

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

Call to Order: Chair Caleb Hinkle-R, on February 28, 2023 at 11:01 AM, 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. Terry Falk (R)
Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Steve Gist (R)
Rep. Paul Green (R)
Rep. Greg Kmetz (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Gary Parry (R)
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D)
Rep. Amy Regier (R)
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (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 778 02/23/2023

HB 787 02/23/2023

Executive Action:

HB 714 DO PASS AS AMENDED

HB 739 DO PASS AS AMENDED

HB 755 TO TABLE

HB 778 TO TABLE

HB 787 TO TABLE

11:03:22 **Recessed**

11:06:07 **Reconvened**

HEARING ON HB 778 - Revise laws related to retention of ballots

Opening Statement:

11:06:24 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R), HD 22, opened the hearing on HB 778, Revise laws related to retention of ballots.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

11:09:08 Rep. Terry Falk

11:09:24 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R

11:10:44 Rep. Greg Kmetz

11:10:55 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R

Closing Statement:

11:12:52 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R), HD 22, closed the hearing on HB 778.

HEARING ON HB 787 - Create a federalism commission

Opening Statement:

11:13:10 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R), HD 22, opened the hearing on HB 787,
Create a federalism commission.

Discussion:

11:13:16 Vice Chair Ed Stafman

11:13:18 Rep. Gary Parry

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

11:14:38 Vice Chair Lee Deming

11:15:05 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R

11:15:29 Rep. Greg Kmetz

11:15:38 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R

11:16:22 Rep. Gary Parry

11:17:09 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R

11:17:50 Rep. Paul Green

11:18:17 Joe Kolman

11:18:52 Rep. Gary Parry

11:19:01 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R

11:19:04 Rep. Kenneth Walsh joined the meeting.

Closing Statement:

11:19:26 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R), HD 22, closed the hearing on HB 787.

Discussion:

11:15:13 Rep. Terry Falk left the meeting.
11:15:24 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald left the meeting.
11:15:59 Rep. Terry Falk left the meeting.
11:21:02 **Recessed**
11:42:58 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 714 - Revise laws related to fiscal notes

11:43:09 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **HB 714 DO PASS.**
11:43:34 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **HB 714 BE AMENDED.**
11:43:34 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
11:45:27 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **HB 714 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
11:45:27 **Vote:** Motion carried 11 - 5 by roll call vote with Rep. Karlen, Rep. Marler, Rep. Romano, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Tuss, voting no.
Rep. Karlen, Rep. Tuss, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 739 - Provide exception for agency adoption of administrative rules

11:48:41 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **HB 739 DO PASS.**
11:49:13 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **HB 739 BE AMENDED.**
11:49:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
11:50:23 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **HB 739 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
11:50:23 **Vote:** Motion carried 10 - 6 by roll call vote with Rep. Green, Rep. Karlen, Rep. Marler, Rep. Romano, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Tuss, voting no.
Rep. Karlen, Rep. Tuss, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 755 - Provide for PSC appointments

11:53:41 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **HB 755 DO PASS.**
11:53:41 **Vote:** Motion failed 11 - 5 by voice vote with Rep. Karlen, Rep. Marler, Rep. Romano, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Tuss, voting yes.
Rep. Karlen, Rep. Tuss, By Proxy
12:08:18 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **HB 755 TO TABLE.**

12:08:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 778 - Revise laws related to retention of ballots

11:56:04 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **HB 778 DO PASS.**

11:56:04 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.

11:56:26 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **HB 778 TO TABLE.**

11:56:26 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 787 - Create a federalism commission

12:00:45 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **HB 787 DO PASS.**

12:00:45 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.

12:02:15 **Motion:** Rep. Ed Stafman moved that **HB 787 TO TABLE.**

12:02:15 **Vote:** Motion carried 10 - 6 by roll call vote with Rep. Deming, Rep. Falk, Rep. Gist, Rep. Hinkle, Rep. Kmetz, Rep. Regier, voting no.
Rep. Gist, Rep. Regier, By Proxy

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:04:08

Katie Reeves, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230228LEHaad\)](#)