

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

Call to Order: Chair Wendy McKamey-R, on March 20, 2023 at 3:00 PM, in 335

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Wendy McKamey, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dan Bartel (R)
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Mike Fox (D)
Sen. Theresa Manzella (R)
Sen. Mark Noland (R)
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. Denise Hayman (D)

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 82 03/14/2023
HB 107 03/14/2023
HB 134 03/14/2023
HB 224 03/14/2023

Executive Action:

15:00:58 Vice Chair Hayman has arrived
15:01:07 Sen. Vance has left

HEARING ON HB 107 - Generally revise the duties of SERC

Opening Statement:

15:01:25 Rep. Brad Barker (R), HD 58, opened the hearing on HB 107, Generally revise the duties of SERC.

Proponent Testimony:

15:02:40 J. Peter Hronek, Major General, Department of Military Affairs
15:04:21 Delila Bruno, Administrator of the Disaster Emergency Services Division (DES)
15:06:12 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor, Governor's Office

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:08:07 Vice Chair Denise Hayman
15:11:15 Delila Bruno, DES
15:12:33 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey
15:13:01 Sen. Theresa Manzella
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15:14:13 Delila Bruno, DES
15:15:08 Sen. Janet Ellis

15:16:10 Delila Bruno, DES

15:16:21 Rep. Brad Barker-R

Closing Statement:

15:16:52 Rep. Brad Barker (R), HD 58, closed the hearing on HB 107.

15:17:45 Sen. Noland has left

15:17:56 Sen. Fitzpatrick has left

HEARING ON HB 134 - Revise laws related to the armory account

Opening Statement:

15:17:38 Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 134, Revise laws related to the armory account.

Proponent Testimony:

15:19:19 J. Pete Hronek, Major General, Montana National Guard Department of Military Affairs

15:21:50 Roger Hagan, MT American Legion

15:22:34 Russ Katherman, Department of Administration, Architecture and Engineering Division (DOA)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:23:41 John Gehring, Montana Army National Guard, Department of Military Affairs

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

15:24:49 Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R), HD 45, closed the hearing on HB 134.

HEARING ON HB 82 - Create Montana national guard enlistment incentive program

Opening Statement:

15:26:02 Rep. George Nikolakakos (R), HD 26, opened the hearing on HB 82, Create Montana national guard enlistment incentive program.

Proponent Testimony:

15:29:43 J. Pete Hronek, Major General Director, Department of Military Affairs

15:37:27 Roger Hagan, Montana Department American Legion

15:38:46 Richard Liebert, self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:41:20 Janae Groto, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

15:41:47 Todd Wayne, Advocate for Montana National Guard

Questions from Committee:

15:42:16 Vice Chair Denise Hayman

15:45:00 Major General J. Peter Hronek

15:46:17 Sen. Janet Ellis

15:47:06 Major General J. Peter Hronek

15:47:44 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey

15:48:15 Major General J. Peter Hronek

Closing Statement:

15:49:59 Rep. George Nikolakakos (R), HD 26, closed the hearing on HB 82.

HEARING ON HB 224 - Revise vehicle registration law regarding military personnel

Opening Statement:

15:51:39 Rep. Derek Harvey (D), HD 74, opened the hearing on HB 224, Revise vehicle registration law regarding military personnel.

Discussion:

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Proponent Testimony:

15:54:33 Mark Zora, self

15:56:46 Roger Hagan, Montana Department of American Legion

15:58:03 Laurie Bakri, Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Department (DOT/MVD)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

16:00:02 Rep. Derek Harvey (D), HD 74, closed the hearing on HB 224.

16:00:17 Sen. Manzella has left

16:01:11 **Committee Discussion:** Discussion on HB 82

16:01:26 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey

16:01:30 Sen. Mike Fox

16:01:31 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey

16:02:16 Sen. Janet Ellis

16:02:34 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:02:45

Daisy Rhodes, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230320STSaad\)](#)