

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on March 31, 2015 at 2:00 P.M., in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Kris Hansen (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Janna Taylor (R)
Sen. Roger Webb (R)
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 2, 3/31/2015

Chairman Jones left the meeting and Vice Chair Keenan assumed the chair.

HEARING ON HB 2 continued

Section D - Judicial Branch, Law Enforcement and Justice

Montana Public Service Commission

00:00:07 Rep. Randy Brodehl, HD 9

00:00:58 Brad Johnson, Public Service Commission (PSC)

Public Comment: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

State Public Defender

00:06:21 Rep. Brodehl

Public Comment:

00:07:56 Terry Jessee, Public Defender Commission (PDC), Office of the State Public Defender

EXHIBIT(fcs67b01)

00:14:12 Mark Parker, State Bar of Montana (SBM)

00:16:57 Scott Crichton, executive director, ACLU Montana (ACLU)

EXHIBIT(fcs67b02)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:56 Sen. Brenden

00:28:55 Mr. Parker, SBM

00:30:33 Sen. Brenden

00:30:36 Sen. Ripley

00:31:23 Mr. Crichton, ACLU

00:36:06 Sen. Ripley

00:36:35 Mr. Crichton

00:37:17 Sen. Ripley

00:37:23 Sen. Wolken

00:38:03 Greg Dewitt, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

00:38:34 Sen. Wolken

00:39:22 Mr. Jessee, PDC

00:39:37 Harry Freebourn, administrative director, Office of the State Public Defender (OPD)

00:40:37 Sen. Wolken

00:41:31 Mr. Freebourn, OPD

00:41:46 William Hooks, chief public defender, Office of the State Public Defender (OPD)

00:41:52 Sen. Wolken

00:42:45 Mr. Hooks, OPD

00:44:25 Sen. Caferro
 00:44:47 Mr. Hooks
 00:46:30 Sen. Caferro
 00:47:19 Mr. Hooks
 00:48:53 Sen. Caferro
 00:49:01 Mr. Jessee
 00:51:30 Sen. Caferro
 00:51:43 Mr. Jessee
 00:51:48 Sen. Caferro
 00:52:12 Mr. Hooks
 00:52:37 Sen. Caferro
 00:52:53 Mr. Hooks
 00:53:12 Sen. Hamlett
 00:53:48 Mr. Parker
 00:53:58 Sen. Hamlett
 00:54:16 Mr. Parker
 00:55:38 Sen. Hansen
 00:55:59 Rep. Brodehl
 01:02:48 Vice Chair Keenan
 01:03:28 Mr. Dewitt, LFD
 01:04:06 Vice Chair Keenan
 01:04:40 Rep. Brodehl

Vice Chair Keenan left the meeting and Sen. Keane assumed the chair.

Department of Corrections:

01:05:10 Rep. Brodehl
 01:07:27 Mike Batista, director, Department of Corrections (COR)

Public Comment:

01:14:37 Dave Armstrong, executive director, Alternatives Incorporated
 01:16:45 J. C. Weingartner, MEA-MFT
 01:21:22 J. D. Lynch, Community Counseling and Correctional Services (CCCS)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs67b03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs67b04\)](#)

01:25:13 Jim Ahrens, Great Falls Pre-Release Center
 01:25:33 Mona Jamison, Boyd Andrew Community Services (BACS)
 01:27:01 Mark Baker, Crossroads Correctional Center

Questions from the Committee and Responses:

01:27:45 Sen. Wolken
 01:28:18 Mr. Batista, COR
 01:33:23 Sen. Wolken
 01:34:14 Mr. Batista
 01:35:04 Sen. Hansen
 01:35:35 Mr. Batista

