

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

Call to Order: Chair Julie Dooling-R, on March 16, 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. Gregory Frazer (R)
Rep. Paul Green (R)
Rep. Gary Parry (R)
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)
Rep. Tyson Running Wolf (D)
Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R)
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)
Rep. Zack Wirth (R)
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Frank Smith (D)
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 60 03/10/2023
SB 188 03/10/2023
SB 190 03/10/2023
SB 73 03/11/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SB 60 - Establish enterprise fund for Montana spatial real time network

Opening Statement:

09:03:01 Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on SB 60, Establish enterprise fund for Montana spatial real time network.

Proponent Testimony:

09:04:10 Evan Hammer, Montana State Library

[EXHIBIT\(230316STHa1\)](#)

09:12:08 Larry Hendrickson, Liberty County Commissioner

09:13:39 Brian Thompson, Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:14:59 Dustin Rouse, Montana Department of Transportation

Questions from Committee:

09:15:27 Rep. Paul Green

09:16:59 Rep. Marta Bertoglio

09:18:39 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

09:21:31 Rep. Gary Parry

09:25:50 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

09:28:44 Rep. Linda Reksten

09:31:06 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

09:35:57 Rep. Zack Wirth

09:37:42 Vice Chair Bob Phalen

09:40:11 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf

09:42:56 Chair Julie Dooling

Closing Statement:

09:44:17 Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R), SD 14, closed the hearing on SB 60.

09:46:26 Rep. Weatherwax has arrived

HEARING ON SB 188 - Revising definition of services related to public procurement contracts

Opening Statement:

09:46:20 Sen. Chris Friedel (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 188, Revising definition of services related to public procurement contracts.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230316STHa2\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230316STHa3\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

09:57:00 Joel Peden, Montana Association for Centers for Independent Living

10:04:20 Misty Giles, Department of Administration

10:07:23 Charlie Brereton, Department of Public Health and Human Services

10:14:16 Tom Osborn, North Central Independent Living Services

10:16:36 Patrick Maddison, Nonprofits

Informational Witness Testimony:

10:18:30 Kim Aiken, Department of Public Health and Human Services

10:45:20 Erica Johnston, Department of Public Health and Human Services

Questions from Committee:

10:19:00 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
10:21:24 Rep. Paul Green
10:28:03 Rep. Gregory Frazer
10:30:56 Rep. Tony Brockman
10:42:06 Rep. Gary Parry
10:44:44 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
10:49:35 Rep. Paul Green
10:51:08 Chair Julie Dooling

Closing Statement:

10:54:27 Sen. Chris Friedel (R), SD 26, closed the hearing on SB 188.

HEARING ON SB 190 - Generally revise election laws related to recounts

Opening Statement:

11:01:28 Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R), SD 57, opened the hearing on SB 190,
Generally revise election laws related to recounts.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

11:04:19 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders

Questions from Committee:

11:04:40 Rep. Denise Baum
11:07:43 Rep. Gary Parry
11:08:04 Rep. Michael Yakawich

11:09:59 Rep. Denise Baum
11:11:37 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

Closing Statement:

11:14:05 Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R), SD 57, closed the hearing on SB 190.

HEARING ON SB 73 - Clarify agency's duty to permit inspection for legislative audit purposes

Opening Statement:

11:15:32 Sen. Tom McGillvray (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 73, Clarify agency's duty to permit inspection for legislative audit purposes.

Proponent Testimony:

11:20:39 Sen. Denise Hayman, SD 33
11:37:01 Angus MacIver, Legislative Audit Division
[EXHIBIT\(230316STHa4\)](#)
11:45:38 Debra Butler, Legislative Audit Division
[EXHIBIT\(230316STHa5\)](#)

Opponent Testimony:

11:22:53 Misty Giles, Department of Administration
11:29:24 Don Harris, Department of Administration
11:35:39 Quint Nyman, Montana Federation of Public Employees

Informational Witness Testimony:

11:44:59 Amy Jenks, Department of Administration

Questions from Committee:

11:49:48 Rep. Ed Stafman
11:54:55 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
11:59:02 Rep. Gary Parry

12:01:49 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

12:04:56 Rep. Tony Brockman

12:07:51 Rep. Gregory Frazer

12:12:56 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

12:15:29 Rep. Denise Baum

12:24:38 Chair Julie Dooling

Closing Statement:

12:24:59 Sen. Tom McGillvray (R), SD 23, closed the hearing on SB 73.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:28:47

Heather Kellum, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230316STHaad\)](#)