

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

Call to Order: Chair Bob Phalen-R, on March 27, 2023 at 9:00 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. Paul Green (R)
Rep. Gary Parry (R)
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)
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. Tyson Running Wolf (D)
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 841 03/20/2023

SB 93 03/20/2023

HB 852 03/23/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SB 93 - Generally revising ballot issues

Opening Statement:

09:00:56 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 93, Generally revising ballot issues.

Proponent Testimony:

09:04:43 Jessie Luther, Montana Chamber of Commerce

[EXHIBIT\(230327STHa1\)](#)

09:10:26 Ryan Thompson, Montana Contractors Association

09:12:25 Madison Grady, Montana Association of Realtors

09:13:13 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resources Association

09:14:51 Cary Hagreberg, Montana Bankers Association

09:16:25 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

09:18:27 Matt Vincent, Montana Mining Association

09:19:38 Charles Robison, Montana Chamber of Commerce, Montana Manufacturing Association

09:22:58 Darryl James, Montana Infrastructures Coalition

09:25:08 Elizabeth Hale, Private Citizen

09:25:47 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association

Opponent Testimony:

09:26:53 C.B. Pearson, Private Citizen

[EXHIBIT\(230327STHa2\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230327STHa3\)](#)

09:32:27 Robyn Morrison, League of Women Voters

09:38:04 Mark Anderlick, Montana Democratic Socialists of America

09:42:28 Mark Mackin, Private Citizen

[EXHIBIT\(230327STHa4\)](#)

09:47:02 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center

09:51:51 Carol Mackin, Private Citizen

[EXHIBIT\(230327STHa5\)](#)

09:54:46 Evan Barrett, Private Citizen

09:59:44 John Meyer, Private Citizen

10:03:23 Clare Kearns, Private Citizen

Informational Witness Testimony:

10:05:28 Dana Corson, Secretary of State's Office

10:05:42 Brent Mead, Attorney General's Office

Questions from Committee:

10:06:08 Rep. Paul Green

10:08:10 Vice Chair Bob Phalen

10:08:48 Rep. Linda Reksten

10:13:08 Vice Chair Kelly Kortum

10:17:13 Rep. Courtney Sprunger-R

10:20:26 Rep. Michael Yakawich

10:28:48 Chair Julie Dooling

10:32:53 Rep. Ed Stafman

10:42:55 Rep. Linda Reksten

10:44:09 Rep. Tony Brockman

10:45:50 Vice Chair Bob Phalen

Closing Statement:

10:48:21 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, closed the hearing on SB 93.

HEARING ON HB 852 - Provide for recognition of family members of deceased veterans

Opening Statement:

10:56:03 Rep. Jill Cohenour (D), HD 42, opened the hearing on HB 852, Provide for recognition of family members of deceased veterans.

Proponent Testimony:

10:57:34 Perry Brown, Lewis and Clark Veteran Honor Guard

11:00:18 Mark Colton, Lewis and Clark Veteran Honor Guard

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

11:04:00 Rep. Gary Parry

11:04:40 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

11:06:24 Rep. Linda Reksten

11:07:06 Rep. Frank Smith

11:08:13 Rep. Michael Yakawich

Closing Statement:

11:09:54 Rep. Jill Cohenour (D), HD 42, closed the hearing on HB 852.

HEARING ON HB 841 - Report on full-time equivalents

Opening Statement:

11:11:46 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 841, Report on full-time equivalents.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

11:14:35 Misty Giles, Department of Administration

11:17:08 Amy Sassano, Governor's Office

Informational Witness Testimony:

11:24:42 Anjenette Schafer, State Human Resources Division of Department of Administration

Questions from Committee:

10:55:40 Vice Chair Phalen assumed the chair

11:25:24 Rep. Gary Parry

11:32:11 Rep. Gregory Frazer

11:36:26 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

11:39:01 Rep. Linda Reksten

11:41:49 Rep. Denise Baum

11:47:03 Rep. Gregory Frazer-R

Closing Statement:

11:47:37 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, closed the hearing on HB 841.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:48:35

Heather Kellum, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230327STHaad\)](#)