

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Caleb Hinkle-R, on February 24, 2023 at 12:04 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. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Gary Parry (R)
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Terry Falk (R)
Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Steve Gist (R)
Rep. Paul Green (R)
Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D)
Rep. Greg Kmetz (R)
Rep. Amy Regier (R)
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)

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 607 02/21/2023

HB 626 02/21/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 626 - Revise election laws related to appointment process for legislative vacancy

Opening Statement:

12:05:34 Rep. Paul Fielder (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 626, Revise election laws related to appointment process for legislative vacancy.

Discussion:

12:07:43 Rep. Paul Tuss joined the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

12:09:07 Rep. Jonathan Karlen joined the meeting.

12:09:14 Rep. Steve Gist joined the meeting.

12:10:06 Rep. Greg Kmetz joined the meeting.

12:16:30 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald joined the meeting.

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

12:27:03 Rep. Paul Fielder (R), HD 13, closed the hearing on HB 626.

HEARING ON HB 607 - Revise legislative oversight of administrative rules

Opening Statement:

12:30:04 Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 607, Revise legislative oversight of administrative rules.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

12:38:00 Rep. Marilyn Marler left the meeting.
12:38:16 Rep. Jonathan Karlen left the meeting.
12:42:59 Don Harris

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Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

12:52:01 Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, closed the hearing on HB 607.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:54:12

Katie Reeves, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230224LEHaad\)](#)