



# Legislative Council

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## MINUTES LOG

### SENATE BILL 310 STEERING COMMITTEE AND LEGISLATIVE WEEK SUBCOMMITTEE

November 15, 2019  
Room 137, Capitol Building  
Helena, Montana

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### **SB 310 STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

SEN. MARGARET (MARGIE) MACDONALD  
SEN. RYAN OSMUNDSON  
SEN. JP POMNICHOWSKI  
SEN. JON SESSO  
SEN. FRED THOMAS  
REP. KIM ABBOTT  
REP. KENNETH HOLMLUND

### **SB 310 STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED**

SEN. TOM JACOBSON  
REP. WYLIE GALT  
REP. MIKE HOPKINS  
REP. MARILYN RYAN

### **LEGISLATIVE WEEK SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

SEN. MARGARET (MARGIE) MACDONALD  
SEN. JP POMNICHOWSKI  
SEN. FRED THOMAS  
REP. KIM ABBOTT  
REP. GREG HERTZ

## **LEGISLATIVE WEEK SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED**

REP. WYLIE GALT

### **STAFF PRESENT**

SUSAN BYORTH FOX, Executive Director

TODD EVERTS, Legal Director

JOE TRIEM, Fiscal Manager, Legislative Fiscal Division

LAURA SHERLEY, Committee Secretary

### **AGENDA (Attachment 1)**

### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

#### **CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL**

10:01:14 Sen. Osmundson called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. The secretary took roll (**Attachment 2**).

#### **INTRODUCTION TO SB 310**

10:02:30 Ms. Fox

#### **Public introductions**

10:05:02 Rep. Kelker, HD 47

10:05:07 Drew Zinecker, Senate Majority

10:05:12 Heather O'Laughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center

10:05:20 Pat Keim, self

#### **Member questions/discussion**

10:06:00 Rep. Holmlund asked if a review on department budget and staff time handling will be covered at the first SB 310 meeting.

10:09:07 Rep. Hertz recommended adding to the agenda a discussion on how interim committees operate.

10:09:47 Sen. Osmundson commented on reviewing how other states and their interim committees operate.

#### **Public comment**

10:10:36 Pat Keim, self

#### **Member questions/discussion**

10:17:20 Sen. Sesso recommended providing an opportunity during Legislative Week for legislator and public comment on SB 310 topics.

10:19:21 Sen. Osmundson asked if there is a SB 310 Steering Committee meeting planned during Legislative Week.

10:21:42 Sen. MacDonald asked if the legislator and public comment session could be scheduled for early Tuesday morning during Legislative Week.

10:23:30 Sen. Thomas commented on the importance of public comment and legislator input on SB 310 topics.

10:25:50 Sen. Osmundson asked the committee if there were any scheduling conflict with the proposed date for the legislator and public comment session.

10:26:20 Sen. Thomas commented on the work of the staff regarding Legislative Week and the importance of Legislative Week for all legislature members.

### **DECISION ON MEETING DAY**

10:28:30 Ms. Fox

### **Member questions/discussion**

10:31:39 Committee discussion on proposed meeting days for the first SB 310 Steering Committee meeting joint with Legislative Council.

10:32:45 Sen. Osmundson asked Ms. Fox to schedule the meeting on December 10th.

### **POTENTIAL TOPICS FOR FIRST MEETING**

10:33:05 Ms. Fox

### **Member questions/discussion**

10:33:32 Sen. Sesso asked for clarification on the topics to be discussed at the meeting.

10:34:17 Rep. Holmlund recommended the committee clarifies potential policy change topics before discussing budget changes.

10:37:15 Sen. MacDonald commented on the importance of having the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) members present in the meeting to discuss policy and budget changes.

10:38:00 Sen. Thomas commented on having input from both LFC members and the public at the meeting.

10:41:15 Rep. Abbott asked for clarification of the timeline for the draft proposal.

10:42:50 Ms. Fox reviewed the discussion and potential meeting topics.

### **SCHEDULE FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

10:43:15 Ms. Fox

### **Member questions/discussion**

10:44:29 Sen. Osmundson asked Ms. Fox for clarification on the meeting date.

### **LEGISLATIVE WEEK TOPICS**

#### **Survey estimates**

10:44:53 Ms. Fox

### **Member questions/discussion**

10:48:40 Sen. Pomnichowski asked for clarification on what budgets will be used to support Legislative Week.

### **Discussion on public comment during Legislative Week**

10:49:58 Ms. Fox

### **Member questions/discussion**

10:51:47 Rep. Abbott recommended accommodating public comment during Legislative Week based on the public interest she has received.

10:53:00 Rep. Holmlund commented on the public interest in his district.

10:53:20 Rep. Hertz commented that small group discussions would be difficult to

accommodate public comment but larger group discussions should have public comment sessions.

10:53:53 Sen. Thomas asked if general public comment could be received at the end of each day of Legislative Week.

**Public comment**

10:56:39 Heather O'Laughlin, Budget and Policy Center

**DIRECTIONS TO STAFF**

10:57:17 Rep. Hertz asked that information regarding lobbyist sponsored receptions be given out to Legislative Week attendees.

**ADJOURNMENT**

10:59:01 Sen. Osmundson adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

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