

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

Call to Order: Chair John Esp-R, on April 06, 2023 at 11:17 AM, in 335

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Mike Lang, Chair (R)
Sen. John Esp, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)

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 412 04/04/2023

HB 529 04/04/2023

Executive Action:

HB 529 BE CONCURRED IN

HEARING ON HB 529 - Revise laws related to officials commissioned by the governor

Opening Statement:

11:18:12 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 529, Revise laws related to officials commissioned by the governor.

Proponent Testimony:

11:19:00 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office

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Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

11:21:17 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov

11:21:34 Hannah

Closing Statement:

11:21:47 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, closed the hearing on HB 529.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 529 - Revise laws related to officials commissioned by the governor

11:22:16 **Motion:** Vice Chair John Esp moved that **HB 529 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:22:16 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

HEARING ON HB 412 - Generally revise code of ethics for public officials and government employees

Opening Statement:

11:23:01 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 412, Generally revise code of ethics for public officials and government employees.

Proponent Testimony:

11:28:27 Bruce Spencer, Montana Judges Association

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

11:29:38 Chris Gallus, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

Questions from Committee:

11:30:23 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

11:31:04 Chris Gallus, COPP

11:31:54 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

11:32:38 Rep. David Bedey-R

11:33:32 Vice Chair John Esp

11:36:57 Rep. David Bedey-R

11:39:05 Vice Chair John Esp

Closing Statement:

11:39:44 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, closed the hearing on HB 412.

11:42:48 **Committee Discussion:** Amendments discussion

11:42:57 Joe Kolman

11:44:09 Vice Chair John Esp

11:44:23 Joe Kolman

11:44:33 Vice Chair John Esp

11:44:47 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov

11:46:08 Chair Mike Lang
11:46:37 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick
11:48:00 Joe Kolman
11:48:23 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:49:10

Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230406LESaad\)](#)