

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Julie Dooling-R, on April 19, 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. Tyson Running Wolf (D)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R)  
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)  
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)  
Rep. Zack Wirth (R)  
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Gregory Frazer (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:

Executive Action:

SB 566 TO TABLE  
SB 481

09:02:18           **Recessed**

09:02:50           Rep. Frazer has arrived

10:00:09           **Reconvened**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 566 - Require top two primary for U.S. Senate races**

10:01:13           **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Phalen moved that **SB 566 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

10:01:32           Rep. Gregory Frazer

10:02:06           **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Gregory Frazer moved that **SB 566 TO TABLE.**

10:02:06           **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried 17 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Brockman, voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 481 - Require cast vote records**

10:02:52           **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Phalen moved that **SB 481 TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE.**

10:02:52           **Vote:** Motion carried 12 - 5 by voice vote with Rep. Baum, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Running Wolf, Rep. Smith, Rep. Stafman, voting no.

10:04:38           **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Phalen moved that **SB 481 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

10:05:03           **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Phalen moved that **SB 481 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

10:06:01           Rep. Kenneth Walsh

10:05:03           **Vote:** Motion carried 12 - 6 by voice vote with Rep. Baum, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Running Wolf, Rep. Smith, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Weatherwax, voting no. Rep. Weatherwax, By Proxy

10:07:05           **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Phalen moved that **SB 481 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

10:07:25           Rep. Linda Reksten

10:07:05 **Vote:** Motion carried 12 - 6 by voice vote with Rep. Baum, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Running Wolf, Rep. Smith, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Weatherwax, voting no. Rep. Weatherwax, By Proxy

10:07:05 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Julie Dooling

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:09:38

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Heather Kellum, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230419STHaad\)](#)