

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Julie Dooling-R, on January 24, 2023 at 10:00 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. Ed Stafman (D)  
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)  
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)  
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R)  
Rep. Zack Wirth (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 216 01/17/2023

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HB 216 - Generally revise laws related to public employees and labor organizations**

**Opening Statement:**

10:03:00 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 216, Generally revise laws related to public employees and labor organizations.

**Discussion:**

[EXHIBIT\(230124STHa1\)](#)

**Proponent Testimony:**

10:12:14 Maxford Nelsen, Director of Labor Policy, Freedom Foundation

[EXHIBIT\(230124STHa2\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230124STHa3\)](#)

10:14:39 Henry Kriegel, Legislative Director, Americans for Prosperity

10:15:56 Vinnie Vernuccio, Senior Policy Advisor, Workers for Opportunity

**Opponent Testimony:**

10:18:33 Amanda Curtis, President, Montana Federation of Public Employees, MFPE

10:20:55 Amanda Frickle, Montana American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, AFL-CIO

10:23:05 Nate McConnell, ASHME Council 9

10:25:27 Joel Gaertig, Montana State Fireman's Association

10:27:13 Jasmine Krotkov, Montana Farmer's Union

10:28:43 Adam Haight, Labor's Local 1686

10:30:36 Shelbi DeMars, Montana Police Protective Association

10:32:46 John Johnson, Operating Engineers Local 400

10:33:12 Mario Martinez, Carpenter's Union

10:34:25 John Forkan, Montana State Building and Construction Trade's Council

10:35:27 Jackie McBroom, Montana State Conference of Electric Workers

10:36:48 Eric Anderson, Montana Nurses Association

10:37:30 Greg Larkins, Member, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, IBEW

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10:39:24 Luke Hoffer, Electrician, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, IBW 233

10:39:48 Josh Cox, Sheetmetal, Air, Rail, and Transportation Workers

10:40:16 D.B. Kenner, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen

10:40:48 Jay Reardon, Retired Union Member

10:41:45 Erin Foley, Principle Officer, Teamsters Local 2, Montana AFL-CIO

10:43:33 Jacquie Helt, State Director, Service Employees International Union 775, SEIU 775

10:44:29 Jackie Reimers, Montana Democratic Socialists of America

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

10:26:56 Rep. Wirth has arrived

10:27:36 Rep. Running Wolf has left

10:29:44 Rep. Sprunger has arrived

10:46:25 Rep. Bob Phalen

10:50:06 Rep. Ed Stafman

10:53:50 Rep. Paul Green

10:57:36 Rep. Gary Parry

10:59:02 Rep. Linda Reksten

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11:01:49 Rep. Tony Brockman

11:04:34 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

11:06:25 Rep. Paul Green

11:09:38 Rep. Running Wolf has arrived

11:11:25 Rep. Kelly Kortum

11:18:49 Rep. Linda Reksten

11:25:21 Rep. Gregory Frazer

11:28:44 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

11:30:11 Rep. Paul Green

11:33:21 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger

11:35:54 Rep. Tony Brockman

11:38:42 Rep. Denise Baum

11:41:38 Rep. Marta Bertoglio

11:43:10 Rep. Julie Dooling

**Closing Statement:**

11:48:00 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, closed the hearing on HB 216.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:55:12

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Heather Kellum, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230124STHaad\)](#)