

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

Call to Order: Chair Wendy McKamey-R, on February 24, 2023 at 3:51 PM, in 335 - Upon Adjournment of Floor

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Denise Hayman, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Wendy McKamey, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dan Bartel (R)
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)
Sen. Theresa Manzella (R)
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Mike Fox (D)
Sen. Mark Noland (R)

Staff Present: Joe Carroll, Attorney
Daisy Rhodes, Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

SB 348 02/17/2023
SB 367 02/17/2023
SB 385 02/21/2023
SB 391 02/17/2023
SB 393 02/21/2023

Executive Action:

SB 322 DO PASS AS AMENDED
SB 348 DO PASS
SB 367 TO TABLE
SB 385 DO PASS
SB 391 DO PASS
SB 393 DO PASS
SB 341 TO TABLE

15:54:58 Sen. Noland has arrived

HEARING ON SB 391 - Providing partial salary or light duty for injured county detention officers

Opening Statement:

15:53:27 Sen. Barry Usher (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 391, Providing partial salary or light duty for injured county detention officers.

Proponent Testimony:

15:54:50 Bradley Bragg, Lewis and Clark County Sheriffs, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

15:56:23 Gretchin Ulrickson, Lewis and Clark Detention Center

15:58:07 Jessie Slaughter, Sheriff, Cascade County, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

16:00:20 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

16:01:10 Robert Jeffreys, self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

16:04:16 Vice Chair Denise Hayman

16:04:56 Sheriff Jessie Slaughter, MSPOA

16:05:00 Vice Chair Denise Hayman

16:05:26 Sen. Barry Usher-R

16:05:47 Sen. Janet Ellis

16:06:14 Sen. Barry Usher-R

16:06:30 Bradly Bragg, MSPOA

16:07:07 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey

16:07:20 Sen. Barry Usher-R

Closing Statement:

16:07:47 Sen. Barry Usher (R), SD 40, closed the hearing on SB 391.

16:08:26 Committee at Ease

16:14:44 Committee will come to order

HEARING ON SB 385 - Generally revise election laws

Opening Statement:

16:15:01 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 385,
Generally revise election laws.

Proponent Testimony:

16:21:15 Becky Stockton, self

[EXHIBIT\(230224STSa1\)](#)

16:24:43 Chair Cuffe has arrived

16:29:25 Elizabeth Hale, self

16:29:59 Ruth Rater, self

[EXHIBIT\(230224STSa2\)](#)

16:34:01 Wayne Beckman, self

16:36:19 Dona Elford, self

16:37:48 Terri Barney, self

16:39:14 Mary Tapper, self

16:41:03 Tom Stockton, self

Opponent Testimony:

16:41:54 Lisa Bennett, self

16:44:04 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders
(MACR)

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

16:49:00 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey
16:49:15 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov-R
16:49:36 Sen. Shelley Vance
16:50:04 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov-R
16:50:37 Sen. Theresa Manzella
16:53:35 Regina Plettenberg, MACR
16:53:51 Sen. Theresa Manzella
16:54:22 Chair Mike Cuffe
16:54:53 Lisa Bennett
16:57:08 Sen. Shelley Vance
16:57:21 Lisa Bennett

Closing Statement:

16:58:28 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R), SD 45, closed the hearing on SB 385.

16:59:43 Sen. Fitzpatrick has arrived

HEARING ON SB 393 - Revise campaign finance laws

Opening Statement:

17:01:51 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 393, Revise
campaign finance laws.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

17:06:57 Johnathan Motal, self

[EXHIBIT\(230224STSa3\)](#)

17:12:23 Robyn Morrison, League of Women Voters (LWV)

Informational Witness Testimony:

17:14:39 Cheryl Wilson, Commissioner of Political Practices Office (COPP)

[EXHIBIT\(230224STSa4\)](#)

Questions from Committee:

17:16:19 Sen. Janet Ellis

17:17:32 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R

Closing Statement:

17:18:51 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, closed the hearing on SB 393.

