

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

Call to Order: Chair Mike Cuffe-R, on April 03, 2023 at 8:10 AM, in 335

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Mike Cuffe, Chair (R)
Sen. Denise Hayman, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Wendy McKamey, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dan Bartel (R)
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Mike Fox (D)
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Theresa Manzella (R)
Sen. Mark Noland (R)

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 387 03/14/2023
HB 733 03/14/2023

Executive Action:

SB 566 DO PASS
HB 733
HB 387

HEARING ON HB 733 - Revise laws related to disposal of surplus campaign funds

Opening Statement:

08:11:31 Rep. Steven Galloway (R), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 733, Revise laws related to disposal of surplus campaign funds.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:13:18 Chris Gallus, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

Questions from Committee:

08:14:04 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick
08:17:25 Chris Gallus, COPP
08:18:32 Vice Chair Denise Hayman
08:20:11 Chris Gallus, COPP
08:20:41 Rep. Steven Galloway-R
08:22:08 Vice Chair Denise Hayman
08:22:56 Rep. Steven Galloway-R
08:24:01 Sen. Shelley Vance
08:24:46 Rep. Steven Galloway-R
08:25:55 Sen. Janet Ellis
08:26:30 Rep. Steven Galloway-R

Closing Statement:

08:27:15 Rep. Steven Galloway (R), HD 24, closed the hearing on HB 733.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 566 - Require top two primary for U.S. Senate races

08:31:24 **Motion:** Vice Chair Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 566 TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE.**

16:25:38 **Vote:** Motion carried 5 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Fox, Sen. Hayman, voting no.

08:31:27 **Motion:** Vice Chair Wendy McKamey moved that **SB 566 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

08:32:09 Sen. Shelley Vance

08:32:19 Sen. Janet Ellis

16:25:38 **Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 4 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Fox, Sen. Hayman, Sen. Manzella, voting no.
Sen. Manzella, By Proxy

08:36:10 Sen. Fitzpatrick has left

08:40:26 **Reconvened**

HEARING ON HB 387 - Generally revise constituent accounts

Opening Statement:

08:41:36 Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 387, Generally revise constituent accounts.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:45:21 Chris Gallus, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

Questions from Committee:

08:28:53 Committee Discussion

08:33:50 Committee Discussion- Upcoming hearing lists

08:36:07 Adjourn Meeting

08:45:49 Sen. Shelley Vance

08:46:49 Sponsor

Closing Statement:

08:47:19 Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, closed the hearing on HB 387.

08:47:29 Sen. Noland has arrived

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 733 - Revise laws related to disposal of surplus campaign funds

08:53:11 **Motion:** Vice Chair Wendy McKamey moved that **HB 733 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

08:49:20 Committee Discussion on Legislative Deadlines

08:53:13 Sen. Dan Bartel

08:54:05 Chair Mike Cuffe

08:54:36 Chris Gallus, COPP

08:54:58 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey

08:55:20 Joe Carroll

08:55:38 Sen. Janet Ellis

08:55:53 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey

08:57:11 Joe Carroll

08:57:29 Vice Chair Denise Hayman

08:58:42 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey

16:25:38 **Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 4 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Fox, Sen. Hayman, Sen. McKamey, voting no.

08:53:11 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Mike Cuffe

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 387 - Generally revise constituent accounts

- 09:02:32 **Motion:** Vice Chair Wendy McKamey moved that **HB 387 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 16:25:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 09:02:32 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Mark Noland

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:01:44

Daisy Rhodes, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230403STSaad\)](#)