

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

Call to Order: Chair Mike Cuffe-R, on January 25, 2023 at 3:02 PM, in 335

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Mike Cuffe, Chair (R)
Sen. Denise Hayman, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Mike Fox (D)
Sen. Theresa Manzella (R)
Sen. Mark Noland (R)
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Dan Bartel (R)
Sen. Wendy McKamey (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 51 01/16/2023

Executive Action:

SB 31 DO PASS
SB 60 DO PASS
SB 61 DO PASS AS AMENDED
SB 66 DO PASS
SB 153 TO TABLE
SB 117 DO PASS AS AMENDED

HEARING ON SB 51 - Generally revise procurement

Opening Statement:

- 15:03:05 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 51, Generally revise procurement.
- 15:05:01 Sen. Bartel has arrived

Proponent Testimony:

- 15:05:26 Misty Giles, Director, Department of Administration (DOA)
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- 15:07:51 Vice Chair McKamey has arrived
- 15:14:03 Meghan Holmlund, Department of Administration (DOA)
- 15:15:43 Don Harris, Department of Administration (DOA)
- 15:18:49 K Mita, Bridger Aerospace

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

- 15:22:40 Vice Chair Denise Hayman
- 15:23:28 Don Harris, DOA
- 15:25:25 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey
- 15:25:49 Don Harris, DOA
- 15:26:21 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey
- 15:26:41 Don Harris, DOA
- 15:27:46 Chair Mike Cuffe
- 15:27:53 Sen. Mark Noland
- 15:28:31 Don Harris, DOA

15:29:43 Sen. Mark Noland

15:29:45 Don Harris, DOA

Closing Statement:

15:29:57 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, closed the hearing on SB 51.

15:32:31 **Recessed**

15:39:33 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 31 - Repeal Montana Ballot Interference Prevention Act

15:46:45 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 31 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:39:40 Legal discussion on SB 31 and interim committee votes

15:46:56 Sen. Theresa Manzella

15:49:50 Sen. Mark Noland

15:50:07 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey

15:46:45 **Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 4 by roll call vote with Sen. Bartel, Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Manzella, Sen. Noland, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 60 - Establish enterprise fund for Montana spatial real time network

15:52:03 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 60 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:52:41 Chair Mike Cuffe

15:53:12 Sen. Shelley Vance

15:53:53 Sen. Dan Bartel

15:52:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 61 - Clarify definition of election officials

15:54:45 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 61 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:55:15 Sen. Janet Ellis

15:56:28 Joe Carroll

15:57:44 Sen. Janet Ellis

15:54:45 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.

15:57:53 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 61 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:58:12 Sen. Mark Noland

15:58:46 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey

15:58:59 Joe Carroll

15:57:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

15:59:50 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 61 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:00:01 Sen. Mark Noland

16:00:37 Sen. Janet Ellis

16:00:57 Sen. Theresa Manzella

16:03:45 Sen. Janet Ellis

15:59:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Bartel, Sen. Manzella, Sen. Noland, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 66 - Generally revise laws related to Montana national guard benefits and rights

16:04:38 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 66 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:05:01 Sen. Mike Fox

16:04:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 153 - Revise ballot initiative laws

16:07:00 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 153 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:07:47 Sen. Theresa Manzella
16:08:51 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey
16:10:24 Chair Mike Cuffe
16:10:29 Sen. Janet Ellis
16:11:53 Chair Mike Cuffe
16:07:00 **Vote:** Motion failed 7 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Fox, Sen. Hayman, voting yes.
16:13:04 **Motion:** Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 153 TO TABLE.**
16:13:04 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 117 - Prohibiting use of certain funds for conducting an election

16:14:26 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 117 DO PASS.**
16:14:26 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.
16:14:44 **Motion:** Sen. Shelley Vance moved that **SB 117 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:15:25 Chair Mike Cuffe
16:15:30 Sen. Shelley Vance
16:17:44 Sen. Theresa Manzella
16:18:20 Sen. Shelley Vance
16:19:11 Sen. Theresa Manzella
16:19:54 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey
16:20:35 Sen. Mike Fox
16:21:16 Chair Mike Cuffe
16:21:36 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick
16:14:44 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Fox, Sen. Hayman, Sen. Manzella, voting no.
16:22:55 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 117 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:23:05 Chair Mike Cuffe

16:23:17 Vice Chair Denise Hayman

16:22:55 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 3 by voice vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Fox, Sen. Hayman, voting no.

16:24:24 **Committee Discussion:** Discussion on upcoming bills and executive actions.

16:24:51 Chair Mike Cuffe

16:25:55 Sen. Janet Ellis

16:26:14 Chair Mike Cuffe

16:26:40 Joe Carroll

16:28:49 Sen. Janet Ellis

16:28:55 Joe Carroll

16:29:48 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

16:30:08 Chair Mike Cuffe

16:30:50 Joe Carroll

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:31:18

Daisy Rhodes, Secretary

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