



## STATE ADMINISTRATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE

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### 68th Montana Legislature

#### SENATE MEMBERS

Mike Cuffe  
Janet Ellis  
Forrest Mandeville  
Wendy McKamey

#### HOUSE MEMBERS

Marta Bertoglio  
Julie Dooling  
Ross Fitzgerald  
Gregory Frazer  
Kelly Kortum  
Ed Stafman

#### COMMITTEE STAFF

Andria Hardin - Attorney  
LJ Jennings - Secretary  
Rebecca Power - Research Analyst

## MINUTES LOG

December 08, 2023  
Zoom Only  
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**

11:00:06 Presiding Officer Dooling called the meeting to order at 11:00 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

**Opening Remarks**

11:01:33 Presiding Officer Dooling

**REVIEW OF PROCESS AND BALLOT ISSUE #12**

11:02:31 Rebecca Power, Lead Staff, LSD  
[EXHIBIT1](#)

11:05:26 Andria Hardin, Staff Attorney, LSD  
[EXHIBIT2](#)  
[EXHIBIT3](#)

**Sponsor Comments**

11:12:35 Frank Garner, Montanans for Election Reform

11:19:18 Presiding Officer Dooling

**Public Comment on Ballot Issue #12**

11:21:34 Marc Racicot, Self

11:26:01 Rob Cook, Montanans for Election Reform

11:30:07 Sen. Fitzpatrick, Senate District 10

11:35:48 Sen. Kary, Senate District 22

11:43:01 Carole Mackin, Peoples Power League

**Committee Discussion/Questions**

11:44:28 Sen. McKamey to Frank Garner

11:45:56 Sen. Mandeville to Sen. Fitzpatrick

11:48:25 Sen. Mandeville to Frank Garner

11:54:22 Sen. Cuffe

11:57:52 Rep. Bertoglio

12:02:19 Frank Garner

**Committee Discussion/Questions on Ballot Issue #12**

12:06:46 Sen. Cuffe

12:09:50 Rep. Fitzgerald

12:11:48 Sen. Mandeville

12:15:05 Sen. McKamey

12:18:24 Rep. Fitzgerald

12:20:06 Rep. Bertoglio

**MOTION**

12:22:09 Sen. McKamey moved to support placement of ballot issue #12 on the ballot.

**Discussion on the Motion**

12:22:44 Sen. Cuffe

**VOTE**

12:23:34 Tied 5 - 5 roll call vote with Sen Ellis, Reps. Kortum, Fitzgerald, Frazer and Stafman voting "yes and Sens. McKamey, Cuffe and Mandeville and Reps. Bertoglio and Dooling voting "no".

**Committee Discussion/Questions**

12:26:12 Sen. Cuffe

12:26:19 Vice Presiding Officer Kortum

12:27:41 Presiding Officer Dooling

**Meeting Wrap Up**

12:28:07 Rebecca Power

12:29:30 Sen. Cuffe

**ADJOURNMENT**

12:30:15 Presiding Officer Dooling adjourned the meeting.