HEARING ON SB 348 - Revise pension laws to eliminate GABA for new hires

Opening Statement:

17:20:45 Sen. Tom McGillvray (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 348, Revise pension laws to eliminate GABA for new hires.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230224STSa5\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

17:27:59 Sarah Piper, Montana Federation Public Employees (MFPE)

17:29:55 Dave Galt, Montana Association of Public Retired Employee

17:32:40 Jesse Luther, Association of Montana Troopers

17:34:51 Shelby DeMars, Montana Police Protective Association

17:37:01 Rob Watson, Executive Director, School Administrators of Montana

- 17:39:32 Carter Marsh, Montana State Firefighters Association
[EXHIBIT\(230224STSa6\)](#)
- 17:42:31 Brian Thompson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association
- 17:44:07 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
- 17:45:11 Mark Kraft, Chief of Police, Sydney Police Department
- 17:46:33 Bryan Blair, Local Union #8527

Informational Witness Testimony:

- 17:47:29 Shawn Graam, Executive Director, Montana Teacher Retirement System (TRS)
[EXHIBIT\(230224STSa7\)](#)
- 17:50:18 William Holahan, Public Employees Retirement Board

Questions from Committee:

- 17:51:11 Sen. Theresa Manzella
- 17:51:21 Sen. Tom McGillvray-R
- 17:51:44 Sen. Mark Noland
- 17:52:10 Sen. Tom McGillvray-R

Closing Statement:

- 17:53:00 Sen. Tom McGillvray (R), SD 23, closed the hearing on SB 348.

HEARING ON SB 367 - PSC regulation of building elevator service rates

Opening Statement:

- 18:01:56 Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 367, PSC regulation of building elevator service rates.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

- 18:05:18 Billy Taylor, National Elevator Industry Inc. (NEII)

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

18:07:53 Sen. Mark Noland

18:08:11 Billy Taylor, NEII

Closing Statement:

18:08:55 Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R), SD 26, closed the hearing on SB 367.

18:13:32 **Recessed**

18:13:45 Sen. Bartel has left

18:45:58 **Reconvened**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 322 - Generally revise election laws on
organization/operation of committees**

18:46:22 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 322 DO PASS.**

18:46:41 **Motion:** Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 322 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

18:46:55 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

18:47:52 Chair Mike Cuffe

18:48:02 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

18:46:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

18:49:02 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 322 DO PASS AS
AMENDED.**

Discussion:

18:49:16 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

18:50:15 Sen. Janet Ellis

18:50:43 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

18:49:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Fox, Sen.
Hayman, voting no.
Sen. Fox, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 348 - Revise pension laws to eliminate GABA for new hires

18:52:22 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 348 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

18:52:51 Sen. Mark Noland

18:52:22 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Fox, Sen. Hayman, voting no.
Sen. Fox, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 367 - PSC regulation of building elevator service rates

18:54:24 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 367 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

18:54:47 Sen. Janet Ellis

18:55:21 Sen. Mark Noland

18:55:40 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey

18:54:24 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.

18:57:10 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 367 TO TABLE.**

18:57:10 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 385 - Generally revise election laws

18:58:04 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 385 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

18:58:19 Vice Chair Denise Hayman

18:58:31 Sen. Mark Noland

18:58:04 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Fox, Sen. Hayman, voting no.
Sen. Fox, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 391 - Providing partial salary or light duty for injured county detention officers

18:59:46 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 391 DO PASS.**

18:59:46 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 393 - Revise campaign finance laws

19:00:32 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 393 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

19:01:06 Vice Chair Denise Hayman

19:01:18 Sen. Janet Ellis

19:01:39 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey

19:00:32 **Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 4 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Fox, Sen. Hayman, Sen. Manzella, voting no.
Sen. Fox, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 341 - Revise laws related to election equipment contracts

19:03:51 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 341 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

19:04:00 Sen. Theresa Manzella

19:05:55 Sen. Mark Noland

19:06:47 Sen. Shelley Vance

19:07:30 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey

19:03:51 **Vote:** Motion failed 6 - 4 by roll call vote with Sen. Bartel, Sen. Manzella, Sen. Noland, Sen. Vance, voting yes.
Sen. Bartel, By Proxy

19:09:47 **Motion:** Sen. Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 341 TO TABLE.**

19:09:47 **Vote:** Motion carried 9 - 1 by voice vote with Sen. Manzella, voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 19:11:52

Daisy Rhodes, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230224STSaad\)](#)