

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

Call to Order: Chair Carl Glimm-R, on April 19, 2023 at 8:04 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. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. John Fuller (R)
Sen. Dennis Lenz (R)
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)
Sen. Daniel Salomon (R)
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)
Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (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 332 04/19/2023
HB 382 04/19/2023
HB 403 04/19/2023
HB 588 04/19/2023

HB 864 04/15/2023

HB 868 04/15/2023

HB 883 04/15/2023

Executive Action:

HB 382 BE CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED

HB 403 TO TABLE

HB 449 BE CONCURRED IN

HB 496 TO TABLE

HB 828 BE CONCURRED IN

HB 220 BE CONCURRED IN

HEARING ON HB 883 - Generally revise state finance

Opening Statement:

08:05:23 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 883, Generally revise state finance.

Discussion:

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Proponent Testimony:

08:11:53 Ryan Evans, Governor's Office

08:14:26 Amanda Kaster, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(230419FCSa2\)](#)

08:20:40 Noah Marion, Wild Montana (WM)

08:21:40 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited (TU)

08:22:07 Jim Keenan, Butte-Silver Bow (BSB)

08:23:37 Sen. Kenneth Bogner left the meeting.

08:23:52 Sen. Mike Lang joined the meeting.

08:23:55 Rich Cowger, Montana Fire Alliance (MFA)

Opponent Testimony:

08:27:16 Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association (MWPA)

08:29:32 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resources Association (TSRA)

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:30:36 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn

08:32:04 Rep. Llew Jones-R

08:33:55 Sen. Forrest Mandeville left the meeting.

08:37:15 Sen. Mike Cuffe

08:37:26 Sen. Ryan Lynch joined the meeting.

08:37:33 Rep. Llew Jones-R

08:39:27 Sen. Mike Cuffe

08:39:41 Rep. Llew Jones-R

08:41:31 Sen. Mike Cuffe

08:42:24 Amanda Kaster, DNRC

08:43:18 Sen. Pat Flowers

08:43:24 Sen. Tom McGillvray

08:44:28 Amanda Kaster, DNRC

08:45:06 Shawn Thomas, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation
(DNRC)

08:46:48 Sen. Dennis Lenz

08:47:31 Julia Altemus, MWPA

08:50:06 Sen. Pat Flowers

08:51:33 Amanda Kaster, DNRC

08:51:42 Rep. Llew Jones-R

08:54:10 Sen. Mike Cuffe

08:54:57 Julia Altemus, MWPA

08:56:58 Chair John Esp left the meeting.

08:57:11 Sen. Dan Bartel

08:58:07 Rep. Llew Jones-R

09:00:55 Sen. Mike Cuffe left the meeting.

09:01:52 Sen. Dan Bartel

09:02:17 Amanda Kaster, DNRC

Closing Statement:

09:03:35 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, closed the hearing on HB 883.

HEARING ON HB 588 - Revise TEACH Act incentives to increase starting teacher salary

Opening Statement:

09:05:37 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 588, Revise TEACH Act incentives to increase starting teacher salary.

Discussion:

09:06:00 Chair John Esp joined the meeting.

09:06:22 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn left the meeting.

09:07:28 Sen. Ellie Boldman joined the meeting.

09:07:32 Sen. Mike Cuffe joined the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

09:07:41 Lance Melton, Coalition of Advocates for Montana Public Schools (CAMPS)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:08:55 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

09:09:19 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, closed the hearing on HB 588.

Discussion:

09:09:22 Sen. Daniel Salomon left the meeting.

09:09:27 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn joined the meeting.

**HEARING ON HB 864 - Authorize transfers and other necessary measure to implement
HB 2 section A**

Opening Statement:

09:10:28 Rep. Terry Moore (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 864, Authorize transfers and other necessary measure to implement HB 2 section A.

Discussion:

09:10:38 Sen. Forrest Mandeville joined the meeting.

