



STATE ADMINISTRATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE

68th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES LOG

January 04, 2024
Capitol Room 137
Helena, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Julie Dooling, Chair (R)
Rep. Kelly Kortum, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R)
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)
Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Sen. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Andria Hardin, Attorney
LJ Jennings, Secretary

Rebecca Power, Research
Analyst

AGENDA ([Attachment 1](#))

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

10:00:36 Presiding Officer Dooling called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

MEETING OVERVIEW

10:01:29 Presiding Officer Dooling

PROCESS AND REVIEW OF BALLOT ISSUE #13

10:02:05 Rebecca Power, Lead Staff, LSD

[EXHIBIT1](#)

10:04:41 Andria Hardin, Staff Attorney, LSD

[EXHIBIT2](#)

[EXHIBIT3](#)

PROPOSED BALLOT ISSUE #13 HEARING

10:17:32 Frank Garner, Montanans for Election Reform

PROPONENTS

10:22:24 Tom Jacobson, Montanans for Election Reform

10:26:00 Sen. Dunwell, SD42

10:28:06 Rob Cook, Self

OPPONENTS

10:29:39 NONE

INFORMATIONAL WITNESS

10:29:56 NONE

Committee Questions/Discussion

10:30:08 Sen. McKamey to Frank Garner

10:34:39 Sen. Mandeville to Rob Cook

10:37:24 Sen. Cuffe to Frank Garner

10:43:08 Sen. Mandeville to Frank Garner

10:44:50 Redirect to Rob Cook

10:45:14 Sen. McKamey to Rob Cook

10:47:01 Presiding Officer Dooling to Rob Cook

CLOSING STATEMENT

10:50:30 Frank Garner

Committee Questions/Discussion

10:53:09 Sen. Cuffe
10:54:56 Andria Hardin
10:56:05 Sen. McKamey
10:58:14 Sen. Cuffe
11:00:39 Rep. Fitzgerald
11:02:02 Presiding Officer Dooling to Andria Hardin
11:04:30 Sen. Cuffe
11:05:24 Rebecca Power
11:05:45 Sen. McKamey to Andria Hardin

MOTION

11:08:12 Vice Presiding Officer Kortum moved to support the placement of the proposed statewide initiative, ballot issue #13 on the ballot.

Vote:

11:08:48 Carried 9 - 1 by roll call vote with Sen. McKamey, voting no.

MEETING WRAP UP

11:09:34 Presiding Officer Dooling

ADJOURNMENT

11:10:47 Presiding Officer Dooling adjourned the meeting.