

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

Call to Order: Chair Caleb Hinkle-R, on April 05, 2023 at 11:57 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. Ross Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Steve Gist (R)
Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D)
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Terry Falk (R)
Rep. Paul Green (R)
Rep. Greg Kmetz (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Gary Parry (R)
Rep. Amy Regier (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:

SB 485 03/30/2023

Executive Action:

SB 278
SB 485

HEARING ON SB 485 - Raising hourly rate of legislator compensation

Opening Statement:

11:58:40 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SB 485, Raising hourly rate of legislator compensation.

Proponent Testimony:

12:00:43 Tom McGillvray, SD 23

12:01:15 Rep. Gary Parry joined the meeting.

12:02:26 Rep. Paul Green joined the meeting.

12:02:52 Rep. Terry Falk joined the meeting.

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

12:07:24 Rep. Gary Parry

12:07:55 Sen. Jason Small-R

12:08:59 Rep. Tony Brockman

12:09:57 Sen. Jason Small-R

12:10:41 Sen. Tom McGillvray

12:11:31 Rep. Terry Falk

12:12:35 Sen. Jason Small-R

12:17:39 Vice Chair Ed Stafman

12:18:14 Sen. Jason Small-R

Closing Statement:

12:18:55 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, closed the hearing on SB 485.

12:21:16 **Recessed**

12:31:03 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 278 - Authorize legislative officer intervention in declaratory judgment action

12:32:04 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **SB 278 BE CONCURRED IN.**

12:32:22 **Motion:** Rep. Jonathan Karlen moved that **SB 278 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

12:34:17 Rep. Steve Gist left the meeting.

12:32:22 **Vote:** Motion tied 8 - 8 roll call vote

12:36:25 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **SB 278 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

12:37:35 Rep. Jonathan Karlen

12:37:50 Joe Kolman

12:36:25 **Vote:** Motion carried 11 - 5 by roll call vote with Rep. Karlen, Rep. Marler, Rep. Romano, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Tuss, voting no.
Rep. Marler, By Proxy

12:39:39 **Motion:** Rep. Jonathan Karlen moved that **SB 278 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

12:40:43 Rep. Tony Brockman

12:41:04 Joe Kolman

12:41:38 Rep. Paul Tuss

12:39:39 **Vote:** Motion carried 11 - 5 by roll call vote with Rep. Deming, Rep. Falk, Rep. Hinkle, Rep. Kmetz, Rep. Regier, voting no.
Rep. Kmetz, Rep. Regier, By Proxy

12:43:07 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **SB 278 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

12:43:23 Vice Chair Ed Stafman

12:44:51 Joe Kolman

12:47:30 Rep. Gary Parry

12:48:14 Joe Kolman

12:43:07 **Vote:** Motion carried 11 - 5 by roll call vote with Rep. Karlen, Rep. Marler, Rep. Romano, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Tuss, voting no.
Rep. Marler, By Proxy

12:43:07 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Paul Green

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 485 - Raising hourly rate of legislator compensation

12:51:14 **Motion:** Rep. Lee Deming moved that **SB 485 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

12:52:00 Rep. Gary Parry

12:52:14 Vice Chair Ed Stafman

12:51:14 **Vote:** Motion carried 12 - 4 by roll call vote with Rep. Brockman, Rep. Hinkle, Rep. Karlen, Rep. Tuss, voting no.

12:51:14 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Gary Parry

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:56:15

Katie Reeves, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230405LEHaad\)](#)