

**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 4:44 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. Pat Flowers (D)  
Sen. Dennis Lenz (R)  
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)  
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)  
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)  
Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)  
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)  
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Sen. John Fuller (R)  
Sen. Mike Lang (R)  
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)  
Sen. Daniel Salomon (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 520 04/19/2023  
HB 544 04/19/2023  
HB 862 04/19/2023  
HB 881 04/19/2023

HB 898 04/19/2023

HB 949 04/19/2023

Executive Action:

HB 544 BE CONCURRED IN

HB 881 BE CONCURRED IN

HB 862 BE CONCURRED IN

HB 898 TO TABLE

HB 949 TO TABLE

HB 520 BE CONCURRED IN

**HEARING ON HB 544 - Provide requirements for coverage of abortion under Medicaid and CHIP**

**Opening Statement:**

16:45:53 Rep. Jane Gillette (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 544, Provide requirements for coverage of abortion under Medicaid and CHIP.

**Discussion:**

16:46:07 Sen. Shane Morigeau left the meeting.

16:46:10 Sen. Mike Lang joined the meeting.

16:46:16 Vice Chair Janet Ellis left the meeting.

**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

16:47:17 Quinn Leighton, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Montana (PP)

16:47:53 Sen. Ryan Lynch joined the meeting.

16:47:56 Sen. Shane Morigeau joined the meeting.

16:48:01 Sen. Dan Bartel left the meeting.

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

16:48:13 Gene Hermanson, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

**Questions from Committee:**

None

**Closing Statement:**

16:48:47 Rep. Jane Gillette (R), HD 64, closed the hearing on HB 544.

**HEARING ON HB 881 - Generally revise economic development laws**

**Opening Statement:**

16:49:11 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 881, Generally revise economic development laws.

**Proponent Testimony:**

16:51:05 Liane Taylor, Department of Commerce (DOC)  
16:51:39 Sen. Ellie Boldman joined the meeting.  
16:51:49 Sen. Dennis Lenz left the meeting.

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

None

**Closing Statement:**

16:52:12 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, closed the hearing on HB 881.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 544 - Provide requirements for coverage of abortion under Medicaid and CHIP**

16:53:36 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 544 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

16:53:57 Sen. Christopher Pope joined the meeting.  
16:53:36 **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. Ellis, By Proxy  
16:53:36 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Becky Beard

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 881 - Generally revise economic development laws**

16:54:48 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 881 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

16:55:07 Sen. Mike Lang  
16:55:11 Chair John Esp  
16:55:30 Sen. Dan Bartel joined the meeting.

16:55:56 Sen. Dennis Lenz joined the meeting.  
16:54:48 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
16:54:48 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

**HEARING ON HB 898 - Revise the Montana Microbusiness Development Act**

**Opening Statement:**

16:56:33 Rep. Paul Tuss (D), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 898, Revise the Montana Microbusiness Development Act.

**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

16:59:49 Sen. Pat Flowers  
17:00:12 Rep. Paul Tuss-D  
17:02:11 Sen. Tom McGillvray  
17:02:23 Rep. Paul Tuss-D  
17:05:25 Sen. Mike Lang  
17:05:34 Rep. Paul Tuss-D  
17:07:00 Chair John Esp  
17:07:19 Rep. Paul Tuss-D

**Closing Statement:**

17:08:06 Rep. Paul Tuss (D), HD 28, closed the hearing on HB 898.  
17:08:26 Sen. Forrest Mandeville joined the meeting.

**HEARING ON HB 949 - Generally revise education laws related to data governance**

**Opening Statement:**

17:09:42 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 949, Generally revise education laws related to data governance.

**Proponent Testimony:**

17:10:56 Sen. Pat Flowers left the meeting.

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

None

**Closing Statement:**

17:12:00 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, closed the hearing on HB 949.

**HEARING ON HB 862 - Prohibit use of public funds for abortion and exceptions**

**Opening Statement:**

17:13:48 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 862, Prohibit use of public funds for abortion and exceptions.

**Discussion:**

17:14:01 Sen. Pat Flowers joined the meeting.

**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

17:14:39 Quinn Leighton, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Montana (PP)

17:16:04 Keegan Nashan, self

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

17:19:12 Gene Hermanson, Department of Public Health and Human Services  
(DPHHS)

**Questions from Committee:**

17:19:38 Sen. Pat Flowers

17:20:25 Rep. Mike Hopkins-R

**Closing Statement:**

17:21:05 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, closed the hearing on HB 862.

17:22:21 **Committee Discussion:** Additional Testimony on HB544

17:22:25 Keegan Nashan, self

12:23:54 Sen. Ellie Boldman left the meeting.

**HEARING ON HB 520 - Interim study of private ponds**

**Opening Statement:**

17:24:34 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 520, Interim  
study of private ponds.

**Discussion:**

17:26:37 Sen. Ellie Boldman joined the meeting.

**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

None

**Closing Statement:**

17:27:37 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, closed the hearing on HB 520.

17:28:58 **Recessed**

17:44:40 **Reconvened**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 862 - Prohibit use of public funds for abortion and exceptions**

17:44:58 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 862 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

17:44:59 Sen. Mike Cuffe joined the meeting.

17:44:59 Sen. Kenneth Bogner joined the meeting.

17:44:59 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn left the meeting.

17:44:59 Vice Chair Janet Ellis joined the meeting.

17:44:58 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 6 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 898 - Revise the Montana Microbusiness Development Act**

17:46:02 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 898 BE CONCURRED IN.**

17:46:25 **Vote:** Motion failed 11 - 8 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Esp, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lang, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, voting yes.

17:47:33 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 898 TO TABLE.**

17:47:33 **Vote:** Motion carried 11 - 8 by voice vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Esp, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lang, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 949 - Generally revise education laws related to data governance**

17:47:43 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 949 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

17:48:10 Sen. Ryan Lynch

17:48:13 Sen. Tom McGillvray

- 17:48:25 Chair John Esp
- 17:49:14 Sen. Pat Flowers left the meeting.
- 17:49:18 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn joined the meeting.
- 17:47:43 **Vote:** Motion failed 11 - 8 by roll call vote with Sen. Bogner, Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Esp, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, Sen. Salomon, voting yes.  
Sen. Flowers, Sen. Salomon, By Proxy
- 17:49:20 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 949 TO TABLE.**
- 17:49:20 **Vote:** Motion carried 11 - 8 by voice vote with Sen. Bogner, Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Esp, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, Sen. Salomon, voting no.  
Sen. Salomon, By Proxy

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 520 - Interim study of private ponds**

- 17:49:30 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 520 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

- 17:49:46 Sen. Dan Bartel
- 17:50:57 Sen. Dennis Lenz
- 17:50:59 Sen. Pat Flowers joined the meeting.
- 17:51:05 Vice Chair Janet Ellis joined the meeting.
- 17:51:17 Sen. Dennis Lenz
- 17:51:43 Sen. Pat Flowers
- 17:53:40 Sen. Shane Morigeau
- 17:54:18 Vice Chair Janet Ellis
- 17:54:59 Sen. Mike Cuffe
- 17:55:10 Chair John Esp
- 17:55:12 Sen. Mike Cuffe
- 17:55:34 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn
- 17:56:15 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm withdrew motion that HB520 Be Concurred In.
- 17:57:46 **Committee Discussion:** HB520 Discussion
- 17:56:25 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn

17:57:46 Vice Chair Janet Ellis

17:57:51 Chair John Esp

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 17:58:46

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Cy Walsh, Secretary

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