

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

Call to Order: Chair Carl Glimm-R, on April 12, 2023 at 8:06 AM, in 317

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. John Esp, Chair (R)
Sen. Janet Ellis, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Dan Bartel (R)
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. John Fuller (R)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Dennis Lenz (R)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)
Sen. Daniel Salomon (R)
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)
Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Carl Glimm (R)
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Research Analyst
Joe Triem, Fiscal Analyst
Cy Walsh, Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

HB 9 04/08/2023
HB 12 04/08/2023
HB 408 04/08/2023
HB 707 04/08/2023

HB 835 04/08/2023
HB 922 04/08/2023

Executive Action:

HB 707 TO TABLE
HB 243 BE CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED
HB 9 BE CONCURRED IN
HB 408 BE CONCURRED IN
HB 922 BE CONCURRED IN
HB 11 BE CONCURRED IN
HB 114 BE CONCURRED IN
HB 12 BE CONCURRED IN

HEARING ON HB 9 - Cultural and aesthetic grants

Opening Statement:

08:07:41 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 9, Cultural and aesthetic grants.

Proponent Testimony:

08:10:15 Kristin Burgoyne, Montana Arts Council (MAC)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:11:03 Jason Harlow, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

08:11:15 Katy Callon, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Questions from Committee:

08:11:36 Sen. Tom McGillvray

08:12:06 Rep. Mike Hopkins

08:14:17 Sen. Ellie Boldman

08:15:02 Rep. Mike Hopkins

08:15:20 Sen. Mike Lang

08:15:40 Kristin Burgoyne, MAC

Closing Statement:

08:16:44 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, closed the hearing on HB 9.

HEARING ON HB 12 - Montana historic preservation grants

Opening Statement:

08:17:52 Rep. John Fitzpatrick opened the hearing on HB 12, Montana historic preservation grants.

Discussion:

08:19:55 Vice Chair Carl Glimm joined the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

08:24:21 Mackenzie Espeland, Department of Commerce (DOC)

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Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:25:44 Jason Harlow, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

Questions from Committee:

08:26:28 Chair John Esp

08:26:29 Sen. Kenneth Bogner left the meeting.

08:26:36 Mackenzie Espeland, DOC

08:27:23 Vice Chair Janet Ellis

08:28:35 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

08:28:49 Sen. Mike Lang

08:29:17 Sen. Mike Cuffe

Closing Statement:

08:29:34 Rep. John Fitzpatrick closed the hearing on HB 12.

HEARING ON HB 835 - Create Medicaid and 24/7 contingency fund

Opening Statement:

08:30:35 Rep. Bob Keenan (R), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 835, Create Medicaid and 24/7 contingency fund.

Proponent Testimony:

08:31:35 Ryan Evans, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

08:33:19 Charlie Brereton, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

08:35:44 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance on Mental Illness of Montana (NAMI)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:36:58 Kim Aiken, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee:

08:37:33 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

08:37:51 Ryan Evans, OBPP

08:40:06 Vice Chair Janet Ellis

08:41:18 Ryan Evans, OBPP

08:41:32 Vice Chair Carl Glimm

08:41:48 Ryan Evans, OBPP

Closing Statement:

08:42:37 Rep. Bob Keenan (R), HD 5, closed the hearing on HB 835.

HEARING ON HB 922 - Require DPHHS to develop and implement an Olmstead plan

Opening Statement:

08:44:00 Rep. Bob Keenan (R), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 922, Require DPHHS to develop and implement an Olmstead plan.

Proponent Testimony:

08:46:18 Barb Smith, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

08:47:21 June Hermanson, State Independent Living Council (SILC)

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08:50:46 Sean Conroe, Ability Montana (AM)

08:51:33 Trish Schrieber, self

08:53:37 Adrienne Cotton, AARP Montana (AARP)

08:54:31 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance on Mental Illness of Montana (NAMI)

08:55:41 Tom Osborn, North Central Independent Living Services (NCILS)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:57:26 Gene Hermanson, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee:

08:58:03 Sen. Dennis Lenz

08:58:47 Rep. Bob Keenan-R

09:02:18 Sen. Mike Lang

09:02:40 Rep. Bob Keenan-R

09:03:07 Sen. Shane Morigeau joined the meeting.

