

MINUTES
MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (H) STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Julie Dooling-R, on January 04, 2023 at 8:00 AM, in 455

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Julie Dooling, Chair (R)
Rep. Kelly Kortum, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bob Phalen, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Denise Baum (D)
Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R)
Rep. Tony Brockman (R)
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)
Rep. Paul Green (R)
Rep. Gary Parry (R)
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)
Rep. Tyson Running Wolf (D)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R)
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)
Rep. Mallerie Stromswold (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)

Staff Present: Heather Kellum, Secretary
Rebecca Power, Research Analyst

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 56 12/22/2022
HB 90 12/22/2022
HB 103 12/22/2022
HB 148 12/22/2022
HB 151 12/22/2022

Executive Action:

08:01:39

Committee Discussion:

08:01:46 Rep. Julie Dooling

10:00:52

Committee Discussion:

10:01:14 Rep. Michael Yakawich

10:01:58 Rep. Julie Dooling

10:02:23 Rep. Michael Yakawich

10:02:44 Rep. Julie Dooling

10:05:22 Rep. Mallerie Stromswold

10:05:27 Rep. Julie Dooling

10:06:04 Rebecca Power

10:06:37 Rep. Julie Dooling

10:07:25 Rep. Marta Bertoglio

10:07:36 Rebecca Power

10:07:51 Rep. Julie Dooling

10:08:16 Rebecca Power

10:08:19 Rep. Julie Dooling

HEARING ON HB 148 - Revise information technology board membership

Opening Statement:

08:02:45 Rep. Michele Binkley (R), HD 85, opened the hearing on HB 148, Revise information technology board membership.

Discussion:

08:02:49 Rep. Michele Binkley-R

Proponent Testimony:

08:05:01 Kevin Gilbertson, State of Montana

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08:06:53 Kristen Juras, Governor's Office

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:08:05 Rep. Michael Yakawich

08:08:19 Kevin Gilbertson

08:08:59 Rep. Kelly Kortum

08:09:39 Kevin Gilbertson

Closing Statement:

08:10:11 Rep. Michele Binkley (R), HD 85, closed the hearing on HB 148.

Discussion:

08:10:17 Rep. Michele Binkley-R

HEARING ON HB 151 - Generally revise building construction procurement laws

Opening Statement:

08:11:25 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 151, Generally revise building construction procurement laws.

Discussion:

08:11:29 Rep. Mike Hopkins-R

Proponent Testimony:

08:13:41 Russ Katherman, Department of Administration, Architecture and Engineering Division

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08:22:51 Shauna Lyons, Budget & Planning with Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education

08:23:35 John How, Montana State University

08:25:31 Bardell Mangum, Montana's Fish, Wildlife & Parks

08:27:59 Kristen Juras, Governor's Office

08:28:34 Jennifer James, Architects of Montana AIA

08:28:56 Steve Wade, Montana Contractor's Association

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:29:56 Rep. Gary Parry

08:30:22 Mr. Katherman

08:30:56 Rep. Ed Stafman

08:31:50 Mr. Katherman

08:32:42 Rep. Bob Phalen

08:32:58 Mr. Katherman

08:33:28 Rep. Michael Yakawich

08:33:59 Mr. Katherman

08:35:03 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

08:35:24 Mr. Katherman

08:36:36 Rep. Denise Baum
08:37:13 Mr. Katherman
08:38:37 Rep. Linda Reksten
08:38:54 Mr. Katherman
08:40:05 Rep. Linda Reksten
08:40:14 Mr. Katherman
08:40:43 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
08:41:49 Mr. Katherman
08:43:05 Mr. How
08:44:33 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
08:44:56 Mr. Katherman
08:45:17 Rep. Tony Brockman left the meeting.
08:45:43 Rep. Julie Dooling
08:46:18 Mr. Katherman

Closing Statement:

08:47:23 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, closed the hearing on HB 151.

Discussion:

08:47:28 Rep. Mike Hopkins-R

HEARING ON HB 90 - Generally revise laws related to contracts for the state health plan

Opening Statement:

08:52:50 Rep. Gregory Frazer (R), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 90, Generally revise laws related to contracts for the state health plan.

Discussion:

08:52:58 Rep. Gregory Frazer-R

Proponent Testimony:

08:54:48 Misty Giles, Department of Administration

08:55:56 John Doran, Blue Cross Blue Shields

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:59:02 Rep. Kelly Kortum

08:59:18 Ms. Giles

08:59:56 Rep. Kelly Kortum

09:00:10 Ms. Giles

09:01:25 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

09:01:36 Ms. Giles

Closing Statement:

09:02:15 Rep. Gregory Frazer (R), HD 78, closed the hearing on HB 90.

Discussion:

09:02:19 Rep. Gregory Frazer-R

HEARING ON HB 56 - Extend the application of the bond validating act

Opening Statement:

09:06:34 Rep. Julie Dooling (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 56, Extend the application of the bond validating act.

Discussion:

09:04:15 Rep. Green has left

09:06:12 Rep. Green has arrived

09:06:42 Rep. Julie Dooling

Proponent Testimony:

09:09:17 Kristen Reynolds, Department of Administration

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Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:13:39 Cheryl Cohen, Montana Board of Housing

Questions from Committee:

09:14:13 Rep. Paul Green

09:14:43 Ms. Reynolds

Closing Statement:

09:15:29 Rep. Julie Dooling (R), HD 70, closed the hearing on HB 56.

Discussion:

09:15:37 Rep. Julie Dooling

HEARING ON HB 103 - Eliminate the Board of County Printing

Opening Statement:

09:28:24 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 103, Eliminate the Board of County Printing.

Discussion:

09:16:37 Recessed

09:28:17 Reconvened

09:28:31 Rep. Tony Brockman-R

Proponent Testimony:

09:30:06 Kristen Juras, Governor's Office

09:32:11 Misty Giles, Department of Administration

09:33:44 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties

Opponent Testimony:

09:35:08 Jim Strauss, David McCumber

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Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:38:28 Rep. Ed Stafman

09:38:47 Ms. Juras

09:39:43 Rep. Ed Stafman

09:39:58 Ms. Juras

09:40:18 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

09:40:46 Mr. Strauss

09:41:27 Rep. Gary Parry

09:41:48 Mr. Strauss

09:42:02 Rep. Gary Parry

09:42:10 Mr. Strauss

09:42:46 Rep. Ed Stafman

09:43:13 Mr. Strauss

09:44:07 Rep. Julie Dooling

09:44:36 Mr. Bryson

09:47:06 Rep. Julie Dooling

09:47:19 Ms. Giles

09:48:23 Rep. Julie Dooling

09:49:10 Mr. Strauss
09:51:57 Don Harris (DOA)
09:54:03 Rep. Gary Parry
09:54:27 Ms. Giles
09:54:47 Mr. Strauss
09:56:21 Rep. Ed Stafman
09:57:26 Ms. Giles
09:58:16 Rep. Ed Stafman
09:58:34 Ms. Giles

Closing Statement:

09:59:04 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, closed the hearing on HB 103.

Discussion:

09:59:10 Rep. Tony Brockman-R
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:08:48

Heather Kellum, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230104STHaad\)](#)