

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

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Mike Lang-R, on February 27, 2023 at 11:03 AM, in 335

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Mike Lang, Chair (R)
Sen. John Esp, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Research Analyst
Jacelyn Sterling, 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 394 02/23/2023

SB 446 02/23/2023

Executive Action:

SB 394 TO TABLE

12:00:17

HEARING ON SB 394 - Establish statutory requirements for legislative conference committees

Opening Statement:

11:04:11 Sen. Brad Molnar (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 394, Establish statutory requirements for legislative conference committees.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

11:08:21 Sen. Jen Gross
11:08:57 Todd Everts
11:10:30 Sen. Jen Gross
11:10:49 Todd Everts
11:11:01 Sen. Jen Gross
11:11:40 Sen. Brad Molnar-R
11:11:56 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov joined the meeting.
11:13:23 Sen. John Esp
11:15:52 Sen. Brad Molnar-R

Closing Statement:

11:17:42 Sen. Brad Molnar (R), SD 28, closed the hearing on SB 394.

HEARING ON SB 446 - Create child protection panels and legislative review council

Opening Statement:

11:18:50 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, opened the hearing on SB 446, Create child protection panels and legislative review council.

Proponent Testimony:

11:23:28 Matt Furlong, Montana Child Protection Alliance (MCPA)

11:28:37 Denise Johnson, Montana Child Protection (MCPA)

Opponent Testimony:

11:34:06 Nikki Grossberg, Montana Child and Family Services, DPHHS

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

11:36:04 Sen. John Esp

11:36:50 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

11:37:05 Sen. John Esp

11:37:13 Nikki Grossberg, DPHHS

11:37:56 Sen. John Esp

11:38:14 Sen. Jen Gross

11:40:26 Nikki Grossberg, DPHHS

11:40:39 Sen. Mike Lang

11:40:48 Nikki Grossberg, DPHHS

11:41:24 Sen. Mike Lang

11:41:34 Sen. John Esp

11:42:07 Nikki Grossberg, DPHHS
11:42:40 Sen. Shannon O'Brien
11:43:12 Nikki Grossberg, DPHHS
11:43:26 Sen. Shannon O'Brien
11:43:58 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R
11:44:19 Sen. Jen Gross
11:44:35 Todd Everts
11:45:07 Sen. Mike Lang
11:45:18 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

Closing Statement:

11:45:36 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, closed the hearing on SB 446.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 394 - Establish statutory requirements for legislative conference committees

11:54:17 **Motion:** Sen. John Esp moved that **SB 394 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

11:48:39
11:54:50 Sen. Shannon O'Brien
11:55:33 Sen. Jen Gross
11:56:42 Sen. John Esp
11:57:24 Sen. Mike Lang

11:54:17 **Vote:** Motion tied 3 - 3 roll call vote

11:58:11 **Motion:** Sen. John Esp moved that **SB 394 TO TABLE.**

Discussion:

12:00:17
11:58:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:00:59

Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230227LESaad\)](#)