum, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230214STHaad\)](#)