

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

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones-R, on April 13, 2023 at 4:05 PM, in Room 102

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Rep. Bob Keenan, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. David Bedey (R)
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)
Rep. John Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Jane Gillette (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Naarah Hastings (R)
Rep. Lyn Hellegaard (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Terry Falk (R)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Staff Present: Quinn Holzer, Fiscal Analyst
Julie Johnson, Research Analyst
Kathlyn Walker, 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 47 04/13/2023
SB 54 04/13/2023
SB 485 04/13/2023

Executive Action:

SB 93 BE CONCURRED IN
SB 229 BE CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED
SB 148 BE CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED
SB 47

HEARING ON SB 54 - Revise centrally assessed property appraisals

Opening Statement:

16:05:56 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 54, Revise centrally assessed property appraisals.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

16:07:48 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

16:08:02 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

16:08:49 Rep. Jim Hamilton

16:09:40 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

Closing Statement:

16:11:35 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, closed the hearing on SB 54.

HEARING ON SB 47 - Revise commercial drivers license laws to comply with federal requirements

Opening Statement:

16:12:04 Sen. Theresa Manzella (R), SD 85, opened the hearing on SB 47, Revise commercial drivers license laws to comply with federal requirements.

Proponent Testimony:

16:13:55 Larry Flynn, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

16:14:14 Denley Loge, HD 14

16:14:52 Lyn Hellegaard, Executive Director, Montana Transit Association (MTA)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

16:15:18 Sen. Theresa Manzella (R), SD 85, closed the hearing on SB 47.

HEARING ON SB 485 - Raising hourly rate of legislator compensation

Opening Statement:

16:15:49 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SB 485, Raising hourly rate of legislator compensation.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

16:17:42 Rep. Terry Moore

16:18:46 Sen. Jason Small-R

Closing Statement:

16:20:23 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, closed the hearing on SB 485.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 93 - Generally revising ballot issues

- 16:22:07 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 93 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 16:22:07 **Vote:** Motion carried 16 - 7 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.
Rep. Caferro, Rep. Windy Boy, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 229 - Reimburse counties for actual witness costs

- 16:23:47 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 229 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 16:24:25 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 229 BE AMENDED.**
- 16:24:25 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 16:25:32 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 229 BE AMENDED.**
- Discussion:**
- 16:25:43 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter
- 16:26:58 Rep. Bill Mercer
- 16:25:32 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 16:27:43 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 229 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**
- 16:27:43 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 148 - Revise laws regarding legal representation of children

- 16:28:29 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 148 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 16:28:29 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Jennifer Carlson
- 16:28:42 **Motion:** Rep. Bill Mercer moved that **SB 148 BE AMENDED.**
- Discussion:**
- 16:29:48 Vice Chair Caferro joined the meeting.
- 16:34:28 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter
- 16:34:43 Rep. Bill Mercer
- 16:35:49 Rep. Jane Gillette
- 16:37:02 Rep. Bill Mercer
- 16:39:02 Rep. David Bedey

16:39:53 Rep. Jane Gillette
16:39:58 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter
16:40:51 Rep. Fiona Nave
16:42:35 Rep. Bill Mercer
16:44:46 Vice Chair Mary Caferro
16:46:02 move to top Rep. Windy Boy joined the meeting.
16:46:48 Rep. Bill Mercer
16:54:02 Rep. Jane Gillette
16:55:46 Rep. Bill Mercer
16:28:42 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
16:56:48 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 148 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**
16:56:48 **Vote:** Motion carried 19 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Caferro, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 47 - Revise commercial drivers license laws to comply with federal requirements

16:57:35 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 47 BE CONCURRED IN.**
Discussion:
16:58:28 Rep. Paul Tuss
16:57:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
16:57:35 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Scot Kerns

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:02:39

Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230413APHbad\)](#)