

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

Call to Order: Chair Carl Glimm-R, on March 16, 2023 at 8:01 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. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. John Fuller (R)
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)
Sen. Daniel Salomon (R)
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)
Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Dennis Lenz (R)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

HB 13 03/14/2023
HB 181 03/14/2023
HB 274 03/14/2023
SB 246 03/14/2023

Executive Action:

HB 13 BE CONCURRED IN
SB 11 DO PASS
SB 296 TO TABLE
SB 352 DO PASS AS AMENDED

HEARING ON HB 13 - State Employee Pay Plan and revising laws governing state employees

Opening Statement:

08:03:01 Rep. John Fitzpatrick (R), HD 77, opened the hearing on HB 13, State Employee Pay Plan and revising laws governing state employees.

Proponent Testimony:

08:07:28 Ryan Osmundson, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
08:08:26 Anjenette Schafer, State Office of Labor Relations (SOLR)
08:09:36 Scott Sales, Montana Lottery (ML)
08:10:44 Helen Thigpen, Montana University System (MUS)
08:11:35 Charlie Brereton, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
08:12:35 Brian Gootkin, Department of Corrections (DOC)
08:13:08 Sen. Ryan Lynch joined the meeting.
08:13:19 Larry Nielsen, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)
08:14:01 James Fehr, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
08:16:20 Malcolm Long, Department of Transportation (MDT)
08:17:38 Adam Haight, Laborers Local #1686 (LL)
08:18:11 John Johnson, International Union of Operating Engineers Local #400 (IUOE)

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:19:02 Amy Sassano, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:19:46 Vice Chair Janet Ellis
08:20:21 Rep. John Fitzpatrick-R

Closing Statement:

08:21:20 Rep. John Fitzpatrick (R), HD 77, closed the hearing on HB 13.

HEARING ON HB 181 - Revise laws related to the superintendent of public instruction

Opening Statement:

08:23:45 Rep. Linda Reksten (R), HD 12, opened the hearing on HB 181, Revise laws related to the superintendent of public instruction.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:27:05 Sen. Daniel Salomon
08:27:39 Rep. Linda Reksten-R
08:27:55 Vice Chair Janet Ellis
08:28:18 Chair John Esp
08:28:34 Sen. Kenneth Bogner left the meeting.
08:28:44 Sen. Ryan Lynch
08:29:00 Rep. Linda Reksten-R
08:30:54 Sen. Forrest Mandeville
08:31:35 Rep. Linda Reksten-R
08:32:45 Sen. John Fuller
08:33:35 Jay Phillips, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
08:34:40 Chair John Esp
08:35:10 Rep. Linda Reksten-R
08:37:07 Vice Chair Carl Glimm
08:38:04 Rep. Linda Reksten-R
08:38:54 Chair John Esp

Closing Statement:

08:39:06 Rep. Linda Reksten (R), HD 12, closed the hearing on HB 181.

Discussion:

08:39:53 Sen. Shane Morigeau joined the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 274 - Revise civil air patrol funding

Opening Statement:

08:41:11 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 274, Revise civil air patrol funding.

Proponent Testimony:

08:42:55 Spencer Gilchrist, Civil Air Patrol (CAP)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:45:40 Tim Conway, Department of Transportation (MDT)
08:46:02 Janae Grotbo, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

Questions from Committee:

08:46:36 Vice Chair Janet Ellis
08:47:20 Rep. Scot Kerns-R
08:47:44 Chair John Esp
08:48:00 Spencer Gilchrist, CAP

Closing Statement:

08:48:17 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, closed the hearing on HB 274.

HEARING ON SB 246 - Revise corporate income tax water's-edge election laws

Opening Statement:

08:50:28 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 246, Revise corporate income tax water's-edge election laws.

Discussion:

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Proponent Testimony:

08:52:54 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MTA)
08:54:17 Charles Robison, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

Opponent Testimony:

08:54:57 Rose Bender, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)
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08:56:05 Sen. Mike Cuffe left the meeting.
08:56:58 Sen. Tom McGillvray left the meeting.

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:57:40 Finn McMichael, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee:

08:58:08 Vice Chair Carl Glimm
08:58:35 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov-R
08:59:01 Chair John Esp
08:59:26 Sen. Forrest Mandeville left the meeting.
08:59:34 Bob Story, MTA
08:59:47 Sen. Pat Flowers
09:00:22 Sen. Tom McGillvray joined the meeting.
09:00:30 Rose Bender, MBPC
09:01:07 Sen. Pat Flowers
09:01:37 Finn McMichael, DOR

09:02:16 Chair John Esp
09:02:23 Rose Bender, MBPC

Closing Statement:

09:02:36 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R), SD 45, closed the hearing on SB 246.

09:07:12 **Recessed**

09:34:01 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 13 - State Employee Pay Plan and revising laws governing state employees

09:34:11 **Motion:** Sen. Carl Glimm moved that **HB 13 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

09:34:12 Sen. Forrest Mandeville joined the meeting.

09:34:32 Sen. Pat Flowers

09:35:05 Chair John Esp

09:34:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:34:11 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. John Esp

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 11 - Generally revise criminal justice system laws

09:37:09 **Motion:** Sen. Carl Glimm moved that **SB 11 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

09:37:25 Sen. Ryan Lynch

09:37:09 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 296 - Revise nursing home and/or assisted living funding

09:40:43 **Motion:** Sen. Carl Glimm moved that **SB 296 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

09:41:06 Sen. Christopher Pope

09:45:11 Sen. Mike Lang joined the meeting.

09:45:51 Chair John Esp

09:46:06 Vice Chair Carl Glimm

09:48:28 Sen. Mike Lang

09:49:18 Chair John Esp

09:49:57 Sen. Pat Flowers

09:51:19 Sen. Tom McGillvray

09:53:06 Chair John Esp

09:40:43 **Vote:** Motion failed 13 - 6 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, voting yes.

09:54:44 **Motion:** Sen. Carl Glimm moved that **SB 296 TO TABLE.**

09:54:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 352 - Create task force to modify and improve the child protective services system

09:55:28 **Motion:** Sen. Carl Glimm moved that **SB 352 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

09:55:37 Sen. Dennis Lenz joined the meeting.

09:55:40 Sen. Christopher Pope left the meeting.

09:55:53 Sen. Dennis Lenz

09:56:34 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **SB 352 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

09:56:46 Sen. Dennis Lenz

09:57:12 Chair John Esp

09:56:34 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:57:49 **Motion:** Sen. Carl Glimm moved that **SB 352 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

09:57:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:58:46 **Committee Discussion:** SB 47 Discussion

09:58:46 Chair John Esp

09:59:46 Sen. Tom McGillvray left the meeting.

09:59:57 Sen. Ryan Lynch left the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:01:40

Cy Walsh, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230316FCSaad\)](#)