

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

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Mike Cuffe-R, on February 15, 2023 at 3:01 PM, in 335

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Mike Cuffe, Chair (R)
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)
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:

SR 4 02/02/2023

SR 5 02/02/2023

Executive Action:

SR 4 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

SR 5 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

AS AMENDED

HEARING ON SR 4 - Confirm governor's appointee for the public employees' retirement board

Opening Statement:

15:02:50 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SR 4, Confirm governor's appointee for the public employees' retirement board.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230215STSa1\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

15:04:06 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor, Governor's Office

15:05:13 Dore Schwinden, Executive Director, Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration (MPERA)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:07:23 Sen. Mark Noland

Closing Statement:

15:08:11 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, closed the hearing on SR 4.

HEARING ON SR 5 - Confirm governor's appointees for the board of investments

Opening Statement:

15:08:57 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SR 5, Confirm governor's appointees for the board of investments.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230215STSa2\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

15:10:10 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor, Governor's Office

15:12:30 Daniel Trost, self
15:13:27 Porter Bennett, self
15:14:30 Tim Kober, self
15:15:23 Dan Villa, Executive Director, Montana Board of Investments (BOI)
15:16:21 Cindy Younkin, self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:18:19 Sen. Shelley Vance
15:18:37 Dan Villa, BOI
15:19:23 Sen. Theresa Manzella
15:19:30 Dan Villa, BOI

Closing Statement:

15:19:54 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, closed the hearing on SR 5.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 4 - Confirm governor's appointee for the public employees' retirement board

15:21:22 **Motion:** Sen. Theresa Manzella moved that **SR 4 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

15:21:58 Sen. Mike Cuffe
15:22:44 Sen. Mark Noland
15:21:22 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 5 - Confirm governor's appointees for the board of investments

15:24:28 **Motion:** Sen. Theresa Manzella moved that **SR 5 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

15:24:38 Sen. Mike Cuffe

15:25:47 Joe Carroll

15:26:15 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SR 5 BE AMENDED.**

15:26:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:27:01 **Motion:** Sen. Theresa Manzella moved that **SR 5 RESOLUTION ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:27:15 Sen. Dan Bartel

15:27:50 Sen. Wendy McKamey

15:29:11 Sen. Mike Cuffe

15:27:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:31:12

Daisy Rhodes, Secretary

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