

MINUTES
MONTANA SENATE
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (S) STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Mike Cuffe-R, on April 19, 2023 at 3:25 PM, in 335

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Mike Cuffe, Chair (R)
Sen. Denise Hayman, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Wendy McKamey, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dan Bartel (R)
Sen. Mike Fox (D)
Sen. Theresa Manzella (R)
Sen. Mark Noland (R)
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Janet Ellis (D)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)

Staff Present: Joe Carroll, Attorney
Daisy Rhodes, 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 774 04/07/2023

SR 69 04/17/2023

Executive Action:

15:28:49 Sen. Ellis has arrived

HEARING ON SR 69 - Resolution to include Montana in the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act

Opening Statement:

15:27:37 Sen. Andrea Olsen (D), SD 100, opened the hearing on SR 69, Resolution to include Montana in the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230419STSa1\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

15:33:18 Gayla Bradberry, self

[EXHIBIT\(230419STSa2\)](#)

15:38:22 Jasmine Krotkov, self

15:39:47 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MHA)

15:40:37 Jennifer Hensley, self

15:41:25 Margaret McDonald, Big Sky 55+

15:42:25 Tom Towe, self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:44:09 Chair Mike Cuffe

15:44:53 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey

15:45:26 Gayla Bradberry, self
15:47:18 Sen. Theresa Manzella
15:47:51 Gayla Bradberry, self
15:49:26 Chair Mike Cuffe
15:49:43 Gayla Bradberry, self

Closing Statement:

15:50:06 Sen. Andrea Olsen (D), SD 100, closed the hearing on SR 69.

16:32:21 Vice Chair McKamey has left
16:41:34 Sen. Fox has left
16:42:04 Sen. Ellis has left
16:43:04 Sen. Bartel has left
16:43:33 Sen. Vance has left
16:47:41 Sen. Fox has arrived
16:47:48 Sen. Ellis has arrived
16:54:50 Vice Chair McKamey has arrived

HEARING ON HB 774 - Generally revise election laws

Opening Statement:

15:53:23 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 774, Generally revise election laws.

Proponent Testimony:

16:00:31 Lance Melton, Coalition of Advocates for Montana's Public Schools (CAMPS)
16:08:30 Alba Pimentel, Moms for Liberty
16:10:07 Cheryl Tusken, self

16:11:07 Chelsea Culpon, self

Opponent Testimony:

16:12:07 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders (MACR)

16:19:03 Connor Fitzpatrick, County of Lewis and Clark

16:21:24 Jennifer Hensley, County of Missoula

16:24:42 Ross Butcher, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

16:26:51 Kelly Lynch, Montana Leagues of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

16:28:43 Eric Burke, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

16:33:07 Vera Pederson, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders (MACR)

16:34:30 Amy Reeves, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders (MACR)

16:36:15 Margret MacDonald, Big Sky 55+

16:38:55 Scott Cook, self

16:41:10 Ta'jin Perez, Western Native Voice

16:42:42 Davin Buffington, County of Liberty

16:43:21 Linsey Ratliff, self

16:44:23 Stephanie Verhasselt, County of Richland

16:45:46 Mindy Ferrell, self

16:47:19 Richard Liebert, Montana Cattleman's Association (MCA)

16:48:28 Debbie Pierson, self

16:48:50 Maritza Reddington, self

16:49:51 Toni Kramer, County of Lake

16:50:27 Pam Walzer, self

16:52:11 Janel Tucek, County of Fergus

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:53:37 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

16:53:48 Dana Corson, Office of Secretary of State

16:54:17 Kym Trujillo, Office of Political Practices

Questions from Committee:

16:55:07 Sen. Janet Ellis

16:56:17 Rep. Mike Hopkins-R

16:57:24 Vice Chair Denise Hayman

16:58:16 Rep. Mike Hopkins-R

16:59:40 Sen. Theresa Manzella

17:00:32 Rep. Mike Hopkins-R

17:00:44 Sen. Theresa Manzella

17:00:48 Chair Mike Cuffe

17:01:01 Rep. Mike Hopkins-R

17:01:16 Lance Milton, CAMPS

17:02:30 Chair Mike Cuffe

17:02:37 Lance Milton, CAMPS

17:03:00 Chair Mike Cuffe

17:03:19 Paul Taylor, OPI

17:04:55 Sen. Janet Ellis

17:05:37 Regina Plettenberg, MACR

17:06:42 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey

17:07:43 Lance Milton, CAMPS

17:08:04 Chair Mike Cuffe

17:09:58 Sen. Janet Ellis

17:10:33 Chair Mike Cuffe

17:10:50 Joe Carroll

17:11:32 Chair Mike Cuffe

Closing Statement:

17:12:11 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, closed the hearing on HB 774.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:15:05

Lorna Mason, Secretary

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