



## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL 69th Montana Legislature

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## MINUTES LOG

August 21, 2024  
137 & Zoom  
Helena, Montana

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### MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Matt Regier  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)  
Sen. Susan Webber (D)  
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen  
Sen. Kenneth Bogner  
Rep. Derek Harvey

### MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Sen. Jason Ellsworth  
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick  
Rep. Buckley

### MEMBERS ABSENT: None

### STAFF PRESENT:

Allison Dunbar, Secretary  
Todd Everts, Legal Director (LSD)  
Jerry Howe, Legislative Director  
(LSD)

**AGENDA [\(Attachment 1\)](#)**

**VISITORS' LIST [\(Attachment 2\)](#)**

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

10:02:50 Presiding Officer regier called the meeting to order.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE- Jerry Howe, Legislative Service Director**

10:03:23 Jerry Howe, LSD Director

**Committee Questions/Discussion**

10:08:52 Presiding Officer Reiger

10:09:07 Jerry Howe

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE**

10:09:46 Jerry Howe

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**Committee Questions/Discussion**

10:13:00 Presiding Officer Reiger

10:13:20 Jerry Howe

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE**

10:13:40 Jerry Howe

**Committee Questions/Discussion**

10:15:27 Rep. Knudsen

10:15:46 Jerry Howe

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE**

10:16:18 Jerry Howe

**Committee Questions/Discussion**

10:20:09 Jerry Howe

10:20:15 Rep.Knudsen

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE**

10:21:05 Jerry Howe

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**Committee Questions/Discussion**

10:26:00 Presiding Officer Regier

10:26:07 Rep.Knudsen

10:26:20 Jerry Howe

**Motion**

10:27:01 Sen. Bogner made a motion to draft committee bill PD0026

**Discussion on motion**

10:27:34 Rep. Reiger

10:27:37 Rep. Knudsen

10:27:43 Presiding Officer Regier

**Vote**

10:27:54 Vote Passes

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE**

10:28:33 Jerry Howe

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**Committee Questions/Discussion**

10:30:20 Rep. Reiger

10:30:31 Sen. Webber

10:31:11 Jerry Howe

10:32:08 Sen. Webber

10:32:15 Jerry Howe

10:32:54 Rep. Vinton

10:33:25 Rep. Knudsen

**Public comment**

10:34:35 Angie Carter-Financial Manager, Finance Office (LSD)

**Public comment**

10:35:05 Kelly DaSilva- HR Director (LSD)

**Motion**

10:35:46 Rep. Vinton made a motion to adopt PD0030 as a committee bill

**Discussion on the motion**

10:35:59 None

**Vote**

10:36:09 Vote Passes

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE**

10:36:41 Jerry Howe

**Committee Questions/Discussion**

10:49:49 Rep. Vinton

10:50:17 Jerry Howe

10:50:59 Rep. Vinton

**WEBSITE DEMONSTRATION- Audrey Hinman, OLIS**

10:51:43 Audrey Hinman- Operations Manager OLIS

**Committee Questions/Discussion**

11:03:51 Presiding Officer Reiger

11:04:30 Audrey Hinman

**WEBSITE DEMONSTRATION**

11:05:57 Audrey Hinman

11:17:51 Todd Everts

**Committee Questions/Discussion**

11:18:58 Sen. Webber

**WEBSITE DEMONSTRATION**

11:19:42 Audrey Hinman

**Committee Questions/Discussion**

11:24:18 Rep. Vinton

11:24:35 Audrey Hinman

11:25:30 Sen. Webber

11:25:36 Audrey Hinman

11:27:21 Sen. Webber

11:28:43 Presiding Officer Regier

11:28:52 Audrey Hinman

11:30:01 Sen. Bogner

**OLIS UPDATE**

11:31:34 Dale Gow, Chief Information Office (LSD)

**Committee Questions/Discussion**

11:41:02 Presiding Officer Regier

11:41:27 Dale Gow

11:42:48 Sen. Webber

11:42: 58 Dale Gow

11:43:51 Sen. Webber

## **HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE UPDATE**

11:44:18 Kelly DaSilva  
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### **Committee Questions/Discussion**

11:45:33 Rep. Knudsen  
11:45:49 Kelly DaSilva  
11:47:01 Rep. Vinton  
11:47:30 Kelly DaSilva  
11:47:45 Rep. Harvey  
11:48:05 Kelly DaSilva  
11:48:43 Sen. Webber  
11:49:12 Kelly DaSilva  
11:49:43 Sen. Bogner  
11:50:00 Kelly DaSilva

### **Motion**

11:50:21 Rep. Harvey made a motion to accept Matrix

### **Discussion on the motion**

11:50:27 None

### **Vote**

11:50:33 Motion to approve Matrix passes

### **Committee Questions/Discussion**

11:51:41 Presiding Officer Regier  
11:51:42 Rep. Harvey sponsored bill for Election Day.  
11:51:55 Sen. Bogner sponsored bill for Mileage

## **LEGAL OFFICE UPDATE**

11:52:09 Todd Everts- Director of Legal Office (LSD)  
[EXHIBIT 6](#)

### **Motion**

11:57:01 Rep. Abbott made motion to start drafting Code commissioner bill

### **Discussion on the motion**

11:57:06 None

### **Vote**

11:57:20 Motion to start drafting Code commissioner bill passes

**LEGAL OFFICE UPDATE**

11:57:21 Todd Everts  
[EXHIBIT 7](#)

