

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Carl Glimm-R, on April 27, 2023 at 3:03 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. Kenneth Bogner (R)  
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)  
Sen. John Fuller (R)  
Sen. Mike Lang (R)  
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)  
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)  
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)  
Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Dan Bartel (R)  
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)  
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Sen. Dennis Lenz (R)  
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Sen. Shane Morigeau (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:

SJ 26 04/27/2023

Executive Action:

SJ 26 DO PASS

**HEARING ON SJ 26 - Interim study resolution on public record information requests**

**Opening Statement:**

15:04:21 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SJ 26, Interim study resolution on public record information requests.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:06:35 Senator Greg Hertz, SD6

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:09:24 Sen. Tom McGillvray  
15:09:43 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov-R  
15:10:15 Sen. Tom McGillvray  
15:10:51 Sen. Greg Hertz, SD6  
15:11:56 Chair John Esp  
15:12:11 Sen. Greg Hertz, SD6  
15:12:27 Sen. Mike Lang  
15:13:01 Sen. Greg Hertz, SD6  
15:13:21 Sen. Pat Flowers  
15:13:47 Sen. Greg Hertz, SD6  
15:14:19 Sen. Shelley Vance  
15:15:38 Sen. Greg Hertz, SD6  
15:17:21 Chair John Esp  
15:17:32 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov-R

**Closing Statement:**

15:19:17 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R), SD 45, closed the hearing on SJ 26.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 26 - Interim study resolution on public record information requests**

15:22:39 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **SJ 26 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

15:22:39 Sen. Dan Bartel joined the meeting.

15:22:39 Sen. Mike Cuffe joined the meeting.

16:21:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 18 - 1 by voice vote with Sen. Ellis, voting no.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 15:24:25

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Cy Walsh, Secretary

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