

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Julie Dooling-R, on February 17, 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. Gary Parry (R)  
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R)  
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)  
Rep. Zack Wirth (R)  
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Paul Green (R)  
Rep. Tyson Running Wolf (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 463 02/14/2023

HB 495 02/14/2023

HB 493 02/14/2023

HB 511 02/14/2023

Executive Action:

11:29:22

Rep. Wirth has left

**HEARING ON HB 463 - Establish reporting requirement for food procurement**

**Opening Statement:**

09:02:36 Rep. Katie Sullivan (D), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 463, Establish reporting requirement for food procurement.

**Discussion:**

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**Proponent Testimony:**

09:08:10 Rachel Prevost, Montana Farmer's Union

**Opponent Testimony:**

09:09:25 Megan Holmlund, Chief Procurement Office, Department of Administration, DOA

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

09:11:53 Don Harris, Chief Legal Harris, Department of Administration, DOA

**Questions from Committee:**

09:12:21 Rep. Michael Yakawich

09:14:17 Rep. Tony Brockman

09:17:18 Rep. Linda Reksten

09:18:21 Rep. Denise Baum

**Closing Statement:**

09:21:37 Rep. Katie Sullivan (D), HD 89, closed the hearing on HB 463.

**HEARING ON HB 493 - Generally revise constituent services account laws**

**Opening Statement:**

09:24:07 Rep. Julie Dooling (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 493, Generally revise constituent services account laws.

**Discussion:**

09:23:43 Vice Chair Phalen assumed the Chair

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[EXHIBIT\(230217STHa3\)](#)

**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

09:27:27 Kim Trujillo, Commissioner of Political Practices Offices, COPP

[EXHIBIT\(230217STHa4\)](#)

**Questions from Committee:**

09:32:09 Rep. Michael Yakawich

09:34:45 Rep. Linda Reksten

09:35:41 Rep. Denise Baum

09:37:18 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

**Closing Statement:**

09:39:30 Rep. Julie Dooling (R), HD 70, closed the hearing on HB 493.

**HEARING ON HB 495 - Generally revise laws related to precincts and precinct committees**

**Opening Statement:**

09:40:45 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R), HD 22, opened the hearing on HB 495, Generally revise laws related to precincts and precinct committees.

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:56:02 Lisa Bennett, Private Citizen  
10:03:34 Becky Stockton, Private Citizen  
10:06:28 Karen O'Donnell, Precinct Chair & Private Citizen

**Opponent Testimony:**

10:08:50 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Nation  
10:12:49 Ta'jin Perez, Western Native Voice  
10:17:18 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders, MACR

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

09:40:14 Rep Dooling reassumed the Chair  
10:00:42 Rep. Sprunger has left  
10:24:00 Rep. Marta Bertoglio  
10:26:28 Rep. Parry has left  
10:27:08 Rep. Kelly Kortum  
10:30:21 Rep. Tony Brockman  
10:35:10 Rep. Denise Baum  
10:39:32 Rep. Kenneth Walsh  
10:42:26 Rep. Denise Baum  
10:42:50 Rep. Sprunger has arrived  
10:48:06 Rep. Julie Dooling

**Closing Statement:**

10:50:46 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R), HD 22, closed the hearing on HB 495.

**HEARING ON HB 511 - Revising candidate self-finance laws**

**Opening Statement:**

10:55:10 Rep. Derek Harvey (D), HD 74, opened the hearing on HB 511, Revising candidate self-finance laws.

**Proponent Testimony:**

11:00:05 Greg Larkins, Private Citizen  
11:02:10 Molly Bell, Montana Conservation Voters  
11:03:13 Patrick Yawakie, Private Citizen  
11:04:26 Nicole Gomez, Montana Women Votes  
11:05:18 Ta'jin Perez, Western Native Voice  
11:08:17 Danion Lynn, Private Citizen  
11:09:18 Kiersten Iwai, Forward Montana

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

10:51:10 Rep. Parry has arrived  
10:54:53 Rep. Green has arrived  
11:11:16 Rep. Linda Reksten  
11:14:00 Rep. Kenneth Walsh  
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11:16:43 Rep. Paul Green  
11:17:29 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger  
11:20:11 Rep. Kelly Kortum  
11:20:47 Rep. Stafman has arrived

11:21:45 Rep. Michael Yakawich

11:24:37 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

11:25:14 Rep. Gary Parry

11:26:14 Rep. Julie Dooling

**Closing Statement:**

11:29:02 Rep. Derek Harvey (D), HD 74, closed the hearing on HB 511.

**Discussion:**

11:29:22 Rep. Wirth has left

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:30:25

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Heather Kellum, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230217STHaad\)](#)