

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Pat Ingraham, on February 20, 2013 at 8:00 AM, 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. Bill Harris (R)  
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)  
Rep. David Howard (R)  
Rep. Doug Kary (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. Jesse O'Hara (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 448, 2/13/2013; HB 498, 2/15/2013; HB 510, 2/18/2013;  
HB 529, 2/18/2013; HB 530, 2/18/2013  
Executive Action: HB 448

**HEARING ON HB 448**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:06:10 Rep. Randy Brodehl (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 448, Revise filing dates for community college trustees.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:07:37 Jane Karas, President, Flathead Valley Community College (FVCC)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:08:44 Rep. Brodehl

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 448**

00:09:29 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. B. Bennett moved that **HB 448 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. O'Hara and Rep. Vance aye voted by proxy.

**HEARING ON HB 498**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:10:19 Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 498, Generally revise state issue identification requirements.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:12:56 Dan Burke, President, National Federation of the Blind of Montana (NFB)

00:16:22 Joel Peden, Montana Centers for Independent Living and Montana Association for Rehabilitation (MAR)

00:17:23 Beth Breneman, Staff Attorney, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:18:12 Rep. Kary

00:18:50 Rep. Hill

00:19:27 Dan Burke, NFB

00:19:47 Rep. Kary

00:20:18 Dan Burke, NFB

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:21:13 Rep. Hill

**HEARING ON HB 530**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:22:23 Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 530, Revise legislative compensation to include day care reimbursement.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:25:27 Rep. Wilmer  
00:25:50 Rep. Hill  
00:26:42 Rep. Washburn  
00:27:00 Rep. Hill  
00:27:24 Sheri Scurr, LSD  
00:27:45 Rep. Hill  
00:28:04 Rep. Hertz  
00:28:19 Rep. Hill  
00:29:25 Rep. Harris  
00:30:17 Rep. Hill  
00:30:39 Rep. Blyton  
00:31:01 Rep. Hill  
00:31:17 Sheri Scurr, LSD

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:31:37 Rep. Hill

**HEARING ON HB 510**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:33:16 Rep. Pat Ingraham (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 510, Eliminate requirement for annual absentee forms.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:37:05 Bret Rutherford, Elections Administrator, Yellowstone County, and Second Vice President, Montana Association of Clerks and Recorders (MACR)  
00:40:43 Linda McCulloch, Secretary of State (SOS)

**EXHIBIT(sth38a01)**

00:42:01 Maureen Connor, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**EXHIBIT(sth38a02)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:43:30 Rep. B. Bennett  
00:45:08 Rep. Ingraham  
00:45:32 Bret Rutherford, MACR  
00:46:36 Rep. Harris  
00:48:09 Bret Rutherford, MACR  
00:48:58 Rep. O'Hara entered the room.  
00:49:05 Rep. Connell  
00:49:27 Maureen Connor, MACo  
00:49:46 Rep. Blyton  
00:50:56 Linda McCulloch, SOS  
00:51:09 Rep. Blyton  
00:51:20 Linda McCulloch, SOS  
00:51:25 Rep. Bangerter  
00:52:15 Rep. Ingraham  
00:54:51 Rep. Bangerter  
00:55:23 Rep. Howard  
00:57:03 Rep. Ingraham  
00:59:29 Rep. Howard  
00:59:51 Rep. Ingraham  
01:00:25 Rep. Schreiner  
01:00:43 Bret Rutherford, MACR  
01:00:47 Rep. Schreiner  
01:00:55 Bret Rutherford, MACR  
01:01:11 Rep. Wilmer  
01:01:34 Bret Rutherford, MACR  
01:04:21 Rep. Calf Boss Ribs  
01:04:44 Bret Rutherford, MACR

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:06:09 Rep. Ingraham  
  
01:07:01 Recessed  
01:15:19 Reconvened

**HEARING ON HB 529****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:15:31 Rep. Bill Harris (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on HB 529, Generally revise laws governing crematoriums.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:19:27 Tammy Johnson, Central Montana Crematorium and Axelson Alternative Cremation

**EXHIBIT(sth38a03)**

01:29:20 Don Pfau, Self  
01:31:08 Bill Spoja, Self  
01:45:28 Jim Axelson, Axelson Alternative Cremation  
01:50:23 Tom Wojtowick, Self

**EXHIBIT(sth38a04)**

01:54:36 Paul Huff, Self  
01:56:59 Mary Jones, Self  
01:58:53 Suzy Holt, Self

[EXHIBIT\(sth38a05\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

02:02:41 Travis Newman, Smith Funeral Chapels and Montana Funeral Directors Association (MFDA)

[EXHIBIT\(sth38a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth38a07\)](#)

02:09:32 Rick Walter, Sunset Funeral Home, Missoula  
02:15:43 Wayne Benson, Garden City Funeral Home, Missoula  
02:23:03 Ralph Mihlfeld, Creel Funeral Home, Lewistown  
02:29:26 Donna Amaro, Twichel Funeral and Cremation Service, Helena  
02:32:39 Jim Johnson, Self  
02:41:48 Mike Stevenson, Anderson Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home and Crematory, Helena  
02:43:24 Robert Grymes, Daly-Leach Chapel, Hamilton, and Montana Funeral Directors Association (MFDA)  
02:46:46 Randy Wilke, Anderson Stevenson Wilke Funeral Home and Crematory, Helena  
02:51:49 Erin MacLean, Executive Director, Montana Funeral Directors Association (MFDA)

[EXHIBIT\(sth38a08\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:**

03:02:45 Colleen White, Business and Occupational Licensing Bureau, Business Standards Division, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

03:03:31 Rep. Kary  
03:03:46 Colleen White, DLI  
03:04:43 Rep. Wilmer  
03:05:10 Colleen White, DLI  
03:06:08 Rep. Brockie  
03:06:36 Wayne Benson, Garden City Funeral Home  
03:06:56 Sheri Scurr, LSD

**Closing by Sponsor:**

03:07:44 Rep. Harris

**Discussion:**

03:11:42 Rep. Ingraham  
03:12:46 Sheri Scurr, LSD

[EXHIBIT\(sth38a09\)](#)

03:15:33 Rep. Wilmer

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 03:15:56

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Patty Hartman, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([sth38aad.pdf](#))**