

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

Call to Order: Chair Carl Glimm-R, on April 25, 2023 at 8:03 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. Mike Lang (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)
Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
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 927 04/24/2023

Executive Action:

HB 393 BE CONCURRED IN

HB 549 BE CONCURRED IN
HB 562 BE CONCURRED IN
HB 352 BE CONCURRED IN
HB 588 BE CONCURRED IN
HB 833 BE CONCURRED IN

HEARING ON HB 927 - Authorize additional authority for coal trust housing loans

Opening Statement:

08:04:55 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 927, Authorize additional authority for coal trust housing loans.

Discussion:

08:05:11 Sen. Dennis Lenz left the meeting.

08:05:16 Sen. Ellie Boldman joined the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

08:05:55 Melissa Shannon, Montana Housing Coalition (MHC)

08:06:26 Margaret MacDonald, Big Sky 55+ (BS55)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:07:36 Cheryl Cohen, Montana Board of Housing (MBH)

Questions from Committee:

08:08:06 Vice Chair Carl Glimm

08:08:17 Melissa Shannon, MHC

08:09:17 Cheryl Cohen, MBH

08:11:20 Sen. Mike Cuffe

08:11:43 Chair John Esp

08:11:48 Cheryl Cohen, MBH

08:12:37 Sen. Dennis Lenz joined the meeting.

08:12:44 Sen. Mike Cuffe

08:12:50 Cheryl Cohen, MBH

08:13:24 Sen. Mike Lang

08:13:44 Cheryl Cohen, MBH

08:14:12 Sen. Pat Flowers

08:14:37 Cheryl Cohen, MBH

Closing Statement:

08:15:21 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, closed the hearing on HB 927.

08:16:03 **Recessed**

08:37:36 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 393 - Establish the Students with Special Needs Equal Opportunity Act

08:37:54 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 393 BE CONCURRED IN.**

08:37:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 11 - 8 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lang, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, Sen. Welborn, voting no.
Sen. Morigeau, By Proxy

08:37:54 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Daniel Emrich

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 549 - Authorizing establishment of public charter schools

08:39:22 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 549 BE CONCURRED IN.**

08:39:22 **Vote:** Motion carried 11 - 8 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lang, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, Sen. Welborn, voting no.
Sen. Morigeau, By Proxy

08:39:22 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Daniel Salomon

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 562 - Authorize establishment of community choice schools

08:40:30 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 562 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

08:40:48 Sen. Pat Flowers

08:40:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 11 - 8 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lang, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, Sen. Welborn, voting no.
Sen. Morigeau, By Proxy

08:40:30 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner

08:42:21 **Recessed**

08:45:11 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 352 - Provide targeted interventions to support 3rd grade reading proficiency

08:45:19 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 352 BE CONCURRED IN.**

08:45:19 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 6 by roll call vote with Sen. Bartel, Sen. Fuller, Sen. Lenz, Sen. McGillvray, Sen. Vance, Sen. Welborn, voting no.

08:45:19 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Shannon O'Brien

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

08:47:03 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 588 BE CONCURRED IN.**

08:47:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

08:47:03 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Daniel Salomon

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 833 - Establish teacher residency program

08:47:50 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 833 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

08:48:00 Sen. Shane Morigeau joined the meeting.

08:47:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 17 - 2 by voice vote with Sen. Mandeville, Sen. Welborn, voting no.

08:47:50 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 08:49:39

Cy Walsh, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230425FCSaad\)](#)