

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

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang-R, on March 21, 2023 at 11:09 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:

HB 493 03/14/2023

HB 714 03/14/2023

HB 739 03/14/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 493 - Generally revise constituent services account laws

Opening Statement:

11:10:37 Rep. Julie Dooling (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 493, Generally revise constituent services account laws.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230321LESa1\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

11:14:01 Kym Trujillo, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

[EXHIBIT\(230321LESa2\)](#)

Questions from Committee:

11:15:01 Sen. Jen Gross

11:15:02 Vice Chair John Esp

11:15:34 Kym Trujillo, COPP

Closing Statement:

11:15:40 Rep. Julie Dooling (R), HD 70, closed the hearing on HB 493.

HEARING ON HB 714 - Revise laws related to fiscal notes

Opening Statement:

11:16:50 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 714, Revise laws related to fiscal notes.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

11:21:47 Sen. Jen Gross
11:22:11 Joe Kolman
11:22:23 Sen. Jen Gross
11:22:54 Sponsor
11:23:11 Sen. Shannon O'Brien
11:23:31 Rep. Bill Mercer-R
11:24:29 Vice Chair John Esp
11:24:47 Chair Mike Lang
11:25:00 Sponsor
11:26:20 Chair Mike Lang

Closing Statement:

11:26:38 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, closed the hearing on HB 714.

HEARING ON HB 739 - Provide exception for agency adoption of administrative rules

Opening Statement:

11:27:07 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 739, Provide exception for agency adoption of administrative rules.

Proponent Testimony:

11:31:28 Kristan Juras, Lieutenant Governor, Governors Office

11:34:48 Don Harris, Department of Administration

[EXHIBIT\(230321LESa3\)](#)

11:37:03 Paula Stannard, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services

11:43:44 Angela Colamaria, Department of Environmental Quality

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

11:45:48 Sen. Jen Gross

11:46:37 Joe Kolman

11:47:07 Chair Mike Lang

11:47:27 Joe Kolman

11:47:31 Vice Chair John Esp

11:48:14 Chair Mike Lang

Closing Statement:

11:48:25 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, closed the hearing on HB 739.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:04:12

Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230321LESaad\)](#)