

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Duane Ankney, on March 26, 2013 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 102
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Duane Ankney, Chair (R)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Nancy Ballance (R)
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Champ Edmunds (R)
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Dave Hagstrom (R)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy (D)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Rep. Lea Whitford (D)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Steve Gibson, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. Pat Noonan (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lisa Adams, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 509, 3/23/2013; HB 523, 3/23/2013; HB 575, 3/23/2013;
HB 582, 3/23/2013; HB 621, 3/23/2013; HB 86, 3/25/2013;
HB 576, 3/25/2013; HB 604, 3/25/2013
Executive Action: HB 86, HB 576, HB 604, HB 420

00:10:34 Chair Ankney

HEARING ON HB 604

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:13:05 Rep. Cary Smith (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 604, Create Select Committee on Medicaid Innovation, Reform, and Expansion.

00:13:15 Rep. Noonan arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:14:27 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic, St. Peters Hospital, Bozeman Deaconess, and Montana Catholic Hospitals

00:15:58 Rep. Noonan left.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:47 Rep. Brodehl

00:16:50 Rep. Osmundson left.

00:17:10 Rep. Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

00:18:04 Rep. Smith

HEARING ON HB 509

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:19:15 Rep. Keith Regier (R), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 509, Provide for prepaid wireless 911 service charge.

00:21:29 Rep. Ehli arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:23:33 Chuck Denowh, TracFone Wireless

00:24:30 Rep. Noonan arrived.

00:24:49 Mark Baker, Attorney, Anderson, Baker and Swanson, and American Telephone and Telegraph (AT&T)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:09 Rep. Ballance

00:26:41 Rep. Regier

Closing by Sponsor:

00:26:58 Rep. Regier

HEARING ON HB 86

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:13 Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 86, Revise funding allocations for career and vocational/technical education.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:29 Dennis Parman, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

00:30:50 Jim Smith, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:31:18 TJ Eyer, Administrator, Career Technical and Adult Education Division, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:31:37 Rep. Hollandsworth

00:31:45 Mr. Parman, OPI

00:32:50 Rep. Hollenbaugh and Rep. Noonan left.

00:32:24 Mr. Eyer, OPI

00:32:45 Rep. Hollandsworth

00:32:50 Rep. Cook left.

00:33:02 Rep. Hagstrom

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:30 Rep. O'Hara

HEARING ON HB 576

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:34:12 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HB 576, Higher education scholarship program for residents.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:36:37 Rep. Hollandsworth

00:36:46 Rep. Noonan arrived.

00:37:08 Rep. Hagstrom

00:37:38 Rep. Hertz

00:38:14 Rep. Brodehl

00:38:40 Rep. Hertz

Closing by Sponsor:

00:38:51 Rep. Hertz

HEARING ON HB 582**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:39:07 Rep. Greg Hertz (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HB 582, Generally revise laws related to the board of public accountants.

00:42:06 Rep. Gibson arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:42:58 Holly Franz, Montana Society of Certified Public Accountants (MSCPA)

EXHIBIT(aph65a01)

00:46:18 Rep. Gibson left.

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

00:48:51 Jack Kane, Administrator, Business Standards Division, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:49:19 Rep. Brodehl

00:50:02 Ms. Franz, MSCPA

00:50:22 Rep. Brodehl

00:50:30 Rep. Hollandsworth

00:50:35 Rep. Cuffe arrived.

00:51:05 Ms. Franz, MSCPA

00:51:32 Rep. Hollandsworth

00:51:40 Rep. McChesney

00:51:59 Ms. Franz, MSCPA

00:52:08 Rep. Osmundson arrived and Rep. Jones left.

00:52:25 Rep. McChesney

00:52:29 Mr. Kane, DLI

00:53:27 Rep. McChesney

00:53:51 Mr. Kane, DLI

00:53:55 Rep. McChesney

00:54:14 Mr. Kane, DLI

Closing by Sponsor:

00:54:26 Rep. Hertz

HEARING ON HB 523**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:55:06 Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 523, Reduce corporation tax rate.

00:55:23 Rep. Cook arrived.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:57:10 Nancy Schlepp, President, Montana Tax Payers Association
00:57:33 Chair Ankney left.

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:58:37 Rep. Ballance
00:58:53 Rep. Gibson arrived.
01:00:00 Rep. Schwaderer
01:01:11 Rep. Ballance
01:01:12 Rep. Cuffe left.
01:01:25 Rep. Jones arrived.
01:01:30 Rep. Schwaderer
01:02:08 Chair Ankney arrived.
01:02:14 Rep. Dudik
01:04:20 Rep. Schwaderer
01:05:09 Rep. Dudik
01:05:21 Rep. Hollenbaugh arrived.
01:05:22 Rep. Schwaderer
01:05:25 Rep. Cuffe arrived.

