

MINUTES
MONTANA SENATE
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (S) BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Jason Small-R, on February 15, 2023 at 8:32 AM, in 422

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Jason Small, Chair (R)
Sen. Willis Curdy, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Mark Noland, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Fox (D)
Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R)
Sen. Walt Sales (R)
Sen. Terry Vermeire (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)

Staff Present: Lynnette Sena, Secretary
Erin Sullivan, Attorney

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:

HB 228 02/10/2023

SB 283 02/10/2023

HB 60 02/13/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 228 - Generally revise public investment laws

Opening Statement:

08:33:31 Rep. Terry Moore (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 228, Generally revise public investment laws.

Proponent Testimony:

08:39:08 Glenn Oppel, Policy Director, Governor's Office

08:40:41 Frank Cote, Montana Commission of Securities and Insurance (CSI)

[EXHIBIT\(230215BUSa1\)](#)

08:41:44 Dan Villa, Executive Director, Montana Board of Investments (BOI)

08:44:09 Jon Sonju, Opportunity Solution Project (OSP)

Opponent Testimony:

08:45:27 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

[EXHIBIT\(230215BUSa2\)](#)

08:51:29 Robert Dayton, self

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:57:09 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

08:59:52 Derf Johnson, MEIC

09:00:21 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

09:01:29 Dan Villa, MBI

09:02:44 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

09:06:37 Glenn Oppel, Governor's Office

09:06:56 Chair Jason Small

09:07:09 Dan Villa, MBI

09:08:38 Sen. Walt Sales

09:12:19 Dan Villa, MBI

Closing Statement:

09:12:36 Rep. Terry Moore (R), HD 54, closed the hearing on HB 228.

HEARING ON SB 283 - Revise laws related to credit union compliance with laws

Opening Statement:

09:17:00 Vice Chair Mark Noland (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 283, Revise laws related to credit union compliance with laws.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

09:20:22 Karen Smith, Montana Credit Unions (MCUN)

[EXHIBIT\(230215BUSa3\)](#)

09:22:56 Greg Strizich, Intrepid Credit Union

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:26:36 Melanie Hall, Division of Banking and Financial Institutions (DBFI)

Questions from Committee:

09:27:09 Chair Jason Small

09:27:18 Sen. Mark Noland-R

09:30:41 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

09:34:25 Melanie Hall, DBFI

09:35:25 Chair Jason Small

09:35:46 Melanie Hall, DBFI
09:36:33 Sen. Walt Sales
09:37:08 Melanie Hall, DBFI
09:37:33 Sen. Terry Vermeire
09:37:49 Melanie Hall, DBFI
09:39:21 Sen. Terry Vermeire
09:39:49 Sen. Bruce Gillespie
09:40:17 Sen. Mark Noland-R
09:46:58 Vice Chair Willis Curdy
09:51:49 Greg Strizich, self

Closing Statement:

09:54:30 Vice Chair Mark Noland (R), SD 10, closed the hearing on SB 283.

HEARING ON HB 60 - An act providing for an annual fee on electric vehicles registered in the state

Opening Statement:

09:57:54 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 60, An act providing for an annual fee on electric vehicles registered in the state.

Proponent Testimony:

10:01:15 David Smith, Executive Director, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)
10:02:47 Duane Williams, Montana Trucking Association (MTA)
10:03:25 John MacDonald, Alliance for Automotive Innovation (AAI)
10:05:03 Brad Longcake, Montana Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association (MPMCSA)
10:05:43 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
10:06:24 John Forkan, Teamsters #2

Opponent Testimony:

10:07:15 Ian Lund, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

10:09:44 Todd Hoitsma, self

Informational Witness Testimony:

10:14:18 Larry Flynn, Department of Transportation (DOT)

10:14:41 Malcolm Long, Department of Transportation (DOT)

10:15:09 Laurie Bakri, Motor Vehicle Division (MVD)

Questions from Committee:

10:16:27 Chair Jason Small

10:17:11 Laurie Bakri, MVD

10:17:42 Vice Chair Mark Noland

10:18:46 Brad Longcake, MPMCSA

10:19:01 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

10:20:26 Rep. Denley Loge-R

10:20:39 Sen. Walt Sales

10:21:16 Rep. Denley Loge-R

10:22:18 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

10:22:57 Rep. Denley Loge-R

10:23:30 Sen. Mike Fox

10:23:44 Rep. Denley Loge-R

10:24:08 Chair Jason Small

10:24:26 Larry Flynn, DOT

Closing Statement:

10:25:04 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, closed the hearing on HB 60.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:27:16

Lorna Mason, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230215BUSaad\)](#)