

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

Call to Order: Chair Julie Dooling-R, on April 27, 2023 at 9:30 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. Courtenay Sprunger (R)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)
Rep. Zack Wirth (R)
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)
Rep. Tyson Running Wolf (D)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

Staff Present: Heather Kellum, Secretary
Rebecca Power, Research Analyst

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

SJ 19 04/27/2023

Executive Action:

SJ 19
SB 565

09:32:22 Rep. Smith has arrived

HEARING ON SJ 19 - Joint resolution for Honor and Remember Medallion

Opening Statement:

09:32:10 Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SJ 19, Joint resolution for Honor and Remember Medallion.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230427STHa1\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

09:35:16 Kelly Ackerman, Veteran Affairs Division of Department of Military Affairs

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:37:50 Rep. Tony Brockman

09:38:46 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

09:40:50 Vice Chair Bob Phalen

09:41:10 Rep. Frank Smith

Closing Statement:

09:42:15 Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R), SD 19, closed the hearing on SJ 19.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 19 - Joint resolution for Honor and Remember Medallion

09:43:38 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Phalen moved that **SJ 19 BE CONCURRED IN.**

09:43:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:43:38 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Bob Phalen

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 565 - Generally revise primary election and nomination laws

09:45:49 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Phalen moved that **SB 565 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

09:46:11 Vice Chair Kelly Kortum

09:46:41 Rep. Ed Stafman

09:45:49 **Vote:** Motion carried 10 - 8 by voice vote with Rep. Baum, Rep. Frazer, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Running Wolf, Rep. Smith, Rep. Sprunger, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Weatherwax, voting no.
Rep. Running Wolf, Rep. Weatherwax, By Proxy

09:45:49 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Julie Dooling

09:48:27 **Motion:** Vice Chair Phalen moves to Reconsider Action for SB 565 as amended

09:44:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 10 - 8 by voice vote with Rep. Baum, Rep. Frazer, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Running Wolf, Rep. Smith, Rep. Sprunger, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Weatherwax, voting no.
Rep. Running Wolf, Rep. Weatherwax, By Proxy

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:49:38

Heather Kellum, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230427STHaad\)](#)