01:36:10 Sen. Hansen
01:36:34 Mr. Batista
01:37:07 Sen. Hansen
01:37:59 Mr. Armstrong, Alternatives Inc.
01:38:04 Sen. Hansen
01:38:08 Mr. Armstrong
01:38:31 Sen. Hansen
01:39:25 Rep. Brodehl
01:41:09 Sen. Hansen
01:42:11 Mr. Lynch, CCCS
01:42:51 Sen. Hansen
01:42:56 Mr. Lynch
01:43:07 Mr. Armstrong
01:43:38 Sen. Hansen
01:43:48 Mr. Armstrong
01:44:08 Sen. Hansen
01:44:19 Mr. Batista
01:45:42 Sen. Hansen
01:46:16 Mr. Batista
01:46:40 Sen. Hamlett
01:47:01 Mr. Batista
01:47:21 Sen. Hamlett
01:47:30 Mr. Batista
01:47:42 Chair Keane
01:47:57 Rep. Brodehl
01:49:29 Chair Keane
01:49:33 Rep. Brodehl
01:49:55 Sen. Keane
01:50:36 Amy Tenney, CEO, Boyd Andrew Community Services (BACS)
01:51:03 Sen. Keane
01:51:09 Ms. Tenney, BACS
01:51:19 Sen. Keane
01:52:11 Mr. Batista
02:01:13 Sen. Keane
02:01:26 Mr. Batista
02:03:05 Sen. Keane
02:03:14 Sen. Caferro
02:03:44 Mr. Armstrong
02:06:58 Sen. Caferro
02:07:15 Mr. Armstrong
02:07:27 Sen. Sesso
02:08:26 Rep. Brodehl
02:09:37 Sen. Sesso
02:11:11 Rep. Brodehl
02:12:07 Sen. Sesso
02:12:21 Chair Keane
02:12:36 Rep. Brodehl
02:12:53 Sen. Sesso
02:12:56 Mr. Dewitt, LFD
02:13:29 Sen. Sesso

02:16:03 Rep. Brodehl
 02:17:20 Sen. Caferro
 02:18:09 Ms. Tenney
 02:18:17 Sen. Hansen
 02:18:33 Ms. Tenney
 02:19:01 Sen. Hansen
 02:19:40 Ms. Tenney
 02:19:57 Sen. Hansen
 02:20:19 Sen. Windy Boy
 02:20:46 Mr. Batista
 02:23:02 Sen. Windy Boy
 02:23:08 Mr. Batista
 02:23:54 Sen. Keane
 02:24:16 Ms. Tenney
 02:24:35 Sen. Keane
 02:24:47 Ms. Tenney
 02:24:56 Sen. Keane
 02:25:19 Rep. Brodehl

 02:25:47 Vice Chair Keenan assumed the chair.

 02:26:17 Recess
 02:33:03 Reconvene

Section E - Education

02:33:47 Rep. Roy Hollandsworth, HD 27

Board of Public Education

02:36:44 Rep. Hollandsworth
 02:38:01 Peter Donovan, executive director, Board of Public Education

Montana School for the Deaf and Blind

02:38:57 Rep. Hollandsworth
 02:40:13 Donna Sorensen, superintendent, Montana School for the Deaf and Blind (MSDF)

Questions from the Committee and Responses

02:41:26 Sen. Windy Boy
 02:41:41 Ms. Sorensen, MSDF
 02:41:52 Sen. Windy Boy
 02:41:57 Ms. Sorensen

Montana Arts Council

02:42:06 Rep. Hollandsworth
 02:43:44 Arnie Fishbaugh, director, Montana Arts Council

Montana State Library

02:44:37 Rep. Hollandsworth
02:45:41 Jennie Stapp, Montana state librarian

Public Comment:

02:48:08 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Library Association

Montana Historical Society

02:51:14 Rep. Hollandsworth
02:53:17 Bruce Whittenberg, Montana Historical Society

Office of Public Instruction:

02:56:52 Rep. Hollandsworth
02:58:40 Denise Juneau, superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Public Comment:

03:04:00 Ali Bovingdon, deputy chief of staff, Office of the Governor (GOV)
[EXHIBIT\(fcs67b05\)](#)

Public Comment:

03:16:01 Peggy Hollow-Phelps, early childhood educator, Ray Bjork School
03:20:14 Marco Ferro, MEA-MFT
03:23:06 Jan Cahill, Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce
03:29:21 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)
03:30:32 Kirk Miller, executive director, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)
03:35:28 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition
03:36:33 Patricia Dahl, director, Head Start

University System

03:39:48 Rep. Hollandsworth

Commissioner of Higher Education

03:41:49 Clayton Christian, Commissioner of Higher Education
03:42:56 Jane Karas, Flathead Valley Community College

Public Comment:

03:44:07 Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy, SD 21, Montana American Indian Caucus
03:45:49 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
03:49:55 David Nielsen, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
03:50:18 Alan Hulse, Montana Municipal Insurance Authority (MMIA)
03:51:18 Mark Baker, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce and Kalispell Regional Healthcare

Questions from the Committee and Responses:

03:52:36 Sen. Taylor
03:53:01 Rep. Hollandsworth
03:53:19 Rob Miller, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
03:53:43 Sen. Taylor
03:53:50 Mr. Miller, LFD

03:54:25 Rep. Hollandsworth

RECESS

Recess: 6:24 p.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fcs67bad.pdf](#))