

MINUTES
MONTANA SENATE
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (S) FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Carl Glimm-R, on February 28, 2023 at 9:02 AM, in 317

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. John Esp, Chair (R)
Sen. Janet Ellis, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Carl Glimm, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dan Bartel (R)
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. John Fuller (R)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Dennis Lenz (R)
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)
Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)
Sen. Daniel Salomon (R)

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Research Analyst
Joe Triem, Fiscal Analyst
Cy Walsh, Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

SB 281 02/27/2023
SB 282 02/27/2023
SB 460 02/27/2023
SB 485 02/27/2023

Executive Action:

SB 281 DO PASS
SB 282 DO PASS
SB 127 DO PASS

HEARING ON SB 485 - Raising hourly rate of legislator compensation

Opening Statement:

09:03:44 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SB 485, Raising hourly rate of legislator compensation.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:06:13 Angie Carter, Legislative Branch

Questions from Committee:

09:06:34 Sen. Tom McGillvray
09:06:57 Angie Carter, Legislative Branch
09:07:35 Sen. Kenneth Bogner
09:07:56 Angie Carter, Legislative Branch
09:08:26 Chair John Esp
09:08:35 Sen. Jason Small-R
09:08:53 Sen. Forrest Mandeville
09:09:10 Sen. Jason Small-R
09:09:32 Chair John Esp
09:09:51 Sen. Jason Small-R
09:10:14 Vice Chair Carl Glimm
09:10:33 Sen. Jason Small-R
09:10:54 Chair John Esp
09:11:16 Angie Carter, Legislative Branch

Closing Statement:

09:11:40 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, closed the hearing on SB 485.

HEARING ON SB 281 - Revise laws related to nonresident hunting and fishing

Opening Statement:

09:12:50 Sen. Pat Flowers (D), SD 32, opened the hearing on SB 281, Revise laws related to nonresident hunting and fishing.

Proponent Testimony:

09:15:06 Ben Lamb, Montana Citizens Elk Management Coalition (MCEMC)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:16:05 Lena Havron, Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

09:16:31 Sen. Pat Flowers (D), SD 32, closed the hearing on SB 281.

HEARING ON SB 282 - Revise laws related to area agencies on aging

Opening Statement:

09:17:13 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, opened the hearing on SB 282, Revise laws related to area agencies on aging.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:18:30 Gene Hermanson, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

09:18:57 Kerry Riedelbach, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee:

09:19:35 Vice Chair Janet Ellis

09:20:14 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

09:20:39 Kerry Riedelbach, DPHHS

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09:24:25 Chair John Esp

09:24:43 Sen. Mike Lang

09:25:09 Kerry Riedelbach, DPHHS

09:26:46 Sen. Mike Cuffe

09:27:05 Kerry Riedelbach, DPHHS

09:29:26 Sen. Daniel Salomon joined the meeting.

09:29:57 Chair John Esp

09:30:41 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

09:32:41 Vice Chair Carl Glimm

09:33:02 Gene Hermanson, DPHHS

Closing Statement:

09:33:33 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, closed the hearing on SB 282.

HEARING ON SB 460 - Revise election administrator laws

Opening Statement:

09:34:30 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 460, Revise election administrator laws.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

09:38:28 Eric Semerad, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders (MACR)

09:40:39 Debbie Pierson, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders (MACR)

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:42:46 Sen. John Fuller

09:43:16 Debbie Pierson, MACR

09:43:46 Sen. Pat Flowers

09:45:06 Sen. Daniel Salomon-R

09:45:10 Sen. Ryan Lynch joined the meeting.

09:46:19 Chair John Esp

09:46:34 Sen. Daniel Salomon-R

09:46:54 Sen. Tom McGillvray

09:47:07 Sen. Daniel Salomon-R

09:47:32 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

09:47:46 Sen. Daniel Salomon-R

09:49:37 Sen. Mike Cuffe

09:50:25 Sen. Daniel Salomon-R

09:50:50 Chair John Esp

09:51:19 Sen. Daniel Salomon-R

09:52:43 Vice Chair Janet Ellis

09:53:22 Eric Semerad, MACR

09:55:53 Sen. Pat Flowers left the meeting.

Closing Statement:

09:56:00 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, closed the hearing on SB 460.

09:56:49 **Recessed**

10:17:02 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 281 - Revise laws related to nonresident hunting and fishing

10:18:12 **Motion:** Sen. Carl Glimm moved that **SB 281 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:18:27 Sen. Tom McGillvray left the meeting.

10:18:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 282 - Revise laws related to area agencies on aging

10:19:34 **Motion:** Sen. Carl Glimm moved that **SB 282 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:19:49 Sen. Dennis Lenz

10:22:15 Chair John Esp

10:22:39 Sen. Dennis Lenz

10:23:27 Chair John Esp

10:24:04 Vice Chair Janet Ellis

10:24:59 Sen. Dennis Lenz

10:19:34 **Vote:** Motion carried 10 - 9 by roll call vote with Sen. Bartel, Sen. Bogner, Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Esp, Sen. Fuller, Sen. Glimm, Sen. Mandeville, Sen. Salomon, Sen. Vance, voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 127 - Require Montana to provide funding for enforcement of
PL280**

10:26:51 **Motion:** Sen. Carl Glimm moved that **SB 127 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:27:03 Sen. Kenneth Bogner left the meeting.

10:27:34 **Motion:** Sen. Jeffrey Welborn moved that **SB 127 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:29:22 Sen. Ryan Lynch

10:30:01 Vice Chair Carl Glimm

10:30:07 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn

10:30:16 Joe Triem

10:27:34 **Vote:** Motion failed 10 - 9 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lang, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, Sen. Salomon, Sen. Welborn, voting yes.
Sen. Boldman, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, By Proxy

10:31:37 **Motion:** Sen. Carl Glimm moved that **SB 127 DO PASS.**

10:31:37 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 6 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Pope, Sen. Welborn, voting no.
Sen. Boldman, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Pope, By Proxy

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:33:28

Cy Walsh, Secretary

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