

**MINUTES**  
**MONTANA SENATE**  
**68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**  
**COMMITTEE ON (S) STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Sen. Mike Cuffe-R, on January 16, 2023 at 3:00 PM, in 335

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Sen. Mike Cuffe, Chair (R)  
Sen. Denise Hayman, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Wendy McKamey, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Dan Bartel (R)  
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)  
Sen. Mike Fox (D)  
Sen. Theresa Manzella (R)  
Sen. Mark Noland (R)  
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)

**Staff Present:** Joe Carroll, Attorney  
Daisy Rhodes, 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 60 01/11/2023

SB 61 01/11/2023

SB 66 01/11/2023

SB 73 01/11/2023

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON SB 61 - Clarify definition of election officials**

**Opening Statement:**

15:02:05 Sen. Janet Ellis (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 61, Clarify definition of election officials.

**Discussion:**

[EXHIBIT\(230116STSa1\)](#)

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:07:24 Scott Cook, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)  
15:09:24 Jeff Mangan, self  
15:12:02 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders (MACR)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

15:13:35 Barbra Quinn, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**Questions from Committee:**

15:15:21 Sen. Theresa Manzella  
15:16:16 Sen. Janet Ellis-D  
15:16:33 Joe Carroll  
15:16:42 Sen. Theresa Manzella  
15:17:59 Sen. Janet Ellis-D  
15:20:47 Sen. Mike Cuffe  
15:20:55 Sen. Theresa Manzella  
15:21:30 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
15:23:42 Sen. Theresa Manzella  
15:24:42 Jeff Mangan

15:25:40 Sen. Wendy McKamey  
15:29:04 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
15:30:20 Sen. Wendy McKamey  
15:30:55 Jeff Mangan  
15:31:17 Sen. Mike Cuffe  
15:31:24 Joe Carroll  
15:32:20 Sen. Mike Cuffe  
15:32:25 Sen. Shelley Vance  
15:34:32 Sen. Janet Ellis-D  
15:36:00 Sen. Mike Cuffe  
15:36:08 Sen. Shelley Vance  
15:36:30 Sen. Janet Ellis-D  
15:36:42 Sen. Mark Noland  
15:39:35 Jeff Mangan,  
15:39:56 Sen. Mark Noland  
15:41:11 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
15:43:32 Sen. Dan Bartel  
15:44:17 Sen. Janet Ellis-D  
15:44:27 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
15:45:27 Sen. Dan Bartel  
15:46:19 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
15:47:28 Sen. Dan Bartel  
15:47:42 Jeff Mangan  
15:48:35 Sen. Theresa Manzella

15:49:41 Sen. Mike Cuffe  
15:50:03 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
15:50:50 Sen. Mike Cuffe  
15:51:31 Jeff Mangan  
15:52:56 Sen. Mike Cuffe

**Closing Statement:**

15:54:29 Sen. Janet Ellis (D), SD 41, closed the hearing on SB 61.

**HEARING ON SB 66 - Generally revise laws related to Montana national guard benefits and rights**

**Opening Statement:**

15:56:01 Sen. Mike Fox (D), SD 16, opened the hearing on SB 66, Generally revise laws related to Montana national guard benefits and rights.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:57:53 Major General J. Pete Hronek, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)  
16:01:37 Patrick Yawankie, Blackfeet Tribe

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

16:03:28 Todd Wayne, Montana Army National Guard (MANG)  
16:05:44 Sundi West, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

**Questions from Committee:**

16:06:23 Sen. Denise Hayman  
16:07:16 Sen. Mike Cuffe  
16:07:43 Sen. Denise Hayman  
16:08:07 Major General J. Pete Hronek, DMA  
16:09:27 Sen. Dan Bartel

16:09:53 Todd Wayne, MANG  
16:11:06 Sen. Theresa Manzella  
16:12:19 Major General J. Pete Hronek, DMA  
16:12:32 Sundi West, DMA  
16:12:45 Sen. Mark Noland  
16:14:01 Todd Wayne, MANG  
16:14:55 Sen. Dan Bartel  
16:15:03 Todd Wayne, MANG

**Closing Statement:**

16:15:23 Sen. Mike Fox (D), SD 16, closed the hearing on SB 66.

**HEARING ON SB 73 - Clarify agency's duty to permit inspection for legislative audit purposes**

**Opening Statement:**

16:16:05 Sen. Tom McGillvray (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 73, Clarify agency's duty to permit inspection for legislative audit purposes.

**Discussion:**

[EXHIBIT\(230116STSa2\)](#)

**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

16:23:16 Don Harris, Department of Administration

[EXHIBIT\(230116STSa3\)](#)

16:33:50 Quint Nyman, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

16:35:09 Angus Maciver, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

16:42:20 Debora Butler, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

[EXHIBIT\(230116STSa4\)](#)

16:46:47 Frank Cote, State Auditor's Office (SAO)

**Questions from Committee:**

16:48:31 Sen. Dan Bartel

16:48:57 Angus Maciver, LAD

16:53:43 Sen. Theresa Manzella

**Closing Statement:**

16:54:55 Sen. Tom McGillvray (R), SD 23, closed the hearing on SB 73.

**HEARING ON SB 60 - Establish enterprise fund for Montana spatial real time network**

**Opening Statement:**

16:58:38 Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on SB 60, Establish enterprise fund for Montana spatial real time network.

**Proponent Testimony:**

17:00:30 Evan Hammer, Montana State Library (MSL)

[EXHIBIT\(230116STSa5\)](#)

17:08:26 Dustin Rose, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

[EXHIBIT\(230116STSa6\)](#)

17:13:04 Michael Powell, Montana Association of Geographic Information Professionals (MAGIP)

17:14:19 Wallace Gladstone, National Earthquake Information Center (NEIC)

17:16:54 Larry Hendrickson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

17:17:33 Brian Thompson, Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors (MARLS)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

17:18:46 Sen. Shelley Vance  
17:19:37 Brian Thompson, MARLS  
17:20:26 Evan Hammer, MSL  
17:20:44 Sen. Wendy McKamey  
17:23:32 Evan Hammer, MSL  
17:23:53 Sen. Mark Noland  
17:24:58 Evan Hammer, MSL  
17:25:18 Sen. Dan Bartel  
17:26:08 Evan Hammer, MSL  
17:26:16 Sen. Mike Cuffe  
17:26:25 Sen. Wendy McKamey  
17:26:44 Evan Hammer, MSL  
17:27:17 Sen. Mike Cuffe

**Closing Statement:**

17:27:28 Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel (R), SD 14, closed the hearing on SB 60.

**Committee Discussion:**

17:29:32 Sen. Mike Cuffe  
17:30:01 Joe Carroll  
17:30:49 Sen. Mike Cuffe

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 17:31:31

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Daisy Rhodes, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230116STSaad\)](#)