

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Ron Arthun, on March 11, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Ron Arthun, Chair (R)  
Sen. Dee Brown, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Anders Blewett (D)  
Sen. Scott Sales (R)  
Sen. Roger Webb (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Larry Jent (D)  
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch  
Nadine Spencer, Committee Secretary

**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 78, 3/5/2013; HB 325, 3/5/2013; HB 95, 3/5/2013; HB 105, 3/5/2013

**HEARING ON HB 105**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:20:50 Rep. Tom Steenberg (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on HB 105, Generally revise MPERA retirement system laws concerning plan administration.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:21:48 Melanie Symons, Chief Legal Counsel, Montana Public Employees' Retirement Board (MPERA)

**[EXHIBIT\(sts52a01\)](#)**

00:23:39 Sen. Van Dyk entered the hearing.

00:26:41 Boyce Fowler, Advocate Volunteer, AARP Montana

00:27:16 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association (MPEA) and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:28:41 Rep. Steenberg

**HEARING ON HB 78**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:29:23 Rep. Keith Regier (R), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 78, Clarify break in service requirements for postretirement employment under TRS.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:30:35 David Senn, Executive Director, Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)

**[EXHIBIT\(sts52a02\)](#)**

00:36:20 Diane Fladmo, MEA-MFT

00:36:51 Boyce Fowler, Advocate Volunteer, AARP Montana

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:37:57 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:43:49 Sen. Brown  
00:44:08 Diane Fladmo, MEA-MFT  
00:44:35 Sen. Brown  
00:45:23 David Senn, TRS  
00:45:54 Sen. Brown  
00:46:08 Chairman Arthun  
00:46:17 Rep. Regier

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:46:45 Rep. Regier

**HEARING ON HB 325**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:47:03 Rep. Keith Regier (R), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 325, Revising legal holiday laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:48:54 Shantil Siaperas, Legislative Coordinator, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[EXHIBIT\(sts52a03\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:51:57 Rep. Regier

**HEARING ON HB 95**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:52:21 Rep. Franke Wilmer (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 95, Require contributions on working retiree compensation.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:55:35 Mike O'Connor, Montana Public Employee Retirement Board (MPERA)  
00:58:02 Sheryl Wood, Associate Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
00:58:51 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association (MPEA) and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)  
01:00:39 Diane Fladmo, MEA-MFT

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:01:10      Sen. Brown

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:01:34      Rep. Wilmer

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:45 P.M.

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Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([sts52aad.pdf](#))**