



## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE ON LOGISTICS AND APPROPRIATIONS

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### 68th Montana Legislature

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# MINUTES LOG

January 24, 2024  
Capitol Room 350  
Helena, Montana

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sen. Kenneth Bogner, Chair (R)  
Rep. Derek Harvey, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)  
Rep. Matt Regier (R)

#### **MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Jerry Howe, Executive Director  
Todd Everts, Legal Director  
Jolanda Songer, Secretary

#### **AGENDA** ([Attachment 1](#))

#### **VISITORS' LIST** ([Attachment 2](#))

### **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

13:02:06 Kenneth Bogner-R called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM. The committee secretary took roll.

### **VOLUME OF LEGISLATIVE BILL REQUESTS**

#### **Review Current Bill Drafting Rules, Processes, and Deadlines**

13:03:23 Todd Everts, Legal Director, Legislative Services Division

### **Council Questions and Discussion**

13:34:58 Presiding Officer Bogner

13:36:20 Sen. O'Brien

13:36:45 Presiding Officer Bogner

13:37:08 Rachel Weiss, Research Director

13:37:26 Carolyn Tschida, Chief Clerk of the House

13:37:41 Marilyn Miller, Secretary of the Senate

13:37:57 Jaret Coles, Legal Deputy Director, Legislative Services Division

13:38:10 Kyle Schmauch, Senate Republicans

13:38:20 Presiding Officer Bogner

### **Consider Changes to Bill Drafting Rules, Processes, and Deadlines**

13:38:25 Presiding Officer Bogner

### **Council Questions and Discussion**

13:42:18 Vice Presiding Officer Harvey directed a question to Director Everts.

13:46:19 Sen. O'Brien directed a question to Director Howe.

13:51:34 Sen. O'Brien

13:52:00 Presiding Officer Bogner

13:52:42 Director Everts

13:54:42 Presiding Officer Bogner directed a question to the bill drafters.

13:55:32 Director Weiss

13:56:35 Deputy Director Coles

13:57:13 Vice Presiding Officer Harvey directed a question to Director Everts.

13:58:34 Speaker Regier directed a question to Director Everts

13:59:16 Director Howe  
13:59:34 Speaker Regier  
14:00:57 Sen. O'Brien  
14:02:07 Director Everts  
14:03:15 Presiding Officer Bogner directed a question to Speaker Regier.  
14:06:05 Vice Presiding Officer Harvey made a proposal.  
14:07:18 Presiding Officer Bogner directed a question to Director Everts.  
14:09:54 Presiding Officer Bogner

**Public Comment**

14:10:24 Secretary of the Senate Miller

**Council Questions and Discussion**

14:11:48 Presiding Officer Bogner directed a question to Director Everts.  
14:14:16 Director Howe  
14:15:01 Vice Presiding Officer Harvey

**Motion**

14:15:54 Speaker Regier moved to recommend setting up the website to where legislators enter their own bill draft titles as well as their top five priorities. Legislators will be able to flag the priorities and any changes to the priorities will go through Legislative Services.

**Council Questions and Discussion**

14:17:02 Sen. O'Brien  
14:17:19 Director Howe  
14:17:48 Presiding Officer Bogner

**Vote**

14:18:34 Carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Motion**

14:19:09 Vice Presiding Officer Harvey moved to bring the recommendation to Legislative Council to move the transmittal deadline to Day 50 (for general bills, not appropriations bills).

**Council Questions and Discussion**

14:19:30 Speaker Regier asked for clarification on the type of bills the recommendation refers to.

14:19:36 Presiding Officer Bogner

14:19:42 VC Harvey

**Vote**

14:19:54 Carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Council Questions and Discussion**

14:20:32 Sen. O'Brien directed a question to Deputy Director Coles.

14:21:43 Presiding Officer Bogner moved to assign LC Numbers by legislative district, pending it being possible through the current system, and if not, what the cost would be.

14:23:24 Director Everts

14:24:16 Presiding Officer Bogner

**Motion**

14:24:57 Presiding Officer Bogner moved to direct the Legislative Services to research the possibility of assigning bill draft numbers by legislative district.

**Council Questions and Discussion**

14:25:18 Speaker Regier

**Vote**

14:25:46 Carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Council Questions and Discussion**

14:26:15 Speaker Regier

14:26:36 Vice Presiding Officer Harvey

14:28:03 Presiding Officer Bogner

14:28:31 Speaker Regier

14:29:28 Vice Presiding Officer Harvey

14:29:48 Sen. O'Brien

14:30:25 Presiding Officer Bogner directed a question to the secretaries.

14:30:37 Secretary of the Senate Marilyn Miller

14:32:08 Chief Clerk of the House Carolyn Tschida

14:33:17 Sen. O'Brien

14:33:49 Presiding Officer Bogner

14:34:15 Director Howe

14:35:51 Sen. O'Brien

14:37:05 Presiding Officer Bogner

**Public Comment on Paper vs. Electronic**

14:37:49 None

**Motion**

14:38:13 Speaker Regier moved to have the Chief Clerk and the Secretary of the Senate work with Director Howe and Director Gow to implement the websites to have online bill delivery set as the default with an opt out option for printing.

**Vote**

14:38:50 Carried unanimously by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

14:39:18 None

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

14:39:42 Presiding Officer Bogner

**ADJOURNMENT**

14:40:28 Presiding Officer Bogner adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.