



STATE ADMINISTRATION AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS INTERIM COMMITTEE

68th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES LOG

November 09, 2023
Capital Room 152
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)
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Sen. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Jaret Coles, Attorney
LJ Jennings, Secretary

Rebecca Power, Research
Analyst

AGENDA ([Attachment 1](#))

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

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

09:00:53 Presiding Officer Dooling called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

Overview of Agenda

09:02:04 Presiding Officer Dooling

DECENNIAL VETERANS LONG TERM CARE NEEDS STUDY

09:03:07 Barbara Smith, Department of Public Health and Human Services, (DPHHS)

[EXHIBIT1](#)

[EXHIBIT2](#)

09:11:39 Roger Hagan, Montana Department of the American Legion

Committee Discussion/Questions

09:16:33 Rep. Bertoglio

09:19:14 Sen. McKamey

09:25:48 Sen. Cuffe

09:29:32 Vice Presiding Officer Kortum

09:30:37 Sen. Ellis

09:32:05 Rep. Fitzgerald

09:34:21 Sen. McKamey

09:37:06 Presiding Officer Dooling

Public Comment on Decennial Veterans Long Term Care Needs Study

09:38:51 NONE

Committee Discussion/Questions

09:39:38 Sen. Ellis

09:39:50 Rep. Bertoglio

09:40:28 Sen. McKamey

09:43:32 Sen. Cuffe

09:46:32 Rep. Bertoglio

09:47:24 Sen. Ellis

09:48:42 Sen. Cuffe

09:49:47 Presiding Officer Dooling

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE REVIEW

09:50:35 Jaret Coles, Staff Attorney, LSD

[EXHIBIT3](#)

EXHIBIT4
EXHIBIT5
EXHIBIT6

Committee Discussion/Questions

09:55:58 Sen. Mandeville
09:57:02 Vice Presiding Officer Kortum

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE REVIEW-Continued

09:57:41 Jaret Coles

Committee Discussion/Questions

10:05:54 Vice Presiding Officer Kortum
10:07:11 Rep. Stafman
10:07:53 Sen. Mandeville
10:13:03 Sen. Ellis
10:13:23 Presiding Officer Dooling
10:15:48 Sen. Ellis
10:19:08 Rep. Stafman
10:20:03 Sen. McKamey
10:23:20 Presiding Officer Dooling
10:24:03 Sen. Mandeville

RECESS

10:41:00 Reconvened

WORK SESSION – MEMBER TOPICS

10:41:10 Rebecca Power
EXHIBIT7

Committee Discussion/Questions

10:42:52 Rep. Stafman
10:44:28 Presiding Officer Dooling
10:44:32 Sen. McKamey
10:45:25 Presiding Officer Dooling
10:45:44 Sen. Ellis
10:46:39 Presiding Officer Dooling
10:46:45 Sen. Mandeville
10:47:23 Presiding Officer Dooling
10:48:23 Rep. Stafman

RECESS

10:50:43 Reconvened

Committee Discussion/Questions

10:50:50 Sen. Ellis
10:51:08 Presiding Officer Dooling
10:51:36 Rep. Stafman
10:54:54 Rep. Bertoglio
10:55:26 Sen. Cuffe
10:56:14 Sen. McKamey
10:57:30 Presiding Officer Dooling
10:58:31 Rep. Stafman
11:00:06 Vice Presiding Officer Kortum
11:02:48 Presiding Officer Dooling
11:03:32 Sen. McKamey
11:04:35 Rep. Stafman
11:05:33 Sen. McKamey
11:06:13 Sen. Ellis
11:06:47 Sen. McKamey
11:08:21 Sen. Mandeville
11:09:07 Rep. Stafman
11:10:27 Sen. Cuffe
11:10:36 Sen. McKamey
11:11:59 Sen. Cuffe
11:14:36 Sen. Ellis
11:16:31 Sen. Mandeville
11:17:54 Sen. Cuffe
11:20:16 Rep. Bertoglio
11:21:09 Sen. McKamey
11:23:19 Vice Presiding Officer Kortum
11:24:25 Rep. Fitzgerald
11:25:43 Rep. Stafman
11:28:26 Sen. Ellis
11:30:38 Presiding Officer Dooling
11:31:22 Sen. Cuffe
11:31:55 Rep. Stafman
11:32:44 Presiding Officer Dooling
11:34:49 Vice Presiding Officer Kortum

MOTION

11:34:55 Presiding Officer Dooling moved without objection to combine the last two study topics.

Vote:

11:35:26 Carried unanimously by voice vote.