Closing by Sponsor:

01:06:46 Rep. Schwaderer

HEARING ON HB 621**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:09:33 Rep. Champ Edmunds (R), HD 100, opened the hearing on HB 621, Abolish Department of Commerce and transfer functions to Department of Labor and Industry.

Proponents' Testimony: None**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:10:51 John Rogers, Chief Economic Development Officer, Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOV)
01:15:00 Jolene Bach, Vice President, Great Falls Economic Development Authority (GFDA)
01:16:28 Rick Edwards, Butte Local Development Corporation and Headwaters Resource, Conservation and Development (RCD)
01:18:34 Tracy McIntyre, President, Montana Economic Development Association (MEDA)
EXHIBIT(aph65a02)
01:20:09 Stuart Doggett, Executive Director, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association

Informational Testimony:

01:21:33 Kris Wilkinson, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:21:45 Rep. Gibson
01:22:15 Ms. Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:22:34 Rep. Brodehl
01:22:45 Rep. Hollenbaugh left.
01:23:13 Tracy McIntyre, MEDA
01:23:34 Rep. Ballance
01:23:37 Rep. Gibson left.
01:24:13 Rep. Edmunds
01:24:39 Rep. Ballance
01:24:40 Rep. McCarthy left.
01:25:13 Rep. Edmunds
01:26:17 Mr. Rogers, GOV
01:26:49 Rep. Hollenbaugh arrived.
01:27:22 Rep. Ballance
01:27:38 Mr. Rogers, GOV
01:28:52 Rep. Brodehl left.
01:30:25 Rep. Osmundson
01:30:48 Rep. Gibson arrived.
01:31:01 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD
01:31:07 Rep. Brodehl arrived.
01:31:15 Rep. Hollenbaugh left.
01:32:13 Rep. Cuffe
01:33:05 Rep. Hagstrom left.
01:34:35 Rep. Edmunds
01:35:41 Rep. Whitford
01:36:32 Rep. Hollenbaugh arrived.
01:37:25 Rep. Hollandsworth

Closing by Sponsor:

01:38:05 Rep. Edmunds

01:38:10 Rep. Hagstrom arrived.

HEARING ON HB 575**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:39:16 Rep. Keith Regier (R), HD 5, for Rep. Tom Berry (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 575, Generally revise 9-1-1 laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:40:34 Bonnie Lorang, Montana Independent Telecommunication Systems
EXHIBIT(aph65a03)
01:46:17 Rep. McCarthy arrived.
01:50:16 Geoff Feiss, General Manager, Montana Telecommunications
01:50:33 Greg Chilcott, President, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:51:10 Rep. Ballance
01:51:43 Rep. Regier
01:51:55 Rep. Hollandsworth
01:52:39 Rep. Regier

Closing by Sponsor:

01:52:54 Rep. Regier

01:53:55 Recessed.
02:22:03 Reconvened with Rep. Noonan not present.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 86

02:22:13 **Motion:** Rep. Gibson moved that **HB 86 DO PASS.**

02:22:26 Rep. Noonan arrived.

02:22:30 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cook moved that **HB 86 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXHIBIT(aph65a04)**Discussion:**

00:22:45 Chair Ankney

02:23:25 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Gibson moved that **HB 86 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 576

02:23:48 **Motion:** Rep. Gibson moved that **HB 576 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:24:03 Rep. Ballance

02:24:37 **Vote:** Motion failed 1-20 by roll call vote with Rep. Edmunds voting aye.

02:25:37 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Gibson moved that **HB 576 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 604

02:26:02 **Motion:** Rep. Gibson moved that **HB 604 DO PASS.**

02:26:16 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cook moved that **HB 604 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXHIBIT(aph65a05)

02:26:59 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Gibson moved that **HB 604 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.
Motion carried 12-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Edmunds, Rep.
Hollenbaugh, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. McChesney, Rep. Mehlhoff, Rep. Noonan,
Rep. Whitford and Rep. Woods voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 420

02:28:24 **Motion:** Rep. Gibson moved to **RECONSIDER THE ACTION** on **HB 420**.

Discussion:

02:29:05 Chair Ankney

02:29:09 Mr. Triem, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

02:31:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 20-1 by voice vote with Rep. Woods voting no.

02:31:47 **Motion:** Rep. Gibson moved that **HB 420 DO PASS**.

02:31:53 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Cook moved that **HB 420 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried
unanimously by voice vote.

EXHIBIT(aph65a06)

02:32:30 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Gibson moved that **HB 420 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:32:45 Chair Ankney

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:33:48

Lisa Adams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph65aad.pdf](#))