

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey, on January 21, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)  
Sen. Janna Taylor, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Shannon Augare (D)  
Sen. Dick Barrett (D)  
Sen. Sue Malek (D)  
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)  
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Boulanger (R)  
Sen. Olson (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary  
Leanne Kurtz, 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 54, 1/15/2013; SB 140, 1/15/2013

**HEARING ON SB 140****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:09:47 Sen. Art Wittich (R), SD 35, opened the hearing on SB 140, Combine school and primary election dates.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

0:12:28 Tom Stockton, representing self  
00:13:59 Sen. Boulanger entered the hearing.  
00:14:11 Barbara Rush, representing self  
00:17:35 Becky Stockton, representing self

**EXHIBIT(los12a01)**

00:19:20 Dave Wood, representing self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:20:05 Denise Ulberg, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)

**EXHIBIT(los12a02)**

00:23:15 Senator Olson entered the hearing.

00:26:31 Lisa Kimmet, Montana Secretary of State's Office, (SOS)

**EXHIBIT(los12a03)**

00:31:48 Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders (MACR)

00:36:19 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA)

00:42:56 Terry Minow, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA/MFT)

00:43:45 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

00:46:24 Mark Mackin, representing self

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:48:56 Sen. Tutvedt  
00:49:27 Sen. Wittich  
00:49:52 Sen. Olson  
00:52:11 Bob Vogel, MTSBA  
00:53:27 Sen. Vuckovich  
00:54:28 Sen. Wittich  
00:57:09 Sen. Taylor  
00:57:32 Denise Ulberg, MASBO  
00:57:51 Sen. Taylor  
01:00:33 Lisa Kimmet, SOS  
01:01:05 Sen. Taylor  
01:01:15 Linda Stoll, MACR  
01:02:13 Sen. Barrett

01:03:06 Linda Stoll

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:03:33 Sen. Wittich

**HEARING ON SB 54**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:07:47 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 48, opened the hearing on SB 54, Require worker's compensation coverage for volunteer firefighters.

**EXHIBIT(los12a04)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:13:36 Leonard Lundby, Montana Fire Alliance (MFA)  
 01:14:56 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
 01:22:04 Alec Hansen, Montana League of Counties and Towns (MLCT)  
 01:23:33 Joseph Sands, Montana State Council of Professional Fire Fighters (MSCOPFF)  
 01:24:09 Rich Cowger, Montana State Fire Chiefs Association (MSFCA)

**EXHIBIT(los12a05)**

01:27:10 Kraig Hansen, Montana Volunteer Fire Fighters Association (MVFFA)  
 01:28:09 David Cooper, Jefferson City Volunteer Fire Department (JCVFD)  
 01:31:28 Gordon Morris, Lewis and Clark County (LLC)  
 01:31:59 Jim Knapp, Corvallis Rural Fire District (CRFD)  
 01:34:48 Chris Hindoien, representing self  
 01:36:01 Bret Gregr, Volunteer Fire Insurance Services (VFIS)  
 01:37:49 David Cowardin, Corvallis Rural Fire District (CRFD)  
 01:39:34 Jane Weber, Cascade County Commission  
 01:41:41 Mike McGinley, Beaverhead County Commission  
 01:43:00 Greg Chilcott, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
 01:44:26 Frank DePriest, Blaine County Commission

**EXHIBIT(los12a06)**

01:45:07 Ed Bartlett, Yellowstone County  
 01:45:22 Pat Keim, Volunteer Fire Fighter, Lewis and Clark County  
 01:46:38 Leonard Wortman, Jefferson County Commission  
 01:46:56 Nancy Butler, Montana State Fund (MSF)  
 01:48:45 Steve Wade, Montana Munciple Interlocal Authority (MMIA)  
 01:49:40 Will Dubrul, representing self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:50:53 Dave Wood, representing self

**Informational Testimony:**

01:55:20 Bob Harrington, Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation  
(DNRC)

**EXHIBIT(los12a07)**

01:57:43 Mike Taylor, National Council and Compensation Insurance (NCCI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

02:02:41 Sen. Barrett  
02:03:19 Harold Blattie, MACo  
02:03:56 Sen. Boulanger  
02:04:46 Harold Blattie  
02:05:04 Sen. Olson  
02:12:51 Harold Blattie  
02:13:38 Sen. Vuckovich  
02:14:29 Harold Blattie  
02:16:30 Sen. Barrett  
02:17:20 Harold Blattie  
02:18:04 Sen. Boulanger  
02:18:16 Harold Blattie

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:19:16 Sen. Facey

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:28 P.M.

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Document

Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([los12aad.pdf](#))**