

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Carl Glimm-R, on April 14, 2023 at 8:01 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. Kenneth Bogner (R)  
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)  
Sen. John Fuller (R)  
Sen. Dennis Lenz (R)  
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)  
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)  
Sen. Daniel Salomon (R)  
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)  
Sen. Mike Lang (R)  
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)  
Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R)

**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 5 04/12/2023  
HB 29 04/12/2023  
HB 174 04/12/2023  
HB 396 04/12/2023

Executive Action:

HB 396 BE CONCURRED IN  
HB 29 BE CONCURRED IN  
HB 174 BE CONCURRED IN

08:02:39 **Committee Discussion:** Committee Announcements

08:03:38 Joe Triem

08:05:02 Chair John Esp

**HEARING ON HB 5 - Long-range building appropriations**

**Opening Statement:**

08:08:30 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 5, Long-range building appropriations.

08:11:49 Sen. Lynch has arrived

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:15:47 Representative John Fitzpatrick, HD 7

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08:18:10 Sen. Bogner has left

08:24:37 Russ Katherman, Department of Administration (DOA)

08:25:08 Sen. Flowers has arrived

08:25:55 Clayton Christian, Commissioner of Higher Education (CHE)

08:27:01 Dave Williamson, Montana Veterans Affairs (MVA)

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08:28:54 Sen. Cuffe has arrived

08:30:17 Bill Willing, Trustee, Southwest Veteran Home (SVH)

08:33:11 Chris Cotton, Administrator, Montana Veterans Homes (MVH)

08:34:30 Vice Chair Glimm has left

08:36:39 Brenna Anderson, Eduro Health Care, Montana Veterans Homes (MVH)

08:38:53 Ray Beck, Yellowstone Conservation District

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08:40:23 Chad Sedgewick, Chair, Yellowstone Conservation District

08:41:09 Chris Kukulski, City Administrator of Billings

08:42:58 Sheridan Johnson, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

08:43:34 Sam Forstag, Montana Coalition of Homeless Shelters (MCHS)

08:44:40 Erin McGowan, Montana HRDC Director's Association (HRDC)

08:46:06 Clayton Elliot, Montana Trout Unlimited, Wild Montana (MTU, WM)

08:47:43 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

08:48:12 Ryan McCormick, Montana Agricultural Experiments Station (MAES)

08:49:30 Natalie Smitham, Department of Corrections (DOC)

08:49:50 Jim Salmonson, Montana State Prison (MSP)

08:50:08 Thomas Jodoin, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

08:50:56 Kurt Sager, Montanan Highway Patrol (MHP)

08:52:12 Justin Baruam, Montana Law Enforcement Academy (MLEA)

08:53:15 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance on Mental Illness Montana (NAMI)

08:53:37 Brad Longcake, Montana Petroleum Workers (MPW)

08:54:40 Major General Peter J. Hornek, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

08:55:09 Charlie Brereton, Director, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

08:55:36 Lene Havron, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

08:56:06 Mike Murolo, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

08:57:06 Cynthia Wolken, Department of Corrections (DOC)

08:57:31 Donna Schmidt, Montana School for the Deaf and Blind (MSDB)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

08:58:53 Terry Watsworth, Petroleum Board (PB)  
08:59:22 Cheryl Cohen, Board of Housing (BH)  
08:59:35 Jason Harlow, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)  
08:59:52 Katy Callon, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
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09:01:25 Kim Aiken, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)  
09:01:41 William Evo, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)  
09:02:07 Nate Thomas, Department of Justice (DOJ)  
09:02:20 Wyatt Frampton, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)  
09:02:45 Steve Swanson, Department of Revenue (DOR)  
09:03:03 Greg Juda, Director, Veterinary Diagnostic Lab (VDL)  
09:03:29 Mark Bostrom, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)  
09:03:48 Bardell Mangum, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)  
09:04:23 Vice Chair Glimm has arrived

**Questions from Committee:**

09:04:30 Sen. Tom McGillvray  
09:05:39 Jim Salmonson, MSP  
09:05:52 Sen. Tom McGillvray  
09:06:27 Cynthia Wolken, DOC  
09:09:15 Chair John Esp  
09:09:53 Cynthia Wolken, DOC  
09:10:09 Chair John Esp  
09:12:39 Sen. Welborn has arrived

09:12:51 Russ Katherman, DOA  
09:13:31 Sen. Tom McGillvray  
09:14:24 Ray Beck, Yellowstone Conservation District  
09:14:51 Chair John Esp  
09:15:11 Rep. Mike Hopkins-R  
09:15:27 Sen. Morigeau has arrived

**Closing Statement:**

09:15:52 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, closed the hearing on HB 5.

