

MINUTES
MONTANA SENATE
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (S) FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Sen. John Esp-R, on January 12, 2023 at 2:00 PM, in 317

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. John Esp, Chair (R)
Sen. Janet Ellis, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Carl Glimm, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dan Bartel (R)
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. John Fuller (R)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Dennis Lenz (R)
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)
Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)
Sen. Daniel Salomon (R)

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Research Analyst
Joe Triem, Fiscal Analyst
Cy Walsh, 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 126 01/09/2023

Executive Action:

Rules Discussion

Discussion:

14:02:03 Sen. John Esp
14:04:27 Joe Triem
14:05:05 Sen. John Esp
14:04:42 Sen. Morigeau has arrived
14:05:22 Sen. Lynch has arrived
14:05:32 Sen. Salomon has arrived

HEARING ON SB 126 - Provide funding for Montana State Fund

Opening Statement:

14:06:06 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 126, Provide funding for Montana State Fund.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230112FCSa1\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

14:17:42 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association (MLA)
14:19:33 Scott Reichner, Montana Auto Dealers Association (MADA)
14:19:59 David Smith, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)
14:20:38 Adrienne Cotton, Montana Builders Association (MBA)
14:21:18 Duane Williams, Montana Trucking Association (MTA)
14:21:59 Dave Galt, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)
14:22:20 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Association (MFBA)
14:22:57 Ronda Wiggers, National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB)
14:23:54 John Iverson, Independent Insurance Agents of Montana (IIAM)
14:24:10 Laurence Hubbard, self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

14:25:30 Ethan Heverly, Montana State Fund (MSF)

Questions from Committee:

14:26:21 Sen. Tom McGillvray
14:26:53 Sen. Greg Hertz-R
14:27:41 Sen. Daniel Salomon
14:27:48 Ethan Heverly, MSF
14:29:42 Sen. Pat Flowers

14:30:16 Sen. Greg Hertz-R
14:30:25 Sen. Janet Ellis
14:31:04 Sen. Greg Hertz-R
14:32:49 Sen. Carl Glimm
14:33:15 Ethan Heverly, MSF
14:41:08 Sen. John Esp
14:41:37 Ethan Heverly, MSF
14:42:31 Sen. Ryan Lynch
14:42:48 Ethan Heverly, MSF
14:43:00 Sen. Christopher Pope
14:43:20 Sen. Greg Hertz-R
14:43:40 Sen. Shane Morigeau
14:45:07 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

Closing Statement:

14:46:36 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 12, closed the hearing on SB 126.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 14:50:51

Cy Walsh, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230112FCSaad\)](#)