



SELECT COMMITTEE ON ENERGY RESOURCE PLANNING AND ACQUISITION

68th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES LOG

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Daniel Zolnikov, Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)
Rep. Gary Parry (R)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)
James Brown, Public Member
Jaime Pollard on behalf of Jason Brown, Public Member
Cyndee Fang, Public Member
Mark Klein, Public Member
Darcy Neigum, Public Member
Diego Rivas, Public Member

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Trevor Graff, Research Analyst

Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary
Jameson Walker, Attorney

AGENDA ([Attachment 1](#))

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

09:01:19 Daniel Zolnikov-R called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

09:02:40 Sen. Cuffe
09:03:14 Trevor Graff
09:06:34 Rep. Parry to Trevor Graff
09:07:36 Sen. Cuffe to Trevor Graff

PLANNING AND PROCUREMENT STATUTE IN MONTANA

09:08:54 Trevor Graff
09:09:02 Haylee Gobert, Utility Rate Analyst, Public Service Commission
[EXHIBT1](#)

Committee Questions, Discussion

09:20:52 James Brown to Haylee Gobert
09:21:02 Presiding Officer Zolnikov
09:22:40 Darcy Neigum to Haylee Gobert

MONTANA'S PROCUREMENT PROCESS

09:24:59 Trevor Graff
[EXHIBIT2](#)

Committee Questions, Discussion

09:32:13 Presiding Officer Zolnikov
09:32:49 Sen. Cuffe
09:34:46 Rep. Parry
09:35:18 Cyndee Fang
09:35:56 Presiding Officer Zolnikov to Cyndee Fang
09:38:20 Rep. Parry
09:40:19 Cyndee Fang
09:41:28 Sen. Cuffe
09:42:02 Presiding Officer Zolnikov
09:42:15 Mark Klein
09:43:16 Presiding Officer Zolnikov

09:43:36 Rep. Parry
09:44:58 Darcy Neigum
09:46:28 James Brown
09:47:12 Cyndee Fang
09:48:25 Diego Rivas
09:50:26 Cyndee Fang
09:51:27 Presiding Officer Zolnikov
09:51:47 Sen. Hayman
09:52:26 Trevor Graff
09:53:57 Presiding Officer Zolnikov
09:55:19 Cyndee Fang
09:57:28 Rep. Kassmier joined the meeting.

Recess

10:02:34

Reconvened

10:14:45

Public Comment

10:15:11 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell

ALL-SOURCE COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION: STATE PRACTICES –U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

10:19:23 Fredrich Kahrl, Berkley Labs
[EXHIBIT3](#)

Committee Questions, Discussion

10:45:25 Mark Klein to Fredrich Kahrl
10:48:14 Presiding Officer Zolnikov to Fredrich Kahrl
10:50:05 Presiding Officer Zolnikov to Cyndee Fang
10:51:35 Mark Klein to Fredrich Kahrl
10:53:27 James Brown to Fredrich Kahrl
10:54:17 Sen. Hayman to Fredrich Kahrl

Public Comment

10:56:23 Irion Sanger, Northwest and Intermountain Power Producers Coalition
10:57:40 Fredrich Kahrl responding to Irion Sanger.

Recess

10:58:53

Reconvened

11:07:07

ROCKY MOUNTAIN INSTITUTE

11:08:12 Mark Dyson, RMI
[EXHIBIT4](#)

Committee Questions, Discussion

11:41:36 Sen. Cuffe to Mark Dyson
11:43:25 Presiding Officer Zolnikov to Mark Dyson
11:48:10 Denise Hayman to Mark Dyson

Public Comment

11:50:52 Chris Puyear, Northwestern Energy
11:58:11 Presiding Officer Zolnikov

Recess for Lunch

11:59:13

Reconvened

13:08:02

GROUP PROCUREMENT PRIORITIES DISCUSSION

13:08:49 Trevor Graff

Public Comment

13:56:46 Chris Puyear
14:02:46 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell
14:05:08 Irion Sanger
14:08:29 Jaime Pollard
14:10:12 James Brown to Will Rosquist, PSC
14:15:00

FORMULATION OF POTENTIAL FINDINGS AND POLICY TARGETS

14:21:45 Trevor Graff

Public Comment

14:39:23 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell
14:40:49 Irion Sanger

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 14:45:00