

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Pat Ingraham, on April 10, 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. Doug Kary (R)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Casey Schreiner (D)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. David Howard (R)  
Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R)  
Rep. Gordon Vance (R)  
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Patty Hartman, Committee Secretary  
Rachel Weiss, 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: SB 387, 4/8/2013; SB 392, 4/8/2013

**HEARING ON SB 387****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:17:03 Sen. Debby Barrett (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SB 387, Generally revise Commissioner of Political Practices and enforcement laws.

**[EXHIBIT\(sth75a01\)](#)**

00:21:52 Rep. O'Hara arrived.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:23:06 Kenneth Peterson, self, former Chair, House Judiciary Committee

**[EXHIBIT\(sth75a02\)](#)****Opponents' Testimony:**

00:32:46 Mike Fellows, Montana Libertarian Party (MTLP)

**Informational Testimony:**

00:34:43 Julie Steab, Investigator, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:35:54 Rep. Calf Boss Ribs

**[EXHIBIT\(sth75a03\)](#)****Discussion:**

00:36:38 Rep. Kary

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:37:05 Rep. Calf Boss Ribs

**Informational Testimony:**

00:38:03 Mary Baker, Program Supervisor, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:39:05 Rep. O'Hara  
00:39:19 Sen. Barrett  
00:40:20 Rep. O'Hara  
00:40:38 Sen. Barrett  
00:41:02 Rep. O'Hara  
00:41:28 Sen. Barrett  
00:41:34 Rep. Connell  
00:43:27 Ken Peterson, self  
00:44:06 Rep. Connell  
00:44:53 Ken Peterson, self  
00:45:14 Rep. Ingraham  
00:45:55 Ken Peterson, self  
00:46:26 Sen. Barrett  
00:47:24 Julie Steab, COPP  
00:47:56 Rep. Hertz  
00:48:26 Sen. Barrett  
00:48:48 Rep. Hertz  
00:49:25 Sen. Barrett

00:49:46 Rep. Hertz  
 00:50:03 Sen. Barrett  
 00:51:04 Julie Steab, COPP  
 00:51:24 Rep. Bangerter  
 00:52:10 Mary Baker, COPP  
 00:52:47 Rep. Bangerter  
 00:53:09 Ken Peterson, self  
 00:54:56 Rep. Bangerter  
 00:55:28 Ken Peterson, self  
 00:55:46 Rep. Brockie  
 00:56:06 Ken Peterson, self  
 00:56:55 Rep. Brockie  
 00:57:11 Sen. Barrett  
 00:57:17 Rep. Brockie  
 00:58:12 Sen. Barrett  
 00:59:31 Rep. Hertz  
 01:00:24 Ken Peterson, self  
 01:01:43 Rep. Hertz  
 01:02:17 Ken Peterson, self  
 01:02:52 Rep. Harris  
 01:03:38 Ken Peterson, self  
 01:04:49 Rep. Price  
 01:05:30 Ken Peterson, self  
 01:06:51 Rep. B. Bennett  
 01:07:29 Julie Steab, COPP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:08:21 Sen. Barrett

[EXHIBIT\(sth75a04\)](#)

**HEARING ON SB 392****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:15:08 Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 392, Increase authority of Commissioner of Political Practices for noncompliance.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:20:36 Janet Ellis, self  
 01:22:12 Linda Gryczan, League of Women Voters (LWV)  
 01:22:47 Clayton Elliott, Montana League of Rural Voters  
 01:23:07 Julie Steab, Investigator, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)  
 01:23:51 Mary Baker, Program Supervisor, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:25:07 Mike Fellows, Montana Libertarian Party (MTLP)  
 01:26:16 Rep. Calf Boss Ribs

[EXHIBIT\(sth75a05\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:28:55 Rep. Kary  
01:29:05 Sen. Kaufmann  
01:29:10 Rep. Ingraham  
01:29:18 Rep. B. Bennett  
01:30:18 Julie Steab, COPP  
01:31:19 Rep. Washburn  
01:31:56 Julie Steab, COPP  
01:32:11 Rep. O'Hara left.  
01:32:51 Rep. Washburn  
01:33:02 Julie Steab, COPP  
01:33:13 Rep. Washburn  
01:33:18 Julie Steab, COPP  
01:33:30 Rep. Hertz  
01:33:44 Julie Steab, COPP  
01:34:17 Rep. Hertz  
01:34:28 Julie Steab, COPP  
01:34:54 Rep. Hertz  
01:35:12 Julie Steab, COPP  
01:35:52 Rep. Connell  
01:36:44 Julie Steab, COPP  
01:37:26 Rep. Connell  
01:38:17 Julie Steab, COPP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:39:45 Sen. Kaufmann  
  
01:41:17 Rep. Ingraham  
01:42:09 Rachel Weiss, LSD  
01:42:53 Rep. Ingraham

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:44:52

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Patty Hartman, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([sth75aad.pdf](#))**