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## STATE ADMINISTRATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE

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### 68th Montana Legislature

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## MINUTES LOG

September 06, 2022

Zoom

Helena, Montana

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#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Sen. Janet Ellis (D)  
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)

#### **MEMBERS EXCUSED:**

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Alexis Newcomer, Secretary  
Rebecca Power, Research  
Analyst

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

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

## **COMMITTEE ACTION**

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

10:06:04 Rep. Dooling called the meeting to order at 10:06 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

### **Overview of Agenda**

10:08:11 Rep. Dooling reviewed the agenda.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE WORK SESSION**

### **Work Session – Pension Benefit Policy Statement Bill Draft**

10:10:13 Rebecca Power, Committee Staff, reviewed bill draft language.  
10:11:27 Rep. Garner asked Ms. Power about bill drafting language.  
10:13:44 Rep. Garner asked Ms. Power about repeat language in the bill.  
10:14:29 Rep. Garner provided bill drafting recommendations.  
10:14:56 Sen. Ellis asked Rep. Garner about amortization draft language.  
10:15:52 The committee discussed draft language.  
10:20:27 Rep. McKamey provided a recommendation for draft language.  
10:21:36 Rep. Garner asked Ms. Power to summarize and review the anticipated bills.  
10:23:52 Rep. Garner asked Ms. Power about details of the anticipated bills.  
10:29:03 Sen. Ellis asked Ms. Power about additional funding.  
10:30:18 Rep. Dooling asked Rep. Garner about budget figures for the topic.

### **Public Comment\* on Subcommittee Work Session & Committee Bill Draft**

10:33:45 Rep. Moore, HD 54  
10:35:27 Sarah Piper, Montana Federation of Public Employees

### **Committee Questions & Discussion**

10:36:35 Rep. McKamey commented on the proposal.

### **Motion:**

10:36:36 Rep. Garner moved to adopt suggested language for the SAVA committee to review.

### **Vote:**

10:36:36 Carried unanimously by voice vote.  
10:36:56 Rep. Dooling commented on the proposal.

### **Additional Subcommittee Discussion, Potential Subcommittee Action, & Instructions to Staff**

10:38:35 Rep. Garner asked for clarification on existing funding sources.

### **Public Comment\* on Any Topic Under the Committee's Jurisdiction**

10:39:45 Rep. Moore, HD 54

**Committee Questions & Discussion**

10:45:17 Rep. Dooling commented on Rep. Moore's public comment.

10:46:15 Rep. Garner commented on the recommended extension and asked Ms. Power about drafting a bill.

10:50:22 Sen. Ellis asked Rep. Garner about the study bill.

**Public Comment\* on Any Topic Under the Committee's Jurisdiction**

None.

**Meeting Wrap Up**

10:56:07 Rep. Dooling provided a wrap up for the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

10:57:19 Rep. Dooling adjourned the meeting at 10:57 AM.