09:11:44 Sen. Daniel Salomon joined the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

09:11:54 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:13:40 Vice Chair Janet Ellis

09:14:33 Joe Triem

09:15:26 Sen. Dan Bartel

09:16:25 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

09:19:19 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

09:19:32 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

09:20:50 Sen. Ryan Lynch

09:22:23 Rep. Llew Jones

Closing Statement:

09:23:03 Rep. Terry Moore (R), HD 54, closed the hearing on HB 864.

**HEARING ON HB 868 - Authorize transfers and other necessary measure to implement
HB 2 section C**

Opening Statement:

09:23:54 Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 868, Authorize transfers and other necessary measure to implement HB 2 section C.

Proponent Testimony:

09:25:57 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

09:27:12 Sen. John Fuller left the meeting.

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:28:03 Amy Steinmetz, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

09:28:22 Sen. John Fuller joined the meeting.

Questions from Committee:

09:28:34 Chair John Esp

09:28:47 Sen. Dan Bartel

09:30:29 Sen. Tom McGillvray left the meeting.

09:31:04 Chair John Esp

09:31:14 Sen. Forrest Mandeville left the meeting.

09:31:22 Amy Steinmetz, DEQ

Closing Statement:

09:31:35 Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R), HD 37, closed the hearing on HB 868.

HEARING ON HB 332 - Generally revise laws related to school employee health benefits

Opening Statement:

09:32:49 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 332, Generally revise laws related to school employee health benefits.

Proponent Testimony:

09:34:33 Lance Melton, Coalition of Advocates for Montana's Public Schools (CAMPS)
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09:34:53 Chair John Esp left the meeting.

09:34:56 Sen. Tom McGillvray joined the meeting.

09:34:59 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn left the meeting.

09:35:38 Vice Chair Janet Ellis left the meeting.

09:42:00 Vice Chair Janet Ellis joined the meeting.

09:42:47 Chair John Esp joined the meeting.

09:42:54 Erik Burke, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

09:44:40 Sen. Forrest Mandeville joined the meeting.

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:45:06 Vice Chair Carl Glimm

09:45:49 Lance Melton, CAMPS

09:48:17 Sen. John Fuller

09:48:32 Lance Melton, CAMPS

09:49:43 Sen. Mike Lang

09:50:14 Lance Melton, CAMPS

09:50:31 Vice Chair Carl Glimm left the meeting.

09:51:12 Sen. Dan Bartel

09:51:37 Lance Melton, CAMPS
09:52:13 Sen. Tom McGillvray
09:52:30 Lance Melton, CAMPS
09:56:35 Sen. Ryan Lynch
09:56:55 Lance Melton, CAMPS
09:57:24 Sen. Tom McGillvray left the meeting.
09:58:00 Sen. Ryan Lynch
09:58:05 Sen. Daniel Salomon

Closing Statement:

09:58:49 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, closed the hearing on HB 332.

HEARING ON HB 403 - Generally revise laws concerning fees for teacher and specialist certificates

Opening Statement:

09:59:33 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 403, Generally revise laws concerning fees for teacher and specialist certificates.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

10:02:37 Vice Chair Carl Glimm joined the meeting.
10:02:39 Amanda Curtis, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

Informational Witness Testimony:

10:05:00 Jay Phillips, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee:

10:05:30 Chair John Esp
10:05:33 Sen. Dan Bartel left the meeting.
10:05:38 Rep. David Bedey-R

10:05:56 Sen. Pat Flowers
10:06:16 Jay Phillips, OPI
10:07:00 Sen. Forrest Mandeville
10:07:29 Amanda Curtis, MFPE

Closing Statement:

10:08:20 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, closed the hearing on HB 403.

HEARING ON HB 382 - Revise education laws related to career and technology student organizations

Opening Statement:

10:10:48 Rep. Greg Oblander (R), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 382, Revise education laws related to career and technology student organizations.