09:03:28 Vice Chair Carl Glimm left the meeting.

09:04:18 Chair John Esp

09:04:48 June Hermanson, DPHHS

09:06:42 Sen. Ellie Boldman

09:07:55 Rep. Bob Keenan-R

09:08:51 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn left the meeting.

Closing Statement:

09:08:56 Rep. Bob Keenan (R), HD 5, closed the hearing on HB 922.

HEARING ON HB 408 - Revise student scholarship organization and innovative education tax credits

Opening Statement:

09:09:35 Rep. Sue Vinton (R), HD 56, opened the hearing on HB 408, Revise student scholarship organization and innovative education tax credits.

Proponent Testimony:

09:11:44 Dylan Klapmeier, Governor's Office
09:13:24 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation (MFF)
09:15:03 Vice Chair Carl Glimm joined the meeting.
09:16:17 Lance Melton, Coalition of Advocates for Montana's Public Schools
(CAMPS)

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09:18:42 Trish Schrieber, self
09:21:25 Patrick Webb, Americans for Prosperity (AFP)
09:23:54 Ross Izard, ACE Scholarships (ACE)

Opponent Testimony:

09:25:32 Eric Burke, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)
09:30:48 Jenny Murnane Butcher, Montanans Organized for Education (MOE)

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:32:30 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
09:32:47 Robert Finstad, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee:

09:33:28 Sen. Ellie Boldman
09:34:24 Rep. Sue Vinton-R
09:35:39 Sen. Ellie Boldman
09:36:38 Dylan Klapmeier, Governor's Office
09:37:58 Sen. Ellie Boldman
09:38:35 Paul Taylor, OPI
09:40:06 Sen. Daniel Salomon
09:40:21 Rep. Sue Vinton-R

09:41:03 Sen. Daniel Salomon
09:41:05 Lance Melton, CAMPS

Closing Statement:

09:43:23 Rep. Sue Vinton (R), HD 56, closed the hearing on HB 408.

HEARING ON HB 707 - Allow certain elementary districts to create new high school district

Opening Statement:

09:45:02 Rep. Jodee Etchart (R), HD 48, opened the hearing on HB 707, Allow certain elementary districts to create new high school district.

Discussion:

09:46:32 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn joined the meeting.
09:46:41 Sen. Dan Bartel left the meeting.
09:46:51 Sen. Forrest Mandeville left the meeting.
09:46:56 Sen. Shane Morigeau left the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

09:48:11 Sen. Chris Friedel

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:51:17 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
09:51:35 Nancy Hall, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

Questions from Committee:

09:51:58 Sen. Pat Flowers left the meeting.
09:52:06 Sen. Daniel Salomon
09:52:15 Nancy Hall, OBPP
09:53:33 Sen. Forrest Mandeville joined the meeting.

09:55:01 Sen. Daniel Salomon
09:55:22 Rep. Jodee Etchart-R
09:55:34 Sen. Tom McGillvray
09:55:55 Nancy Hall, OBPP
09:57:40 Chair John Esp
09:58:04 Rep. Jodee Etchart-R
09:58:50 Sen. John Fuller
09:59:27 Paul Taylor, OPI
10:04:12 Vice Chair Carl Glimm
10:04:36 Paul Taylor, OPI
10:06:53 Vice Chair Carl Glimm
10:07:36 Rep. Jodee Etchart-R
10:08:39 Sen. Mike Cuffe
10:09:31 Paul Taylor, OPI
10:10:33 Sen. Shane Morigeau joined the meeting.
10:12:13 Chair John Esp
10:13:01 Sen. Daniel Salomon
10:13:11 Paul Taylor, OPI

Closing Statement:

10:17:09 Rep. Jodee Etchart (R), HD 48, closed the hearing on HB 707.

