



## STATE ADMINISTRATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE

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### 68th Montana Legislature

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# MINUTES LOG

## HJ 23 Subcommittee of the State Administration and Veterans' Affairs Interim Committee

June 25, 2024  
Zoom Only  
Helena, Montana

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#### SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Kelly Kortum, Vice Presiding Officer (D)  
Rep. Ross Fitzgerald, Presiding Officer (R)  
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Sen. Wendy McKamey (R)

#### MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Rep. Julie Dooling (R)

#### MEMBERS ABSENT:

#### STAFF PRESENT:

Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary  
Rebecca Power, Research Analyst

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

## **COMMITTEE ACTION**

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

13:01:15 Presiding Officer Ross Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM. The committee secretary took roll.

### **HOUSE JOINT 23: INTERIM STUDY OF DISASTER AND EMERGENCY RECOVERY AND RESPONSE EFFORTS**

13:03:56 Rebecca Power, Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
13:04:08 Rep. Kelly Kortum  
13:06:29 Presiding Officer Ross Fitzgerald

### **Public Comment**

13:08:25 Rebecca Boslough King, Montana Association of Conservation Districts

### **Committee Questions / Discussion**

13:10:00 Sen. Wendy McKamey  
13:10:51 Hailey Graf, Conservation Districts Bureau, DNRC  
13:12:49 Presiding Officer Ross Fitzgerald  
13:14:21 Hailey Graf, DNRC  
13:15:33 Sen. Forrest Mandeville  
13:16:33 Hailey Graf  
13:17:56 Presiding Officer Ross Fitzgerald  
13:18:17 Hailey Graf  
13:18:58 Sen. Wendy McKamey  
13:20:51 Sen. Forrest Mandeville  
13:23:07 Rebecca Boslough King  
13:24:36 Hailey Graf  
13:26:10 Rebecca Boslough King  
13:27:20 Bill Neageli, Green Mountain Conservation District  
13:29:34 Rebecca Power  
13:29:46 David Stamey, Emergency Services Stillwater County  
13:32:07 Presiding Officer Ross Fitzgerald  
13:32:24 Hailey Graf  
13:32:46 Presiding Officer Ross Fitzgerald  
13:33:13 Hailey Graf  
13:35:21 Rebecca Power  
13:37:06 Sen. Wendy McKamey  
13:38:51 Delila Bruno Disaster and Emergency Services  
13:49:33 Bill Neageli  
13:51:52 Sen. Forrest Mandeville  
13:52:26 Delila Bruno

13:54:00 Vice Presiding Officer Kelly Kortum  
13:54:56 Sen. Wendy McKamey  
13:56:18 Sen. Forrest Mandeville  
13:56:19 Delila Bruno  
13:57:07 Sen. Forrest Mandeville  
13:57:19 Vice Presiding Officer Kelly Kortum

**Motion**

13:57:54 Vice Presiding Officer Kelly Kortum moved to direct staff to draft legislation to create 14 FTE DES Regional Coordinator Positions.

**Discussion on the Motion**

14:00:25 Sen. Forrest Mandeville  
14:00:28 Sen. Wendy McKamey  
14:01:58 Rebecca Power  
14:02:51 Sen. Forrest Mandeville  
14:02:55 Vice Presiding Officer Kelly Kortum  
14:03:17 Sen. Forrest Mandeville  
14:03:38 Vice Presiding Kelly Kortum

**Vote**

14:11:01 Motion failed with tied votes. Rep Julie Dooling was Absent for the vote.

**Committee Discussion/Questions**

14:13:13 Presiding Officer Ross Fitzgerald  
14:13:26 Sen. Forrest Mandeville  
14:16:12 Presiding Officer Ross Fitzgerald  
14:16:30 Sen. Forrest Mandeville  
14:17:48 Presiding Officer Ross Fitzgerald  
14:18:34 Sen. Wendy McKamey  
14:19:50 Presiding Officer Ross Fitzgerald  
14:20:54 Rebecca Power  
14:22:07 Presiding Officer Ross Fitzgerald  
14:22:30 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

**Motion**

14:22:53 Sen. Madeville moved to direct staff to draft legislation to amend the number of days in MCA 75-7-113 (4) and (5)  
14:24:04 Sen. Wendy McKamey

**Vote**

14:24:49 Motion passed 4-0. Rep Julie Dooling was Absent for the vote.

**Discussion**

14:24:57 Presiding Officer Ross Fitzgerald  
14:25:40 Rebecca Power  
14:26:18 Presiding Officer Ross Fitzgerald  
14:26:44 Sen. Wendy McKamey  
14:27:51 Vice Presiding Officer Kelly Kortum  
14:28:12 Sen. Forest Mandeville  
14:29:20 Presiding Officer Ross Fitzgerald  
14:29:38 Vice Presiding Officer Kelly Kortum  
14:30:07 Sen. Forest Mandeville  
14:30:36 Sen. Wendy McKamey  
14:31:07 Presiding Officer Ross Fitzgerald

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 14:31:47