

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

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Mike Cuffe-R, on January 27, 2023 at 2:34 PM, in 335

ROLL CALL

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

Members Excused: Sen. Dan Bartel (R)
Sen. Mike Fox (D)
Sen. Denise Hayman (D)

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 49 01/25/2023

Executive Action:

SB 51 DO PASS AS AMENDED
SB 73 DO PASS AS AMENDED
SB 77 DO PASS AS AMENDED
SB 86 DO PASS
SB 49 DO PASS

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 51 - Generally revise procurement

14:35:50 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 51 DO PASS.**

14:35:50 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.

14:36:26 **Motion:** Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 51 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

14:36:38 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

14:37:14 Sen. Mike Cuffe

14:39:17 Sen. Janet Ellis

14:40:46 Sen. Janet Ellis left the meeting.

14:42:23 Sen. Janet Ellis joined the meeting.

14:43:04 Sen. Mike Cuffe

14:43:09 Sen. Mark Noland

14:43:17 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

14:43:21 Sen. Mike Cuffe

14:36:26 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

14:43:51 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 51 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

14:43:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

14:45:42 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 73 DO PASS.**

14:45:42 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.

14:46:36 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 73 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

14:46:58 Sen. Janet Ellis
14:47:23 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick
14:49:08 Sen. Mike Cuffe
14:46:36 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
14:49:49 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 73 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
14:49:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 77 - Generally revise laws related to redistricting data for inmates

14:51:00 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 77 DO PASS.**
14:51:00 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.
14:51:51 **Motion:** Sen. Theresa Manzella moved that **SB 77 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

14:52:23 Sen. Janet Ellis
14:53:04 Sen. Theresa Manzella
14:54:02 Sen. Mike Cuffe
14:51:51 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Fox, Sen. Hayman, voting no.
Sen. Fox, Sen. Hayman, By Proxy
14:54:57 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 77 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
14:54:57 **Vote:** Motion carried 9 - 1 by roll call vote with Sen. Fitzpatrick, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 86 - Limiting the number of registered voters in each election precinct

14:56:20 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 86 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

14:56:30 Joe Carroll
14:56:55 Sen. Mike Cuffe
14:57:05 Sen. Janet Ellis

14:57:26 Sen. Mike Cuffe

14:56:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

HEARING ON SB 49 - Generally revise cabin site sales

Opening Statement:

14:59:25 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 49, Generally revise cabin site sales.

Proponent Testimony:

15:01:47 Frank Cote, State Auditor's Office (SAO)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:04:10 Shawn Thomas, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Questions from Committee:

15:05:06 Sen. Mark Noland

15:05:18 Ryan Wyes, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

15:06:46 Sen. Theresa Manzella

15:10:19 Frank Cote, SAO

15:11:19 Sen. Janet Ellis

15:13:52 Ryan Wyes, DNRC

15:14:19 Sen. Mark Noland

15:16:35 Ryan Wyes, DNRC

15:16:48 Sen. Janet Ellis

15:17:39 Ryan Wyes, DNRC

15:18:03 Sen. Mike Cuffe

15:20:45 Frank Cote, SAO

15:21:33 Sen. Mike Cuffe
15:21:43 Sen. Wendy McKamey
15:23:23 Shawn Thomas, DNRC
15:25:46 Sen. Wendy McKamey
15:25:51 Sen. Janet Ellis
15:27:24 Shawn Thomas, DNRC

Closing Statement:

15:29:03 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, closed the hearing on SB 49.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 49 - Generally revise cabin site sales

15:29:28 **Motion:** Sen. Mike Cuffe moved that **SB 49 DO PASS.**

15:29:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 9 - 1 by voice vote with Sen. Ellis, voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:32:40

Daisy Rhodes, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230127STSaad\)](#)