

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Pat Ingraham, on February 4, 2013 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Pat Ingraham, Chair (R)
Rep. Bryce Bennett, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Ted Washburn, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Liz Bangerter (R)
Rep. Joanne G. Blyton (R)
Rep. Clarena Brockie (D)
Rep. Forrestina (Frosty) Calf Boss Ribs (D)
Rep. Pat Connell (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. David Howard (R)
Rep. Doug Kary (R)
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Patty Hartman, Committee Secretary
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

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 97, 1/25/2013; HB 105, 1/25/2013; HB 254, 1/21/2013; HB 255, 1/21/2013

HEARING ON HB 97**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:20:14 Rep. Franke Wilmer (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 97, Cap highest/final average compensation in MPERA retirement systems.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:22:05 Mike O'Connor, Public Employees' Retirement Board (PERB)

[EXHIBIT\(sth24a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth24a02\)](#)

00:28:04 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:28:42 Diane Fladmo, Director of Research, Montana Education Association - Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:29:17 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association (MPEA) and American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:30:19 Doug Neil, Montana State Firemen's Association

Informational Testimony:

00:31:36 Mark Murphy, Police Protective Association (MPPA)

00:33:35 Ross Johnson, Performance Auditor, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

[EXHIBIT\(sth24a03\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:35:31 Rep. Connell

00:36:23 Rep. Wilmer

00:38:11 Rep. Bangerter

00:38:29 Rep. Wilmer

Closing by Sponsor:

00:40:03 Rep. Wilmer

HEARING ON HB 254**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:42:23 Rep. Rob Cook (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 254, Requiring a disclaimer on election materials funded by anonymous contributions.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:44:42 Chris Cavazos, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)

00:45:34 Terry Minow, Montana Education Association - Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

00:46:21 Sue Hoell, Montana League of Women Voters (LWVMT)

[EXHIBIT\(sth24a04\)](#)

00:48:09 John Barrows, Montana Newspaper Association (MNA)

Opponents' Testimony:**EXHIBIT(sth24a05)**

00:48:52 Gregg Trude, State Director, Right to Life Montana (RTLTM)

Informational Testimony:

00:51:02 Julie Steab, Investigator, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:51:29 Rep. Wilmer
00:51:55 Rep. Cook
00:52:16 Rep. Wilmer
00:52:25 Rep. Cook
00:53:02 Rep. Wilmer
00:53:12 Rep. Shaw
00:53:21 Rep. Cook
00:53:48 Julie Steab, COPP

Closing by Sponsor:

00:54:13 Rep. Cook

HEARING ON HB 255**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:54:54 Rep. Rob Cook (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 255, Require political action committees to report on expenditures.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:57:27 Terry Minow, Montana Education Association - Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:58:32 Ronna Alexander, Montana Society of Association Executives (MSAE)
01:01:31 Gregg Trude, State Director, Right to Life Montana (RTLTM)

Informational Testimony:

01:03:12 Mary Baker, Program Supervisor, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:04:00 Rep. B. Bennett
01:04:53 Rep. Cook
01:05:15 Rep. O'Hara
01:05:30 Rep. Cook
01:07:40 Rep. Connell
01:08:28 Rep. Cook
01:08:58 Mary Baker, COPP
01:09:37 Rep. Wilmer
01:10:19 Mary Baker, COPP
01:11:07 Rep. Wilmer
01:11:39 Mary Baker
01:11:43 Rep. Wilmer

01:11:51 Mary Baker, COPP
01:12:05 Rep. Cook
01:12:11 Rep. Howard
01:12:26 Rep. Cook
01:13:23 Rep. Wilmer
01:13:55 Gregg Trude, RTLM
01:14:23 Rep. Wilmer
01:14:36 Rep. Cook

Closing by Sponsor:

01:14:56 Rep. Cook

HEARING ON HB 105

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:16:14 Rep. Tom Steenberg (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on HB 105, Generally revise MPERA retirement system laws concerning plan administration.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:17:17 Melanie Symons, Chief Legal Counsel, Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration (MPERA)

[EXHIBIT\(sth24a06\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:27:14 Rep. Steenberg

01:27:38 Rep. Ingraham

01:29:01 Rep. O'Hara

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:29:42

Patty Hartman, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth24aad.pdf](#))