

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 3:40 PM, 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. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. John Fuller (R)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Dennis Lenz (R)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)
Sen. Daniel Salomon (R)
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)
Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)

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 479 04/18/2023
HB 482 04/18/2023
HB 496 04/18/2023
HB 828 04/18/2023

HB 220 04/18/2023
HB 449 04/18/2023
Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 449 - Provide for certified pediatric complex care assistant services

Opening Statement:

15:42:37 Rep. Alice Buckley (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 449, Provide for certified pediatric complex care assistant services.

Proponent Testimony:

15:45:36 Laura Gill, self

15:48:01 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:49:51 Gene Hermanson, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

15:50:42 Rep. Alice Buckley (D), HD 63, closed the hearing on HB 449.

HEARING ON HB 220 - Create select committee on energy resource planning and acquisition

Opening Statement:

15:51:55 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 220, Create select committee on energy resource planning and acquisition.

Proponent Testimony:

15:52:46 Chris Puyear, Northwestern Energy (NE)

15:53:14 Sen. Forrest Mandeville joined the meeting.

15:53:22 Vice Chair Carl Glimm joined the meeting.

15:54:30 Sen. Mike Cuffe joined the meeting.

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:55:16 Chair John Esp
15:55:36 Chris Puyear, NE
15:56:11 Chair John Esp
15:56:22 Sen. Ryan Lynch joined the meeting.
15:56:36 Rep. Joshua Kassmier-R
15:57:12 Chair John Esp

Closing Statement:

15:57:31 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, closed the hearing on HB 220.

HEARING ON HB 828 - Authorize an ambulance provider assessment program

Opening Statement:

15:58:03 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 828, Authorize an ambulance provider assessment program.

Discussion:

15:59:06 Sen. Dennis Lenz joined the meeting.
15:59:07 Sen. Shane Morigeau joined the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

16:03:05 Aidan Myhre, Montana Ambulance Association (MAA)
16:04:00 Sen. John Fuller joined the meeting.
16:04:36 Sen. Kenneth Bogner left the meeting.
16:05:12 Rich Cowger, Montana State Fire Chiefs Association (MSFCA)
16:06:36 Justin Grohs, Great Falls Emergency Services (GFES)

16:07:05 Sen. Mike Cuffe left the meeting.

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:09:29 Jared Isom, Department of Revenue (DOR)

16:09:47 Gene Hermanson, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

16:10:03 Robert Finstad, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee:

16:10:38 Chair John Esp

16:11:03 Gene Hermanson, DPHHS

16:13:03 Sen. Mike Lang

16:13:36 Aidan Myhre, MAA

16:16:01 Sen. Pat Flowers joined the meeting.

16:16:47 Sen. Mike Lang

16:16:52 Rep. Edward Buttrey-R

16:19:03 Vice Chair Carl Glimm

16:19:27 Gene Hermanson, DPHHS

16:20:07 Sen. Mike Cuffe joined the meeting.

16:21:46 Vice Chair Carl Glimm

16:22:27 Aidan Myhre, MAA

16:26:11 Chair John Esp

16:26:16 Aidan Myhre, MAA

16:26:39 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

16:27:00 Rep. Edward Buttrey-R

16:28:23 Sen. Dennis Lenz
16:29:37 Aidan Myhre, MAA
16:32:56 Chair John Esp
16:33:04 Aidan Myhre, MAA

Closing Statement:

16:33:42 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, closed the hearing on HB 828.

Discussion:

16:33:53 Sen. Mike Cuffe left the meeting.
16:34:01 Sen. Ryan Lynch left the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 479 - Provide appropriation for DOJ to assume law enforcement PL-280

Opening Statement:

16:35:42 Rep. Joe Read (R), HD 93, opened the hearing on HB 479, Provide appropriation for DOJ to assume law enforcement PL-280.

Proponent Testimony:

16:38:04 Sen. Greg Hertz
16:38:40 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn left the meeting.
16:39:17 Scott Reichner, Lake County Commissioners (LCC)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:41:17 Beth Thompson, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee:

16:41:56 Sen. Shane Morigeau
16:42:01 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn joined the meeting.
16:43:32 Rep. Joe Read-R

16:48:01 Sen. Mike Cuffe joined the meeting.

Closing Statement:

16:48:24 Rep. Joe Read (R), HD 93, closed the hearing on HB 479.

HEARING ON HB 482 - Provide access to education and supports for children aging out of foster care

Opening Statement:

16:49:37 Rep. Jane Gillette (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 482, Provide access to education and supports for children aging out of foster care.

Discussion:

16:53:39 Sen. Tom McGillvray joined the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:54:20 Erica Johnston, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

16:54:44 Shauna Lyons, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (CHE)

Questions from Committee:

16:55:11 Sen. Ellie Boldman

16:55:14 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn left the meeting.

16:55:17 Sen. Dan Bartel left the meeting.

16:55:22 Sen. Dennis Lenz left the meeting.

16:55:34 Erica Johnston, DPHHS

16:58:13 Sen. Daniel Salomon

16:58:33 Rep. Jane Gillette-R

16:58:48 Sen. Ellie Boldman

16:59:16 Rep. Jane Gillette-R

Closing Statement:

17:01:59 Rep. Jane Gillette (R), HD 64, closed the hearing on HB 482.

HEARING ON HB 496 - Provide for health care preceptor individual income tax credit

Opening Statement:

17:02:23 Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HB 496, Provide for health care preceptor individual income tax credit.

Discussion:

17:03:26 Sen. Dennis Lenz joined the meeting.

17:03:39 Sen. Forrest Mandeville left the meeting.

17:03:50 Sen. Mike Lang left the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

17:04:16 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

17:06:51 Aaron McNay, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

17:07:26 Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R), HD 71, closed the hearing on HB 496.

Discussion:

17:07:34 Sen. Mike Lang joined the meeting.

17:08:44 Sen. Forrest Mandeville joined the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:09:28

Cy Walsh, Secretary

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