

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Carl Glimm-R, on March 27, 2023 at 10:02 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. Pat Flowers (D)  
Sen. John Fuller (R)  
Sen. Mike Lang (R)  
Sen. Dennis Lenz (R)  
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)  
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)  
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)  
Sen. Daniel Salomon (R)  
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)  
Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)  
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)  
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)

**Staff Present:** Julie Johnson, Research Analyst  
Joe Triem, Fiscal Analyst  
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 226 03/23/2023  
HB 569 03/23/2023  
SB 334 03/22/2023

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HB 226 - Generally revise pension laws**

**Opening Statement:**

10:04:20 Rep. Terry Moore (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 226, Generally revise pension laws.

**Proponent Testimony:**

10:09:59 William Holahan, Montana Public Employee Retirement Association (MPERA)

10:10:58 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

10:11:29 Sen. Shane Morigeau left the meeting.

10:11:33 Sen. Ellie Boldman joined the meeting.

10:13:02 Liam McCollum, Americans for Prosperity (AFP)

**Opponent Testimony:**

10:14:36 Sarah Piper, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

10:18:35 Thomas Jodoin, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

10:20:59 Dan Villa, Montana Board of Investments (MBI)

10:21:29 Steven Gassenberger, Reason Foundation (RF)

**Questions from Committee:**

10:22:33 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn

10:23:01 Rep. Terry Moore-R

10:23:39 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

10:24:23 Rep. Terry Moore-R

10:25:20 Sen. Ryan Lynch joined the meeting.

10:29:31 Sen. Christopher Pope

10:29:43 William Holahan, MPERA

10:32:16 Vice Chair Janet Ellis

10:32:55 Jason Rittal, MACo  
10:34:08 Vice Chair Janet Ellis  
10:34:49 William Holahan, MPERA  
10:36:48 Sen. Pat Flowers  
10:37:21 Rep. Terry Moore-R  
10:39:47 Sen. Pat Flowers  
10:40:17 Dan Villa, MBI  
10:44:41 Sen. John Fuller  
10:45:11 Rep. Terry Moore-R  
10:45:56 Steven Gassenberger, RF  
10:48:45 Sen. Tom McGillvray  
10:49:51 Thomas Jodoin, MLCT  
10:52:13 Sen. Tom McGillvray  
10:52:33 Dan Villa, MBI  
10:53:18 Sen. Ryan Lynch  
10:53:59 Dan Villa, MBI  
10:55:19 Sen. Christopher Pope  
10:55:57 Dan Villa, MBI  
10:57:25 Sen. Dennis Lenz left the meeting.  
11:00:20 Chair John Esp

**Closing Statement:**

11:00:27 Rep. Terry Moore (R), HD 54, closed the hearing on HB 226.

**Discussion:**

11:00:59 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn left the meeting.

**HEARING ON HB 569 - Generally revise pension laws**

**Opening Statement:**

11:04:55 Rep. Terry Moore (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 569, Generally revise pension laws.

**Discussion:**

11:05:57 Sen. Mike Cuffe joined the meeting.

**Proponent Testimony:**

11:09:49 Rep. Marta Bertoglio, House District 75 (HD75)

**Opponent Testimony:**

11:11:55 Brian Thompson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

11:14:33 Mark Taylor, Association of Montana Troopers (AMT)

11:18:10 Sarah Piper, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

11:20:00 Shelby DeMars, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)

11:22:02 Allen Fulton, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

11:24:18 James Schneider, Association of Montana Troopers (AMT)

11:26:57 Jeremy Kopp, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

11:29:20 Brian Egeland, Rosebud County Sheriff's Office (RCSO)

11:30:45 Josh Jonas, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

11:33:05 William Holahan, Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration (MPERA)

**Questions from Committee:**

11:33:42 Sen. Tom McGillvray

11:34:07 Rep. Terry Moore-R

11:35:51 Sen. Tom McGillvray

11:36:53 James Schneider, AMT

11:39:35 Sen. Mike Cuffe left the meeting.  
11:39:59 Sen. Dennis Lenz joined the meeting.  
11:41:02 Sen. Shelley Vance  
11:41:47 William Holahan, MPERA  
11:42:49 Sen. Daniel Salomon  
11:43:07 Rep. Marta Bertoglio, HD75  
11:43:44 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn joined the meeting.  
11:44:20 Sen. Daniel Salomon  
11:44:32 Brian Thompson, MSPOA

**Closing Statement:**

11:45:06 Rep. Terry Moore (R), HD 54, closed the hearing on HB 569.

**HEARING ON SB 334 - Revise petroleum storage tank cleanup definitions**

**Opening Statement:**

11:47:40 Chair John Esp (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB 334, Revise petroleum storage tank cleanup definitions.

**Discussion:**

[EXHIBIT\(230327FCSa1\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230327FCSa2\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230327FCSa3\)](#)

**Proponent Testimony:**

11:54:27 Amy Steinmetz, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)  
11:58:48 Sen. Dan Bartel left the meeting.  
11:59:07 Sen. Ellie Boldman left the meeting.  
11:59:47 Alan Stine, self  
12:00:46 Sen. Dan Bartel joined the meeting.

12:03:25 Thomas Jodoin, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

12:03:35 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn left the meeting.

12:03:53 Sen. Tom McGillvray left the meeting.

12:04:21 David Hunter, self

[EXHIBIT\(230327FCSa4\)](#)

12:06:56 Sen. Mike Cuffe joined the meeting.

12:07:30 Dennis Franks, self

12:08:52 Mark Johnson, self

**Opponent Testimony:**

12:13:00 John Monahan, Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board (PTRCB)

[EXHIBIT\(230327FCSa5\)](#)

12:14:15 Sen. Pat Flowers left the meeting.

12:16:29 Terry Wadsworth, Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board (PTRCB)

12:20:12 Aislinn Brown, Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board (PTRCB)

[EXHIBIT\(230327FCSa6\)](#)

12:21:23 Darin Gaub, self

12:22:09 Grant Jackson, Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board (PTRCB)

12:22:36 Jerry Breen, self

12:25:46 Greg Cross, self

12:26:43 Brad Longcake, Montana Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association (MPMCSA)

12:28:06 Sen. John Fuller left the meeting.

12:28:25 Sen. Dennis Lenz left the meeting.

12:30:57 Earl Allen, self

12:31:33 Scott Curry, Montana Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association (MPMCSA)

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

12:33:03 John Harrington, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

**Questions from Committee:**

12:33:42 Sen. Dan Bartel

12:33:57 Brad Longcake, MPMCSA

12:34:24 Vice Chair Janet Ellis

12:34:51 John Harrington, LAD

**Closing Statement:**

12:35:49 Chair John Esp (R), SD 30, closed the hearing on SB 334.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:40:30

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Cy Walsh, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230327FCSaad\)](#)