Public Comment on Member Topics

11:35:30 NONE

Committee Discussion/Questions

11:35:54 Rep. Stafman

11:36:19 Presiding Officer Dooling

Public Comment on Member Topics

11:36:42 NONE

Committee Discussion/Questions

11:37:12 Sen. McKamey

11:37:29 Sen. Ellis

11:38:38 Rebecca Power

[EXHIBIT8](#)

11:39:15 Presiding Officer Dooling

11:39:58 Vice Presiding Officer Kortum

11:40:43 Rep. Bertoglio

11:41:04 Sen. Cuffe

11:41:48 Presiding Officer Dooling

MOTION

11:43:06 Vice Presiding Officer Kortum moved to amend the adopted work plan
[EXHIBIT9.](#)

Discussion on the Motion

11:43:07 Sen. Cuffe

Vote:

11:43:16 Carried 7 - 2 by voice vote with Rep. Kortum, Rep. Stafman, voting no.

Committee Discussion/Questions

11:43:52 Sen. Ellis

11:44:58 Presiding Officer Dooling

RECESS

13:01:17 Reconvened

AGENCY REPORTS

13:01:50 Rebecca Power

FY23 Report on HAVA Grant Activity

13:03:40 Angela Nunn, Chief Deputy, Office of the Secretary of State, (SOS)
[EXHIBIT10](#)

Committee Discussion/Questions

13:05:42 Sen. Ellis

13:06:59 Sen. Cuffe

2022 Report on Statewide Election Security

13:07:26 Angela Nunn, Chief Deputy
[EXHIBIT11](#)

Committee Discussion/Questions

13:09:49 Sen. Mandeville

13:11:06 Sen. McKamey

2022 Report on the Youth Voting Program

13:13:06 Richie Melby, SOS
[EXHIBIT12](#)

Committee Discussion/Questions

13:16:37 Vice Presiding Officer Kortum

Public Comment on Agency Reports

13:17:42 NONE

ELECTMT Update

13:19:29 Stuart Fuller, SOS

Committee Discussion/Questions

13:24:24 Rebecca Power

13:25:24 Vice Presiding Officer Kortum

13:28:37 Sen. Ellis

13:29:49 Sen. Mandeville

13:34:00 Sen. Ellis

13:39:35 Sen. Cuffe

Public Comment on ELECTMT

13:40:06 Public comment time stamp

13:40:34 Jen Hensley, County of Missoula

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE REVIEW-Continued

13:42:27 Presiding Officer Dooling (see exhibit 3)

13:43:08 Angela Nunn

Committee Discussion/Questions

13:46:26 Sen. Ellis

13:49:26 Sen. Mandeville

13:53:47 Sen. McKamey

13:58:29 Rep. Stafman

14:01:14 Sen. Mandeville
14:02:54 Presiding Officer Dooling
14:03:10 Jaret Coles
14:05:38 Rep. Bertoglio
14:06:03 Stuart Fuller
14:08:09 Sen. McKamey
14:09:55 Sen. Ellis
14:11:28 Sen. Cuffe
14:12:30 Presiding Officer Dooling
14:12:50 Rep. Stafman
14:14:05 Sen. Mandeville
14:15:17 Presiding Officer Dooling
14:15:50 Sen. Mandeville
14:16:15 Angela Nunn
14:18:33 Sen. Ellis

Public Comment on Administrative Rule Review Matters

14:19:55 Jen Hensley, County of Missoula

Committee Discussion/Questions

14:23:12 Vice Presiding Officer Kortum
14:25:29 Sen. Mandeville

MOTION

14:28:01 Rep. Stafman moved for an informal objection.

Discussion on the Motion

14:29:18 Sen. McKamey
14:30:14 Sen. Cuffe
14:31:14 Sen. Ellis
14:32:45 Rep. Stafman

MOTION

14:33:55 Rep. Stafman moved for an informal objection of MAR 44.2.268.

VOTE

14:34:19 Carried 5 - 4 by voice vote with Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Mandeville, Rep. Bertoglio,
Rep. Fitzgerald voting no. Rep. Frazer was absent.

Recap of September Field Trip to Missoula County Elections Center

14:35:31 Presiding Officer Dooling
14:35:53 Sen. Cuffe
14:36:31 Sen. McKamey
14:38:08 Vice Presiding Officer Kortum

14:38:41 Sen. Cuffe
14:39:19 Rebecca Power

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY TOPIC UNDER THE COMMITTEE'S JURISDICTION

14:40:17 NONE

Ballot Issues Update

14:40:50 Vice Presiding Officer Kortum
14:41:07 Jaret Coles
14:44:42 Sen. Ellis
14:45:20 Presiding Officer Dooling
14:46:53 Sen. Ellis
14:47:32 Rep. Stafman

ADJOURNMENT

14:48:21 Presiding Officer Dooling adjourned the meeting.