

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

Call to Order: Chair Mike Cuffe-R, on March 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. Mark Noland (R)
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Denise Hayman (D)
Sen. Theresa Manzella (R)

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:

HB 108 03/10/2023
HB 132 03/10/2023
HB 148 03/02/2023
HB 151 03/02/2023
HB 232 03/02/2023

Executive Action:

HB 63
HB 80
HB 132
HB 148
HB 151
HB 232

HEARING ON HB 151 - Generally revise building construction procurement laws

Opening Statement:

15:02:43 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 151, Generally revise building construction procurement laws.

Proponent Testimony:

15:05:02 Russ Katherman, Department of Administration (DOA)

[EXHIBIT\(230315STSa1\)](#)

15:07:47 Shauna Lyons, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

15:08:12 Bardell Mangum, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:11:34 Sen. Janet Ellis

15:13:29 Russ Katherman, DOA

15:14:15 Sen. Dan Bartel

15:14:36 Russ Katherman, DOA

15:15:25 Sen. Dan Bartel

15:16:11 Rep. Mike Hopkins-R

15:16:54 Chair Mike Cuffe

15:17:16 Rep. Mike Hopkins-R

15:17:46 Sen. Dan Bartel

15:18:09 Chair Mike Cuffe
15:18:27 Sen. Dan Bartel
15:18:56 Russ Katherman, DOA
15:19:26 Sen. Mark Noland
15:21:03 Russ Katherman, DOA
15:22:16 Chair Mike Cuffe
15:22:55 Bardell Mangum, FWP

Closing Statement:

15:23:14 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, closed the hearing on HB 151.

HEARING ON HB 232 - Allow DOA to enter into leases for consolidation purposes without LRBP approval

Opening Statement:

15:24:31 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 232, Allow DOA to enter into leases for consolidation purposes without LRBP approval.

Proponent Testimony:

15:27:39 Misty Ann Giles, Department of Administration (DOA)
15:30:10 Steve Baiamonte, Department of Administration (DOA)

[EXHIBIT\(230315STSa2\)](#)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:33:47 Garrett Bacon, Department of Administration (DOA)

Questions from Committee:

15:34:13 Sen. Janet Ellis

15:36:13 Steve Baiamonte, DOA
15:37:16 Sen. Dan Bartel
15:39:20 Steve Baiamonte, DOA
15:39:33 Sen. Shelley Vance
15:41:34 Garrett Bacon, DOA
15:42:36 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey
15:42:58 Steve Baiamonte, DOA
15:43:17 Sen. Mark Noland
15:43:43 Garrett Bacon, DOA
15:44:06 Sen. Janet Ellis
15:44:40 Rep. Mike Hopkins-R
15:45:34 Chair Mike Cuffe
15:46:42 Misty Ann Giles, DOA

Closing Statement:

15:47:16 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, closed the hearing on HB 232.

HEARING ON HB 148 - Revise information technology board membership

Opening Statement:

15:48:32 Rep. Michele Binkley (R), HD 85, opened the hearing on HB 148, Revise information technology board membership.

Proponent Testimony:

15:49:43 Kevin Gilbertson, Department of Administration (DOA)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:52:51 Vice Chair Denise Hayman joined the meeting.

15:52:54 Vice Chair Denise Hayman

15:53:20 Kevin Gilbertson, DOA

Closing Statement:

15:53:41 Rep. Michele Binkley (R), HD 85, closed the hearing on HB 148.

**HEARING ON HB 108 - Revise requirements for establishing alternative hours for local
DOR offices**

Opening Statement:

15:54:43 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 108, Revise requirements for establishing alternative hours for local DOR offices.

Proponent Testimony:

15:55:57 Kory Hofland, Department of Revenue (DOR)

[EXHIBIT\(230315STSa3\)](#)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

16:00:00 Sen. Mark Noland

16:00:17 Kory Hofland, DOR

16:01:32 Sen. Shelley Vance

16:01:48 Kory Hofland, DOR

16:02:56 Sen. Dan Bartel

16:03:26 Kory Hofland, DOR
16:03:59 Chair Mike Cuffe
16:04:27 Kory Hofland, DOR
16:04:45 Sen. Dan Bartel
16:05:08 Kory Hofland, DOR
16:05:55 Sen. Janet Ellis
16:06:27 Kory Hofland, DOR
16:06:59 Sen. Janet Ellis
16:07:15 Kory Hofland, DOR

Closing Statement:

16:08:19 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, closed the hearing on HB 108.

HEARING ON HB 132 - Modify timing of legislative audits

Opening Statement:

16:10:45 Rep. Terry Moore (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 132, Modify timing of legislative audits.

Proponent Testimony:

16:13:12 Jennifer Thompson, Department of Administration (DOA)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:14:58 Angus Maciver, Legislative Auditor Division (LAD)
16:22:30 Jen Erdahl, Legislative Auditor Division (LAD)
16:25:29 Cindy Jorgenson, Legislative Auditor Division (LAD)

Questions from Committee:

16:26:09 Vice Chair Denise Hayman

16:26:38 Angus Maciver, LAD

16:30:38 Vice Chair Denise Hayman

Closing Statement:

16:31:39 Rep. Terry Moore (R), HD 54, closed the hearing on HB 132.

16:35:00 **Recessed**

16:44:38 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 63 - Generally revise liability laws related to armed forces and national guard

16:45:24 **Motion:** Vice Chair Denise Hayman moved that **HB 63 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:35:05 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Hayman, Sen. Manzella, voting no.
Sen. Manzella, By Proxy

16:45:24 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Mike Fox

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 80 - Adopt most recent federal military codes and regulations

16:47:10 **Motion:** Vice Chair Denise Hayman moved that **HB 80 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:47:18 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey

10:35:05 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:47:10 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Mike Fox

16:47:36 Sen. Fitzpatrick has arrived

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 132 - Modify timing of legislative audits

16:48:55 **Motion:** Vice Chair Denise Hayman moved that **HB 132 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:35:05 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:48:55 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Denise Hayman

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 148 - Revise information technology board membership

16:49:37 **Motion:** Vice Chair Denise Hayman moved that **HB 148 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:35:05 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:49:37 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Shelley Vance

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 151 - Generally revise building construction procurement laws

16:50:13 **Motion:** Vice Chair Denise Hayman moved that **HB 151 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:35:05 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:50:13 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 232 - Allow DOA to enter into leases for consolidation purposes without LRBP approval

16:51:05 **Motion:** Vice Chair Denise Hayman moved that **HB 232 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:35:05 **Vote:** Motion carried 8 - 2 by voice vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Hayman, voting no.

16:51:05 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Mike Cuffe

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:52:20

Lorna Mason, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230315STSaad\)](#)