

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

Call to Order: Chair Carl Glimm-R, on April 18, 2023 at 8:02 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. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. John Fuller (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)

Members Excused: Sen. Dan Bartel (R)
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
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 424 04/15/2023

HB 669 04/15/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 424 - Generally revise sustainability of state finance and provide for transfers

Opening Statement:

08:04:04 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 424, Generally revise sustainability of state finance and provide for transfers.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230418FCSa1\)](#)

08:07:05 Sen. Dan Bartel joined the meeting.

08:07:09 Sen. Dennis Lenz left the meeting.

08:07:13 Sen. Shane Morigeau joined the meeting.

08:07:19 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn joined the meeting.

08:11:07 Sen. Mike Lang joined the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

08:14:58 Ryan Evans, Governor's Office

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:17:22 Amy Jenks, Department of Administration (DOA)

Questions from Committee:

08:18:02 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

08:18:18 Rep. Llew Jones-R

08:21:21 Sen. Christopher Pope

08:22:06 Rep. Llew Jones-R

08:26:51 Sen. Ryan Lynch

08:27:03 Rep. Llew Jones-R

08:28:05 Sen. Dennis Lenz joined the meeting.

08:31:08 Sen. Tom McGillvray
08:31:53 Rep. Llew Jones-R
08:36:29 Sen. Mike Cuffe
08:39:40 Rep. Llew Jones-R
08:41:11 Sen. Dan Bartel
08:42:23 Rep. Llew Jones-R
08:47:40 Vice Chair Carl Glimm
08:51:02 Rep. Llew Jones-R
08:57:18 Vice Chair Janet Ellis
08:57:24 Sen. Ryan Lynch
08:57:45 Rep. Llew Jones-R
09:00:12 Vice Chair Janet Ellis
09:00:42 Rep. Llew Jones-R
09:02:47 Sen. Tom McGillvray
09:04:14 Rep. Llew Jones-R
09:04:54 Sen. Pat Flowers left the meeting.
09:06:26 Sen. Ryan Lynch left the meeting.
09:06:53 Sen. Mike Cuffe
09:06:56 Chair John Esp left the meeting.
09:07:36 Rep. Llew Jones-R

Closing Statement:

09:08:48 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, closed the hearing on HB 424.

HEARING ON HB 669 - Revise laws related to allocation of marijuana tax revenues

Opening Statement:

09:09:17 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 669, Revise laws related to allocation of marijuana tax revenues.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230418FCSa2\)](#)

09:11:59 Chair John Esp joined the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

09:18:13 Major General J. Peter Hronek, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

09:19:17 Roger Hagan, American Legion (AL)

09:20:38 Kelly Ackerman, Montana Veteran's Affairs Division (MVAD)

Opponent Testimony:

09:23:43 Sen. Mike Cuffe left the meeting.

09:23:48 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

09:24:02 Sen. Dennis Lenz left the meeting.

09:24:08 Sen. Ryan Lynch joined the meeting.

09:26:24 Noah Marion, Wild Montana (WM)

[EXHIBIT\(230418FCSa3\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230418FCSa4\)](#)

09:29:32 Jocelyn Leroux, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

09:30:48 Pat Bousliman, Montana Association of Land Trusts (MALT)

09:31:23 Matt Leow, Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (BHA)

09:32:28 Sen. Tom McGillvray left the meeting.

09:32:32 Sen. Ryan Lynch left the meeting.

09:32:40 Susan Evans, Sierra Club (SC)

09:33:23 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn left the meeting.

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:35:41 Janae Grotbo, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)
09:35:56 Sen. Tom McGillvray joined the meeting.
09:35:59 Sen. Ryan Lynch joined the meeting.
09:36:03 Gene Hermanson, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
09:36:28 Dustin Temple, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee:

09:36:48 Vice Chair Carl Glimm
09:37:11 Rep. Bill Mercer-R
09:37:14 Sen. Pat Flowers joined the meeting.
09:37:38 Sen. Mike Cuffe joined the meeting.
09:40:59 Sen. John Fuller
09:41:25 Rep. Bill Mercer-R
09:41:36 Sen. Shane Morigeau
09:41:58 Rep. Bill Mercer-R
09:45:54 Sen. Mike Cuffe
09:46:46 Rep. Bill Mercer-R
09:47:21 Sen. Dan Bartel left the meeting.

Closing Statement:

09:48:06 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, closed the hearing on HB 669.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:55:15

Cy Walsh, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230418FCSaad\)](#)