

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Mike Cuffe-R, on March 22, 2023 at 3:06 PM, in 335

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Sen. Mike Cuffe, Chair (R)  
Sen. Denise Hayman, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Dan Bartel (R)  
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)  
Sen. Mike Fox (D)  
Sen. Theresa Manzella (R)  
Sen. Mark Noland (R)  
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Sen. Wendy McKamey (R)

**Staff Present:** Joe Carroll, Attorney  
Cy Walsh, 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 190 03/14/2023  
HB 210 03/14/2023  
HB 295 03/14/2023  
HB 329 03/14/2023

Executive Action:

HB 82 BE CONCURRED IN  
HB 134 BE CONCURRED IN  
HB 186 BE CONCURRED IN AS  
AMENDED  
HB 224 BE CONCURRED IN  
HB 210 BE CONCURRED IN  
HB 295 BE CONCURRED IN

**HEARING ON HB 210 - Require state agencies to timely pay for services of other state agencies**

**Opening Statement:**

15:07:23 Rep. Ron Marshall (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 210, Require state agencies to timely pay for services of other state agencies.

**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

15:09:36 Misty Ann Giles, Department of Administration (DOA)

15:09:54 Jennifer Thompson, Department of Administration (DOA)

15:17:51 Aislinn Brown, Department of Justice (DOJ)

**Questions from Committee:**

15:10:30 Sen. Shelley Vance

15:11:00 Misty Ann Giles, DOA

15:11:16 Jennifer Thompson, DOA

15:11:54 Sen. Dan Bartel

15:12:14 Chair Mike Cuffe

15:12:26 Sen. Dan Bartel

15:12:40 Rep. Ron Marshall-R

15:14:07 Sen. Mark Noland

15:14:42 Jennifer Thompson, DOA

15:15:26 Sen. Mark Noland

15:15:41 Rep. Ron Marshall-R

15:16:13 Sen. Shelley Vance

15:16:44 Rep. Ron Marshall-R  
15:18:12 Vice Chair Denise Hayman  
15:18:21 Aislinn Brown, DOJ  
15:18:44 Chair Mike Cuffe  
15:18:49 Aislinn Brown, DOJ  
15:19:27 Sen. Shelley Vance  
15:19:51 Misty Ann Giles, DOA  
15:20:37 Chair Mike Cuffe  
15:20:56 Misty Ann Giles, DOA

**Closing Statement:**

15:21:35 Rep. Ron Marshall (R), HD 87, closed the hearing on HB 210.

**HEARING ON HB 329 - Allow state employees to use paid sick leave for child related events**

**Opening Statement:**

15:21:54 Rep. Laura Smith (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 329, Allow state employees to use paid sick leave for child related events.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:24:54 Amanda Curtis, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

15:25:34 Anjanette Schafer, Human Resources Division (HRD)

**Questions from Committee:**

15:26:23 Sen. Mark Noland  
15:26:48 Anjanette Schafer, HRD  
15:27:48 Vice Chair Denise Hayman

15:28:25 Rep. Laura Smith-D

15:29:06 Anjanette Schafer, HRD

**Closing Statement:**

15:30:09 Rep. Laura Smith (D), HD 79, closed the hearing on HB 329.

**HEARING ON HB 295 - Revise nepotism laws relating to small communities**

**Opening Statement:**

15:31:13 Rep. James Bergstrom (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on HB 295, Revise nepotism laws relating to small communities.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:33:10 Rebecca Boslough-King, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

15:34:51 Jay King, Petroleum County Conservation District (PCCD)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:38:33 Vice Chair Denise Hayman

15:39:15 Jay King, PCCD

15:41:13 Rebecca Boslough-King, MACD

**Closing Statement:**

15:42:26 Rep. James Bergstrom (R), HD 30, closed the hearing on HB 295.

**HEARING ON HB 190 - Provide for a state government performance and results act**

**Opening Statement:**

15:44:18 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 190, Provide for a state government performance and results act.

