

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Julie Dooling-R, on February 24, 2023 at 8:00 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. Linda Reksten (R)
Rep. Tyson Running Wolf (D)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)
Rep. Zack Wirth (R)
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)
Rep. Paul Green (R)
Rep. Gary Parry (R)
Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R)
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 545 02/20/2023
HB 573 02/20/2023
HB 583 02/20/2023
HB 620 02/21/2023
HB 660 02/21/2023
HB 663 02/21/2023

HB 686 02/22/2023
Executive Action:

HB 573 DO PASS
HB 583 PASS CONSIDERATION
HB 545 DO PASS
HB 620 TO TABLE
HB 660 DO PASS
HB 663 DO PASS
HB 686 TO TABLE

HEARING ON HB 573 - Remove contracts under MT Community Service Act from the MT Procurement Act

Opening Statement:

08:01:21 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 573, Remove contracts under MT Community Service Act from the MT Procurement Act.

Proponent Testimony:

08:02:12 Adam Hein, Region Director, Montana Conservation Corp

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Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:05:01 Megan Holmland, State's Procurement Officer, Department of Administration, DOA

08:05:25 Sarah Sadowski, Governor's Office of Community Service

08:05:52 Mark Bostorm, Administrator, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

Questions from Committee:

08:06:25 Rep. Linda Reksten

08:09:48 Rep. Tony Brockman

08:16:35 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

08:18:53 Rep. Gary Parry

08:22:36 Rep. Michael Yakawich

Closing Statement:

08:24:55 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, closed the hearing on HB 573.

HEARING ON HB 663 - Establish a Montana veterans hall of fame

Opening Statement:

08:25:41 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 663, Establish a Montana veterans hall of fame.

Proponent Testimony:

08:28:52 Darren Gaup, Private Citizen

08:29:32 Roger Hagan, Montana Department of the American Legion

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:30:56 Rep. Denise Baum

08:32:19 Rep. Gary Parry

08:33:34 Rep. Linda Reksten

Closing Statement:

08:34:40 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, closed the hearing on HB 663.

HEARING ON HB 660 - Revise notification requirements regarding vacancies on appointed entities

Opening Statement:

08:35:35 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 660, Revise notification requirements regarding vacancies on appointed entities.

Proponent Testimony:

08:36:59 Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras, Governor's Office

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:39:32 Rep. Michael Yakawich

08:40:31 Rep. Kelly Kortum

Closing Statement:

08:42:09 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, closed the hearing on HB 660.

HEARING ON HB 620 - Establish the legal tender act

Opening Statement:

08:42:47 Rep. Joe Read (R), HD 93, opened the hearing on HB 620, Establish the legal tender act.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230224STHa2\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

08:44:20 Laurie Dunagan, Private Citizen

08:45:30 Steve Wagner, Private Citizen

08:50:42 Bob Wagner

[EXHIBIT\(230224STHa3\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230224STHa4\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230224STHa5\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230224STHa6\)](#)

08:54:55 Scott Boulanger, Owner of Grizzly Gold and Silver, Private Citizen

[EXHIBIT\(230224STHa7\)](#)

08:57:34 Dan Scattum, Private Citizen

08:58:25 JP Cortez, Policy Director, Sound Money Defense League

Opponent Testimony:

08:59:47 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties, MACO

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:03:49 Rep. Michael Yakawich

09:06:37 Rep. Bob Phalen

09:09:13 Rep. Frank Smith

09:15:50 Rep. Ed Stafman

Closing Statement:

09:19:17 Rep. Joe Read (R), HD 93, closed the hearing on HB 620.

HEARING ON HB 545 - Revise state laws to recognize creation of US Space Force

Opening Statement:

09:23:27 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 545, Revise state laws to recognize creation of US Space Force.

Proponent Testimony:

09:26:01 Major General J.P. Hronek, Director, Department of Military Affairs, DMA

09:27:28 Roger Hagan, Montana American Legion and National Guard

09:28:59 Tammie Perreault, Department of Defense

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:30:03 Major Todd Wayne, National Guard

Questions from Committee:

08:02:42 Rep. Parry has arrived
08:03:09 Rep. Frazer has arrived
08:28:25 Rep. Sprunger has arrived
08:50:37 Rep. Brockman has left
09:19:01 Rep. Kortum has left
09:30:35 Rep. Gary Parry

Closing Statement:

09:32:53 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, closed the hearing on HB 545.

HEARING ON HB 686 - Revise laws related to job descriptions for elected officials

Opening Statement:

09:44:58 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R), HD 22, opened the hearing on HB 686, Revise laws related to job descriptions for elected officials.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:48:32 Rep. Ed Stafman
09:50:41 Rep. Tony Brockman
09:53:30 Rep. Denise Baum
09:57:02 Rep. Ed Stafman
09:59:30 Rep. Bob Phalen

10:00:31 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

Closing Statement:

10:01:27 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R), HD 22, closed the hearing on HB 686.

