

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

Call to Order: Chair Mike Cuffe-R, on May 01, 2023 at 3:25 PM, in 335

ROLL CALL

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

Members Excused: Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Mike Fox (D)
Sen. Denise Hayman (D)

Staff Present: Joe Carroll, Attorney
Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

HJ 23 05/01/2023
HJ 28 05/01/2023
HJ 37 05/01/2023
HJ 39 05/01/2023

Executive Action:

HJ 28 BE CONCURRED IN
HJ 23 TO TABLE
HJ 39 BE CONCURRED IN
HJ 37 BE CONCURRED IN

HEARING ON HJ 28 - Interim study of continuum of long-term care services

Opening Statement:

15:28:48 Rep. Michael Yakawich (R), HD 51, opened the hearing on HJ 28, Interim study of continuum of long-term care services.

[EXHIBIT\(230501STSa1\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

15:34:51 Mike Batista, Director of Government Affairs, AARP

[EXHIBIT\(230501STSa2\)](#)

15:35:15 Sen. Fox has arrived

15:40:29 Claire Marshall, Alzheimer's Association-Montana Chapter

15:41:49 Rose Hughes, Executive Director, Montana Healthcare Association (MHA)

15:43:16 Tully Olson, Executive Director, Big Sky 55+

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:44:53 Sen. Mark Noland

15:45:20 Rep. Michael Yakawich

15:45:43 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey

15:46:13 Joe Carroll

15:46:53 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey

15:47:14 Rep. Michael Yakawich

15:47:30 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey

15:47:50 Rep. Michael Yakawich

15:48:09 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey

15:48:26 Joe Carroll
15:48:49 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey
15:49:03 Rep. Michael Yakawich
15:49:16 Chair Mike Cuffe
15:49:49 Rep. Michael Yakawich
15:50:00 Chair Mike Cuffe
15:50:32 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey
15:50:51 Chair Mike Cuffe
15:51:08 Rep. Michael Yakawich

Closing Statement:

15:51:54 Rep. Michael Yakawich (R), HD 51, closed the hearing on HJ 28.

HEARING ON HJ 39 - Interim study of wildland firefire costs

Opening Statement:

15:54:24 Rep. Steve Gist (R), HD 25, opened the hearing on HJ 39, Interim study of wildland firefire costs.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:57:59 Sen. Dan Bartel
15:58:31 Rep. Steve Gist
15:59:05 Chair Mike Cuffe

15:59:12 Rep. Steve Gist
15:59:54 Chair Mike Cuffe
16:00:18 Rep. Steve Gist
16:01:17 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey
16:01:30 Rep. Steve Gist
16:02:04 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey
16:02:16 Rep. Steve Gist
16:03:02 Sen. Wendy McKamey
16:03:19 Rep. Steve Gist
16:03:52 Sen. Mark Noland
16:05:00 Rep. Steve Gist
16:05:21 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey
16:05:36 Rep. Steve Gist
16:06:40 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey
16:06:48 Rep. Steve Gist

Closing Statement:

16:07:46 Rep. Steve Gist (R), HD 25, closed the hearing on HJ 39.

HEARING ON HJ 23 - Interim study of disaster and emergency service recovery response

Opening Statement:

16:08:29 Rep. Brad Barker (R), HD 58, opened the hearing on HJ 23, Interim study of disaster and emergency service recovery response.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

16:11:54 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey
16:12:07 Rep. Brad Barker
16:12:53 Chair Mike Cuffe
16:13:11 Rep. Brad Barker
16:14:02 Sen. Mark Noland
16:14:27 Rep. Brad Barker
16:14:42 Sen. Shelley Vance
16:16:02 Rep. Brad Barker
16:17:01 Chair Mike Cuffe
16:17:15 Rep. Brad Barker

Closing Statement:

16:18:30 Rep. Brad Barker (R), HD 58, closed the hearing on HJ 23.

HEARING ON HJ 37 - Interim study for recognition of the Turtle Mountain Indians

Opening Statement:

16:19:08 Rep. Frank Smith (D), HD 16, opened the hearing on HJ 37, Interim study for recognition of the Turtle Mountain Indians.

Proponent Testimony:

16:21:10 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe, Red Medicine LLC
16:23:39 Sue Cliff, self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

16:28:31 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey
16:29:13 Rep. Frank Smith
16:29:22 Chair Mike Cuffe
16:29:45 Rep. Frank Smith
16:30:03 Chair Mike Cuffe
16:30:17 Rep. Frank Smith
16:30:39 Chair Mike Cuffe
16:31:13 Rep. Frank Smith
16:31:50 Sen. Shelley Vance
16:32:28 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe, Red Medicine LLC
16:33:59 Sen. Shelley Vance
16:34:17 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe, Red Medicine LLC
16:35:03 Sen. Mike Fox
16:35:33 Sue Cliff, self
16:36:18 Sen. Mike Fox
16:36:28 Sue Cliff, self
16:38:05 Sen. Mark Noland
16:38:32 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe, Red Medicine LLC

Closing Statement:

16:39:11 Rep. Frank Smith (D), HD 16, closed the hearing on HJ 37.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 28 - Interim study of continuum of long-term care services

16:40:35 **Motion:** Vice Chair Wendy McKamey moved that **HJ 28 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:41:04 Sen. Janet Ellis

16:41:54 Sen. Mark Noland

16:43:33 Chair Mike Cuffe

16:43:45 Sen. Mark Noland

16:44:00 Sen. Janet Ellis

16:44:27 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Carrier Assigned: Sen. Mark Noland

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 23 - Interim study of disaster and emergency service recovery response

16:45:45 **Motion:** Vice Chair Wendy McKamey moved that **HJ 23 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:46:13 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey

16:47:13 Sen. Mark Noland

16:48:31 Sen. Shelley Vance

16:49:38 Sen. Dan Bartel

16:51:00 Sen. Janet Ellis

16:52:08 Chair Mike Cuffe

16:52:28 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey

16:52:35 Sen. Dan Bartel

16:53:05 Vice Chair Wendy McKamey

16:55:46 **Vote:** Motion failed 7 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Hayman, Sen. McKamey, voting yes.
Sen. Hayman, By Proxy

16:56:37 **Motion:** Vice Chair Wendy McKamey moved that **HJ 23 TO TABLE.**

16:56:46 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 3 by voice vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Hayman, Sen. McKamey, voting no.
Sen. Hayman, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 39 - Interim study of wildland firefire costs

16:57:32 **Motion:** Vice Chair Wendy McKamey moved that **HJ 39 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:57:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 9 - 1 by voice vote with Sen. McKamey, voting no.
Carrier Assigned: Sen. Mike Cuffe

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 37 - Interim study for recognition of the Turtle Mountain Indians

16:59:36 **Motion:** Vice Chair Wendy McKamey moved that **HJ 37 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:59:49 Sen. Janet Ellis

17:00:17 Sen. Mike Fox

17:00:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
Carrier Assigned: Sen. Mike Fox

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:01:37

Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230501STSaad\)](#)