**Motion**

12:00:51 Rep. Bogner made a motion to adopt the 2024 annotations

**Discussion on the motion**

12:00:59 None

**Vote**

12:01:14 Motion to adopt 2024 annotations passes

**LEGAL OFFICE UPDATE**

12:01:25 Todd Everts  
12:01:27 Sen. Fitzpatrick

**Discussion**

12:02:38 None

**LEGAL OFFICE UPDATE**

12:03:16 Jaret Coles- Deputy Legal Director  
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**Committee Questions/Discussion**

12:14:10 Sen. Webber  
12:16:07 Rep. Knudsen  
12:18:02 Todd Everts  
12:18:11 **Recessed**  
13:15:21 **Reconvened**

**LEGAL OFFICE UPDATE**

13:20:00 Jaret Coles  
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**Committee Questions/Discussion**

13:25:50 Rep. Abbott  
13:26:17 Jaret Coles  
13:26:41 Rep. Vinton  
13:27:30 Sen. Webber  
13:28:46 Presiding Officer Regier  
13:30:39 Sen. Webber  
13:32:31 Todd Everts

**Motion**

13:35:54 Rep. Vinton made a motion to introduce PD0104 as a committee bill

**Discussion on the motion**

13:36:29 None

**Vote**

13:36:32 Vote to introduce PD0104 as a committee bill passes

**Motion**

13:37:01 Rep. Vinton made a motion to introduce PD0106 as a committee bill

**Discussion on the motion**

13:37:10 None

**Vote**

13:37:15 Vote to introduce PD0106 as a committee bill passes

**Discussion**

13:37:38 Rep. Vinton sponsored bill PD0104

**RESEARCH OFFICE UPDATE- Rachel Weiss Director, Research office (LSD)**

13:38:35 Rachel Weiss- Research Director (LSD)

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[EXHIBIT 12](#)

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**Committee Questions/Discussion**

13:44:21 Sen. Weber

13:44:37 Rachel Weiss

**RESEARCH OFFICE UPDATE Continued**

13:44:40 Rachel Weiss

**Committee Questions/Discussion**

13:51:29 Sen. Bogner

13:54:15 Presiding Officer Regier

13:54:48 Rachel Weiss

13:58:50 Rep. Abbott

13:59:54 Rachel Weiss

14:03:10 Todd Everts

14:05:25 Sen. Bogner

14:05:41 Rachel Weiss

14:05:50 Todd Everts

**FINACE OFFICE UPDATE- Angie Cater, Financial Manager**

14:06:09 Angie Carter

**FINACE OFFICE UPDATE**

14:07:51 Niki Davison- Budget Analyst

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**Committee Questions/Discussion**

14:12:19 Rep. Vinton

14:12:55 Niki Davison

14:14:42 Rachel Weiss

14:15:42 Rep. Vinton

14:17:03 Pad MaCracken- Research Director of Education

14:17:12 Rep. Vinton

14:19:41 Sen. Bogner

14:20:07 Pad MaCraken

14:22:46 Rachel Weiss

**FINACE OFFICE UPDATE Continued**

14:23:11 Niki Davison- Budget Analyst

**Committee Questions/Discussion**

14:24:30 Rep. Abbott

**FINACE OFFICE UPDATE continued**

14:25:05 Niki Davison

14:25:35 Presiding Officer Regier

14:25:53 Jerry Howe

**FINACE OFFICE UPDATE Continued**

14:27:47 Angie Carter

**Committee Questions/Discussion**

14:30:09 Rep. Abbott

14:30:49 Rep. Vinton

14:30:54 Angie Carter

**FINACE OFFICE UPDATE Continued**

14:31:13 Angie Carter

**Committee Questions/Discussion**

14:34:13 None

**Motion**

14:35:53 Sen. Fitzpatrick made a motion to start drafting HB 1

**Discussion on the Motion**

14:36:19 None

**Vote**

14:36:25 Vote to start drafting HB 1 passes.

**LOGISTICS AND APPROPRIATION WORKGROUP REPORT**

14:37:22 Sen. Bogner

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**Discussion**

14:45:05 Sen. Fitzpatrick

14:45:32 Se. Bogner

14:46:08 Rep. Abbott

14:46:21 Sen. Bogner

14:46:57 Todd Everts

14:47:12 Sen. Bogner

14:47:30 Todd Everts

14:48:12 Sen. Fitzpatrick

14:48:24 Sen. Bogner

14:48:31 Sen. Webber

14:48:56 Sen. Bogner

14:50:49 Sen. Fitzpatrick

14:51:17 Sen. Bogner

**LEGISLATIVE SPACE WORKGROUP**

14:52:34 Sen. Vinton

**Committee Question/Discussion**

14:55:27 Todd Everts

14:55:43 Rep. Vinton

14:56:44 Todd Everts

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

14:58:08 None

**Other Committee Business**

14:58:35 Presiding Officer Regier  
15:00:17 Sen. Bogner  
15:00:36 Todd Everts  
15:01:00 Rep. Vinton  
15:02:21 Rep. Knudsen  
15:03:45 Sen. Webber

**Public comment**

15:05:17 Marylin Miller- Secretary of State

**LEGISLATIVE SPACE WORKGROUP**

15:14:08 Rep. Regier  
15:14:54 Rep. Vinton  
15:14:50 Rep. Abbott  
15:15:12 Rep. Regier  
15:15:50 Jerry Howe

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 15:16:43