HEARING ON HB 583 - Revise occupations and education laws for military license reciprocity

Opening Statement:

10:02:25 Rep. Brad Barker (R), HD 58, opened the hearing on HB 583, Revise occupations and education laws for military license reciprocity.

Discussion:

09:31:29 Rep. Brockman has arrived

09:34:16 Recessed

09:43:46 Reconvened

09:59:16 Rep. Kortum has arrived

[EXHIBIT\(230224STHa8\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

10:05:32 Roger Hagan, Montana American Legion and National Guard

10:06:47 Doug Reisig, Executive Director, Coalition of Advocates

10:08:11 Tammie Perreault, Department of Defense

10:10:20 Diedri Durocher, Montana Dental Hygienist Association

Opponent Testimony:

10:11:37 Clay Ledbetter, Independent Electrical Contractor's Association

10:14:24 Margaret Morgan, Montana Independent Electrical Association

[EXHIBIT\(230224STHa9\)](#)

10:18:43 Amanda Curtis, Montana Federation of Public Employees

[EXHIBIT\(230224STHa10\)](#)

Informational Witness Testimony:

10:20:35 McCall Flynn, Executive Director, Board of Education
10:21:19 Erik Strauss, Employment Standards Division, Department of Labor and
Industry

[EXHIBIT\(230224STHa11\)](#)

Questions from Committee:

10:22:16 Rep. Marta Bertoglio
10:24:32 Rep. Gary Parry
10:27:02 Rep. Marta Bertoglio
10:29:26 Rep. Linda Reksten
10:31:31 Rep. Ed Stafman
10:33:52 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

Closing Statement:

10:32:14 Rep. Brad Barker (R), HD 58, closed the hearing on HB 583.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 573 - Remove contracts under MT Community Service Act
from the MT Procurement Act**

11:21:04 **Motion:** Rep. Kelly Kortum moved that **HB 573 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

11:21:58 Rep. Linda Reksten
11:22:26 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf
11:23:18 Rep. Tony Brockman
11:24:14 Rep. Kelly Kortum
11:21:04 **Vote:** Motion carried 16 - 2 by voice vote with Rep. Dooling, Rep. Kortum,
voting no.
Rep. Dooling, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 583 - Revise occupations and education laws for military license reciprocity

11:25:49 **Motion:** Rep. Kelly Kortum moved that **HB 583 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

11:26:13 Rep. Ed Stafman

11:26:28 Rebecca Power

11:27:14 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Ed Stafman moved that **HB 583 PASS CONSIDERATION.**

Discussion:

11:27:54 Rep. Kelly Kortum

11:28:47 Rebecca Power

11:27:14 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 545 - Revise state laws to recognize creation of US Space Force

11:30:53 **Motion:** Rep. Kelly Kortum moved that **HB 545 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:34:36 Recessed

11:16:24 Rep. Sprunger has left

11:20:55 Reconvened

11:31:04 Rep. Tony Brockman

11:31:15 Rep. Marta Bertoglio

11:30:53 **Vote:** Motion carried 17 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Kortum, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 620 - Establish the legal tender act

11:32:25 **Motion:** Rep. Kelly Kortum moved that **HB 620 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

11:32:54 Rep. Kelly Kortum

11:33:36 Rep. Ed Stafman

- 11:34:04 Rep. Marta Bertoglio
- 11:34:28 Rep. Linda Reksten
- 11:35:22 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
- 11:32:25 **Vote:** Motion failed 12 - 6 by voice vote with Rep. Frazer, Rep. Green, Rep. Parry, Rep. Phalen, Rep. Reksten, Rep. Yakawich, voting yes.
Rep. Green, By Proxy
- 11:37:55 **Motion:** Rep. Kelly Kortum moved that **HB 620 TO TABLE.**
- 11:37:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 660 - Revise notification requirements regarding vacancies on appointed entities

- 11:39:21 **Motion:** Rep. Kelly Kortum moved that **HB 660 DO PASS.**
- 11:39:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 663 - Establish a Montana veterans hall of fame

- 11:40:39 **Motion:** Rep. Kelly Kortum moved that **HB 663 DO PASS.**
- Discussion:**
- 11:41:01 Rep. Linda Reksten
- 11:42:13 Rep. Tony Brockman
- 11:43:00 Roger Hagan, MT American Legion
- 11:44:10 Rep. Gregory Frazer
- 11:44:59 Roger Hagan, MT American Legion
- 11:40:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 686 - Revise laws related to job descriptions for elected officials

- 11:46:18 **Motion:** Rep. Kelly Kortum moved that **HB 686 DO PASS.**
- Discussion:**

- 11:46:52 Rep. Kelly Kortum
- 11:46:18 **Vote:** Motion failed 10 - 8 by voice vote with Rep. Brockman, Rep. Dooling, Rep. Green, Rep. Parry, Rep. Phalen, Rep. Reksten, Rep. Wirth, Rep. Yakawich, voting yes.
Rep. Dooling, Rep. Green, By Proxy
- 11:48:54 **Motion:** Rep. Kelly Kortum moved that **HB 686 TO TABLE.**
- 11:48:54 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:50:19

Heather Kellum, Secretary

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