**Discussion:**

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[EXHIBIT\(230322STSa2\)](#)

**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

- 15:56:19 Misty Ann Giles, Department of Administration (DOA)  
[EXHIBIT\(230322STSa3\)](#)
- 15:59:29 Sen. Janet Ellis left the meeting.
- 16:01:00 Amanda Kaster, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
- 16:07:11 Chris Dorrington, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)  
[EXHIBIT\(230322STSa4\)](#)
- 16:12:58 Adam Carpenter, Chief Data Officer for the State of Montana (State of Montana)

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

- 16:18:46 Angus Maciver, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

**Questions from Committee:**

- 16:20:05 Sen. Theresa Manzella
- 16:21:10 Rep. Bill Mercer-R
- 16:26:02 Sen. Theresa Manzella
- 16:26:30 Angus Maciver, LAD
- 16:29:03 Sen. Shelley Vance
- 16:30:00 Rep. Bill Mercer-R
- 16:36:06 Sen. Mark Noland
- 16:37:32 Angus Maciver, LAD

16:39:23 Sen. Dan Bartel  
16:39:57 Rep. Bill Mercer-R  
16:49:12 Sen. Theresa Manzella  
16:49:47 Rep. Bill Mercer-R  
16:51:51 Sen. Shelley Vance  
16:52:39 Misty Ann Giles, DOA  
16:56:48 Sen. Mike Fox  
16:57:36 Misty Ann Giles, DOA  
16:58:11 Sen. Janet Ellis joined the meeting.  
16:58:38 Vice Chair Denise Hayman  
17:00:17 Rep. Bill Mercer-R  
17:03:08 Chair Mike Cuffe  
17:04:11 Rep. Bill Mercer-R

**Closing Statement:**

17:13:03 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, closed the hearing on HB 190.  
17:22:35 **Recessed**  
17:52:40 **Reconvened**  
17:52:44 Sen. Fitzpatrick has arrived  
17:52:49 Sen. Fox has left  
17:52:58 Sen. Bartel has left

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 82 - Create Montana national guard enlistment incentive program**

17:55:20 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **HB 82 BE CONCURRED IN.**  
17:55:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
17:55:20 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 134 - Revise laws related to the armory account**

17:56:42 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **HB 134 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

17:15:43 Executive Action Discussion

17:57:23 Sen. Theresa Manzella

17:57:53 Sen. Janet Ellis

17:56:42 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:56:42 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Mike Fox

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 186 - Revise dates for special purpose elections**

17:58:49 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **HB 186 BE CONCURRED IN.**

17:59:29 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **HB 186 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

18:00:26 Sen. Shelley Vance

18:01:25 Sen. Theresa Manzella

18:01:48 Sen. Shelley Vance

18:03:00 Chair Mike Cuffe

18:03:20 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

18:04:01 Sen. Theresa Manzella

18:05:09 Vice Chair Denise Hayman

18:05:57 Sen. Theresa Manzella

18:06:05 Vice Chair Denise Hayman

18:06:31 Chair Mike Cuffe

18:06:51 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

17:59:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

18:07:57 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **HB 186 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

18:08:07 Sen. Theresa Manzella

18:07:57 **Vote:** Motion carried 9 - 1 by voice vote with Sen. Manzella, voting no.

18:07:57 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Shelley Vance

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 224 - Revise vehicle registration law regarding military personnel**

18:09:59 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **HB 224 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

18:10:38 Sen. Janet Ellis

18:09:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

18:09:59 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Denise Hayman

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 210 - Require state agencies to timely pay for services of other state agencies**

18:11:56 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **HB 210 BE CONCURRED IN.**

18:11:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

18:11:56 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Theresa Manzella

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 295 - Revise nepotism laws relating to small communities**

18:13:10 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **HB 295 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

18:13:27 Chair Mike Cuffe

18:13:10 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

18:13:10 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Dan Bartel

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 18:17:23

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Cy Walsh, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230322STSaad\)](#)