

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

Call to Order: Chair Julie Dooling-R, on March 14, 2023 at 9:01 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. Paul Green (R)
Rep. Gary Parry (R)
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)
Rep. Tyson Running Wolf (D)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R)
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)
Rep. Zack Wirth (R)
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (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:

SB 30 03/03/2023

SB 56 03/03/2023

SB 61 03/03/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SB 56 - Revising ballot initiative petition forms for consistency with the constitution

Opening Statement:

09:03:11 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 56, Revising ballot initiative petition forms for consistency with the constitution.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:06:19 Vice Chair Bob Phalen

Closing Statement:

09:07:17 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), SD 38, closed the hearing on SB 56.

HEARING ON SB 30 - Repeal Clean Campaign Act

Opening Statement:

09:07:55 Sen. Wendy McKamey (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 30, Repeal Clean Campaign Act.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230314STHa1\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

09:15:13 Chris Gallus, Commissioner of Political Practices

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:18:32 Rep. Denise Baum

09:19:42 Rep. Ed Stafman

Closing Statement:

09:21:56 Sen. Wendy McKamey (R), SD 19, closed the hearing on SB 30.

09:23:35 Rep. Frazer has arrived

HEARING ON SB 61 - Clarify definition of election officials

Opening Statement:

09:24:46 Sen. Janet Ellis (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 61, Clarify definition of election officials.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230314STHa2\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

09:29:47 Chris Gallus, Commissioner of Political Practices

[EXHIBIT\(230314STHa3\)](#)

09:34:32 Evan Preston, Secure Democracy USA

[EXHIBIT\(230314STHa4\)](#)

09:36:23 Robyn Morrison, Members of the League of Women Voters

09:38:17 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders

Opponent Testimony:

09:39:07 Becky Stockton, Chief Election Judge in Lewis and Clark County

09:41:01 Lisa Bennett, Private Citizen

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:48:40 Rep. Michael Yakawich

09:53:14 Chair Julie Dooling

09:59:33 Rep. Linda Reksten

10:01:34 Vice Chair Bob Phalen

10:03:09 Chair Julie Dooling

Closing Statement:

10:03:50 Sen. Janet Ellis (D), SD 41, closed the hearing on SB 61.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:12:47

Heather Kellum, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230314STHaad\)](#)