**HEARING ON HB 29 - Revise laws related to involuntary commitment of people with dementia or TBI**

**Opening Statement:**

09:21:38 Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 29, Revise laws related to involuntary commitment of people with dementia or TBI.

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:26:48 Claire Marshall, Alzheimer's Association Montana (AAM)  
09:27:45 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance on Mental Illness Montana (NAMI)  
09:29:03 Tal Goldin, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)  
09:30:51 Margret MacDonald, Big Sky 55+, AARP Montana (BS55, AARP)  
09:32:13 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association (MHCA)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

09:36:10 Gene Hermanson, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

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09:36:42 Angie Carter, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

**Questions from Committee:**

None

**Closing Statement:**

09:37:30 Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, closed the hearing on HB 29.

**HEARING ON HB 174 - Requiring certain costs paid to detention centers to be based on actual costs**

**Opening Statement:**

09:41:07 Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R), HD 43, opened the hearing on HB 174, Requiring certain costs paid to detention centers to be based on actual costs.

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:44:00 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

09:47:16 Karen Alley, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

09:49:24 Nate Thomas, Department of Justice (DOJ)

09:49:49 Natalie Smitham, Department of Corrections (DOC)

**Questions from Committee:**

09:50:22 Sen. Christopher Pope

09:50:50 Karen Alley, MACo

09:51:06 Sen. Tom McGillvray

09:51:35 Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe-R

09:52:49 Sen. Tom McGillvray

09:53:05 Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe-R

**Closing Statement:**

09:53:19 Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R), HD 43, closed the hearing on HB 174.

09:54:49 **Recessed**

10:08:47 **Reconvened**

**HEARING ON HB 396 - Require school trustees to admit resident children on a part-time basis**

**Opening Statement:**

10:08:57 Rep. Naarah Hastings (R), HD 50, opened the hearing on HB 396, Require school trustees to admit resident children on a part-time basis.

**Proponent Testimony:**

10:10:21 Dylan Klapmeier, Governor's Office

10:10:40 Sen. Daniel Salomon left the meeting.

10:10:44 Sen. Tom McGillvray left the meeting.

10:10:48 Sen. Forrest Mandeville left the meeting.

10:10:55 Sen. Kenneth Bogner left the meeting.

10:11:02 Sen. Dennis Lenz left the meeting.

10:11:04 Sen. John Fuller left the meeting.

10:11:17 Sen. Mike Cuffe joined the meeting.

10:12:20 Lance Melton, Coalition of Advocates for Montana's Public Schools (CAMPS)

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10:12:50 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn joined the meeting.

10:12:54 Sen. Forrest Mandeville joined the meeting.

10:12:57 Sen. Pat Flowers joined the meeting.

10:15:29 Henry Kriegel, Americans for Prosperity (AFP)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

10:16:20 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)  
10:16:32 Sen. Mike Cuffe left the meeting.  
10:16:35 Sen. Tom McGillvray joined the meeting.

**Questions from Committee:**

10:16:42 Vice Chair Carl Glimm  
10:16:46 Sen. John Fuller joined the meeting.  
10:17:04 Paul Taylor, OPI  
10:18:15 Sen. Pat Flowers  
10:18:53 Lance Melton, CAMPS

**Closing Statement:**

10:19:45 Rep. Naarah Hastings (R), HD 50, closed the hearing on HB 396.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 396 - Require school trustees to admit resident children on a part-time basis**

10:20:38 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 396 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

10:21:08 Sen. John Fuller  
10:21:08 Sen. Mike Cuffe joined the meeting.  
10:21:11 Sen. Shane Morigeau joined the meeting.  
10:21:14 Sen. Dan Bartel left the meeting.  
10:20:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
10:20:38 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. John Fuller

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 29 - Revise laws related to involuntary commitment of people with dementia or TBI**

10:22:17 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 29 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

10:22:31 Sen. Christopher Pope

10:22:59 Vice Chair Carl Glimm

10:23:01 Sen. Mike Lang joined the meeting.

10:23:06 Sen. Dan Bartel joined the meeting.

10:23:23 Sen. Mike Lang joined the meeting.

10:23:40 Sen. Ryan Lynch joined the meeting.

10:22:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:22:17 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Dennis Lenz

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 174 - Requiring certain costs paid to detention centers to be based on actual costs**

10:23:48 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 174 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

10:24:15 Sen. Ryan Lynch

10:23:48 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 6 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, voting no.

10:23:48 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Barry Usher

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:27:00

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