

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

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Mike Lang-R, on February 20, 2023 at 11:02 AM, in 335

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Mike Lang, Chair (R)
Sen. John Esp, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Research Analyst
Trudy Burke, 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:

HB 140 02/16/2023

HB 167 02/16/2023

Executive Action:

HB 167

HEARING ON HB 167 - Revise laws related to legislative leadership exempt staff

Opening Statement:

11:02:27 Rep. Jill Cohenour (D), HD 42, opened the hearing on HB 167, Revise laws related to legislative leadership exempt staff.

11:02:39 Sen. Zolnikov has left

11:03:02 Sen. Fitzpatrick has left

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

11:03:28 Sen. O'Brien has arrived

11:04:18 Sen. Mike Lang

Closing Statement:

11:04:24 Rep. Jill Cohenour (D), HD 42, closed the hearing on HB 167.

HEARING ON HB 140 - Establishing modernization and risk analysis committee

Opening Statement:

11:04:45 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 140, Establishing modernization and risk analysis committee.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230220LESa1\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

11:12:52 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

11:14:05 Mark Haggerty, self

Opponent Testimony:

11:16:23 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayer Association (MTA)

Informational Witness Testimony:

11:21:03 Amy Carlson, Legislative Fiscal Analyst

[EXHIBIT\(230220LESa2\)](#)

Questions from Committee:

11:21:46 Sen. O'Brien

11:23:07 Rep. Llew Jones-R

11:25:49 Sen. Zolnikov has arrived

11:26:57 Sen. John Esp

11:32:23 Rep. Llew Jones-R

11:32:40 Sen. Mike Lang

11:35:09 Rep. Llew Jones-R

11:36:39 Sen. Mike Lang

Closing Statement:

11:36:55 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, closed the hearing on HB 140.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 167 - Revise laws related to legislative leadership exempt staff

11:38:21 **Motion:** Sen. John Esp moved that **HB 167 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:38:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:38:21 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Mike Lang

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:40:00

Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230220LESaad\)](#)