

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Caleb Hinkle-R, on February 22, 2023 at 12:01 PM, in 472

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Caleb Hinkle, Chair (R)  
Rep. Lee Deming, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Ed Stafman, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Tony Brockman (R)  
Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R)  
Rep. Steve Gist (R)  
Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D)  
Rep. Greg Kmetz (R)  
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)  
Rep. Gary Parry (R)  
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)  
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)  
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Terry Falk (R)  
Rep. Paul Green (R)  
Rep. Amy Regier (R)

**Staff Present:** Joe Kolman, Research Analyst  
Katie Reeves, Secretary

**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 580 02/16/2023

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HB 580 - Impose reporting requirements for state agencies and departments**

**Opening Statement:**

12:02:15 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 580, Impose reporting requirements for state agencies and departments.

**Proponent Testimony:**

12:09:50 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Center

12:10:03 Rep. Terry Falk joined the meeting.

**Opponent Testimony:**

12:11:26 Misty Ann Giles, Department of Administration

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

12:14:32 Rep. Jonathan Karlen

12:15:19 Rep. Bill Mercer-R

12:17:19 Rep. Tony Brockman

12:19:02 Rep. Bill Mercer-R

12:21:37 Rep. Marilyn Marler

12:22:49 Rep. Bill Mercer-R

12:26:19 Rep. Ed Stafman

12:27:04 Rep. Bill Mercer-R

12:28:21 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

12:28:58 Misty Ann Giles, DOA

12:29:57 Rep. Ed Stafman  
12:30:57 Rep. Bill Mercer-R  
12:31:57 Rep. Jonathan Karlen  
12:32:59 Rep. Bill Mercer-R

**Closing Statement:**

12:35:27 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, closed the hearing on HB 580.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:37:34

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Katie Reeves, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230222LEHaad\)](#)