10:20:40 **Recessed**

10:57:33 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 707 - Allow certain elementary districts to create new high school district

10:57:47 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 707 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

10:58:05 Sen. Daniel Salomon

10:58:47 Sen. John Fuller

10:59:39 Chair John Esp

10:59:52 Sen. Christopher Pope

11:00:14 Sen. Pat Flowers joined the meeting.

11:00:24 Sen. Mike Lang

11:00:43 Sen. Daniel Salomon

11:01:08 Sen. Mike Lang

11:01:23 Chair John Esp

11:01:28 Sen. Tom McGillvray

11:02:43 Vice Chair Janet Ellis

11:03:19 Sen. Daniel Salomon

11:03:55 Chair John Esp

11:04:13 Sen. Daniel Salomon

11:04:15 Sen. Shane Morigeau left the meeting.

11:04:29 Sen. Mike Cuffe

11:05:04 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

10:58:18 **Vote:** Motion failed 10 - 9 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Mandeville, Sen. McGillvray, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, Sen. Salomon, Sen. Vance, voting yes.
Sen. Morigeau, By Proxy

11:06:34 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 707 TO TABLE.**

11:06:34 **Vote:** Motion carried 10 - 9 by voice vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Mandeville, Sen. McGillvray, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, Sen. Salomon, Sen. Vance, voting no.
Sen. Morigeau, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 243 - Revise hunter education laws

11:07:11 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 243 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

11:08:37 Sen. Daniel Salomon left the meeting.

11:09:10 Sen. Pat Flowers

11:11:33 Sen. Tom McGillvray left the meeting.

11:11:40 **Motion:** Sen. Mike Lang moved that **HB 243 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:12:06 Sen. Pat Flowers

11:13:29 Sen. Mike Lang

11:13:34 Sen. Pat Flowers

11:11:40 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 6 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, voting no. Sen. Morigeau, By Proxy

11:14:44 **Motion:** Sen. Pat Flowers moved that **HB 243 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:16:42 Joe Triem

11:16:51 Julie Johnson

11:17:16 Chair John Esp

11:17:19 **Motion:** Sen. Pat Flowers moved that **HB 243 BE AMENDED.**

11:17:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:18:02 **Motion:** Vice Chair Janet Ellis moved that **HB 243 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

11:18:02 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:18:02 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Daniel Emrich

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 9 - Cultural and aesthetic grants

11:18:58 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 9 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:18:58 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 6 by roll call vote with Sen. Bartel, Sen. Glimm, Sen. Lenz, Sen. McGillvray, Sen. Vance, Sen. Welborn, voting no. Sen. Bartel, Sen. McGillvray, By Proxy

11:18:58 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Mike Cuffe

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 408 - Revise student scholarship organization and innovative education tax credits

11:21:05 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 408 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:21:05 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 6 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, voting no. Sen. Morigeau, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 922 - Require DPHHS to develop and implement an Olmstead plan

11:22:23 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 922 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:22:23 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:22:23 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Carl Glimm

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 11 - Montana coal endowment program

11:23:42 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 11 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:23:42 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:23:42 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Mike Cuffe

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 114 - Revise timelines for water right permit and change process

11:24:35 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 114 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:24:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 12 - Montana historic preservation grants

11:33:13 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 12 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

11:33:40 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

11:34:12 Chair John Esp

11:34:28 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 12 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:34:29 Sen. Mike Lang left the meeting.

11:34:46 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn

11:35:45 Sen. Mike Cuffe

11:35:51 Sen. Dennis Lenz
11:36:02 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn
11:36:22 Sen. Dennis Lenz
11:36:56 Sen. Ellie Boldman
11:34:28 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
11:38:15 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 12 BE CONCURRED IN.**
11:38:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
11:38:15 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Mike Cuffe
11:39:05 **Committee Discussion:** HB 10 Amendments
11:39:25 Katy Callon, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
11:41:53 Chair John Esp

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:43:00

Cy Walsh, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230412FCSaad\)](#)