Proponent Testimony:

10:15:52 Kali Wicks, Montana HOSA Future Health Professionals (HOSA)
10:18:05 Sheridan Johnson, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)
10:20:07 Alan Olson, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)
10:20:59 Doug Reisig, Coalition of Advocates for Montana's Public Schools (CAMPS)
10:21:29 Amanda Curtis, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)
10:22:26 John Stiles, Montana DECA (DECA)
10:23:17 Sen. John Fuller left the meeting.
10:24:15 Sen. Ryan Lynch left the meeting.

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

10:25:16 Jay Phillips, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee:

10:25:38 Sen. Pat Flowers
10:26:03 Rep. Greg Oblander-R
10:27:10 Chair John Esp
10:27:27 Rep. Greg Oblander-R
10:27:33 Sen. John Fuller joined the meeting.
10:27:37 Sen. Ryan Lynch joined the meeting.
10:27:42 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn joined the meeting.
10:28:36 Kali Wicks, HOSA

Closing Statement:

10:30:17 Rep. Greg Oblander (R), HD 40, closed the hearing on HB 382.

10:31:48 **Recessed**

11:06:42 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 382 - Revise education laws related to career and technology student organizations

11:07:07 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 382 BE CONCURRED IN.**
11:07:36 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 382 BE AMENDED.**
Discussion:
11:07:37 Sen. Mike Lang joined the meeting.
11:07:37 Sen. Tom McGillvray joined the meeting.
11:07:37 Sen. Dan Bartel joined the meeting.
11:08:32 Sen. Ryan Lynch
11:08:54 Sen. Mike Lang left the meeting.
11:08:59 Chair John Esp
11:09:05 Vice Chair Janet Ellis
11:09:43 **Substitute Motion:** Chair John Esp moved that **HB 382 BE AMENDED.**

- 11:09:43 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried 14 - 5 by roll call vote with Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lenz, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Pope, Sen. Welborn, voting no.
- 11:10:45 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 382 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**
- 11:10:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 11:10:45 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Shannon O'Brien

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 403 - Generally revise laws concerning fees for teacher and specialist certificates

- 11:11:22 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 403 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 11:11:22 **Vote:** Motion failed 10 - 9 by roll call vote with Sen. Bartel, Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Esp, Sen. Fuller, Sen. Glimm, Sen. Lang, Sen. Lenz, Sen. Salomon, Sen. Welborn, voting yes.
- 11:12:10 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 403 TO TABLE.**
- 11:12:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 10 - 9 by voice vote with Sen. Bartel, Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Esp, Sen. Fuller, Sen. Glimm, Sen. Lang, Sen. Lenz, Sen. Salomon, Sen. Welborn, voting no.

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

- 11:12:24 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 449 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 11:12:24 **Vote:** Motion carried 18 - 1 by voice vote with Sen. McGillvray, voting no.
- 11:12:24 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Willis Curdy

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

- 11:13:46 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 496 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 11:13:46 **Vote:** Motion failed 12 - 7 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, Sen. Salomon, voting yes.
- 11:15:07 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 496 TO TABLE.**
- 11:15:07 **Vote:** Motion carried 12 - 7 by voice vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, Sen. Salomon, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 828 - Authorize an ambulance provider assessment program

- 11:15:22 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 828 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 11:15:22 **Vote:** Motion carried 11 - 8 by roll call vote with Sen. Bogner, Sen. Esp, Sen. Fuller, Sen. Glimm, Sen. Lang, Sen. Lenz, Sen. Mandeville, Sen. McGillvray, voting no.
Sen. Bogner, By Proxy
- 11:15:22 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

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

- 11:17:55 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 220 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- Discussion:**
- 11:18:14 Chair John Esp
- 11:18:32 Sen. Mike Cuffe
- 11:19:04 Sen. Dan Bartel
- 11:19:59 Vice Chair Janet Ellis
- 11:17:55 **Vote:** Motion carried 12 - 7 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Esp, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Glimm, Sen. Lang, Sen. Morigeau, voting no.
- 11:17:55 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Mike Cuffe

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:22:02

Cy Walsh, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230419FCSaad\)](#)