

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Bill Harris, on March 11, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bill Harris, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Casey Schreiner, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Bob Brown (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Edward Greef (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Debra Lamm (R)
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)
Rep. Jean Price (D)
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Art Wittich (R)
Rep. Jeff Essmann, Chair (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jennifer Petersen, 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: SB 80, 2/25/2015; SB 89, 2/25/2015; SB 124, 2/25/2015

00:00:01 Chair Harris
00:01:34 *Rep. McKamey arrives*

HEARING ON SB 89

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:47 Sen. John Brenden (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 89, Require supreme court justices/district court judges to file financial reports.

00:03:01 Chair Harris

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:07 Beth McLaughlin, Supreme Court Administrator, State of Montana

00:03:24 Chair Harris

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:03:57 Sen. Brenden

00:04:09 Chair Harris

HEARING ON SB 80

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:21 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 80, Eliminate certain reporting requirements for legislative audit committee.

00:05:30 Chair Harris

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:05:49 Sen. D. Brown

00:06:02 Chair Harris

HEARING ON SB 124**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:06:11 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 124, Require certain boards to record and publish meetings in video or audio format.
00:09:13 *Rep. Wittich arrives*
00:09:26 Chair Harris

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:33 Peter Donovan, Executive Director, Board of Public Education (BPE)
00:11:09 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

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

00:12:08 Dore Schwinden, Executive Director, Montana Public Employees Retirement Administration (MPERA)
00:12:43 Shawn Graham, Executive Director, Teachers Retirement System (TRS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:27 Rep. Funk
00:14:17 Sen. D. Brown
00:14:46 Rep. Funk
00:15:07 Sen. D. Brown
00:15:42 Chair Harris
00:15:47 Rep. Lamm
00:16:10 Sen. D. Brown
00:16:55 Rep. Garner
00:17:14 Dore Schwinden, MPERA
00:17:35 Chair Harris

Closing by Sponsor:

00:17:40 Sen. D. Brown
00:18:12 Chair Harris

Committee Business:

00:18:42 Rep. Funk
00:19:16 Chair Harris

ADJOURNMENT

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Jennifer Petersen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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