

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

**Call to Order:** Chair Dan Bartel, on January 21, 2019 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 350 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Dan Bartel, Chair (R)  
Sen. Mike Lang, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)  
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)  
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)  
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Katie Guenther, Legislative Branch  
Kim Meisner, Committee Secretary

**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:** Montana Consumer Counsel  
Legislative Branch

**Committee Business:**

09:02:41 Chair Bartel  
09:03:17 Katie Guenther, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
09:05:45 Rep. Mercer  
09:06:32 Katie Guenther, LFD  
09:08:14 Rep. Mercer  
09:08:55 Katie Guenther, LFD  
09:17:57 Chair Bartel  
09:18:04 Rep. Mercer  
09:19:03 Katie Guenther, LFD  
09:19:40 Rep. Mercer  
09:20:00 Katie Guenther, LFD  
09:20:31 Chair Bartel  
09:20:45 Katie Guenther, LFD  
09:21:10 Chair Bartel

**Agency Presentation; Montana Consumer Counsel:**

09:21:57 Bob Nelson, Montana Consumer Counsel (MCC)  
09:39:55 Rep. Hamilton  
09:40:20 Bob Nelson, MCC  
09:41:03 Rep. Hamilton  
09:41:22 Bob Nelson, MCC  
09:43:14 Rep. Hamilton  
09:43:37 Bob Nelson, MCC  
09:43:58 Chair Bartel  
09:44:08 Sonia Powell, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)  
09:44:24 Chair Bartel

**Committee Business:**

09:44:40 Katie Guenther, LFD  
  
10:01:41 Rep. Windy Boy entered meeting  
  
10:06:54 Chair Bartel

**Agency Presentation; Legislative Branch**

10:07:12 Susan Byorth Fox, Director, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
[EXHIBIT\(jgh11a01\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(jgh11a02\)](#)

10:28:40 Chair Bartel  
10:28:44 Rep. Hamilton  
10:29:10 Director Byorth Fox, LSD  
10:29:36 Chair Bartel  
10:30:06 Director Byorth Fox, LSD  
10:30:51 Chair Bartel  
10:31:11 Director Byorth Fox, LSD

10:32:19 Recessed  
10:48:30 Reconvened

10:48:44 Katie Guenther, LFD  
10:54:03 Chair Bartel  
10:54:12 Director Byorth Fox, LSD

10:56:30 Vice Chair Lang entered meeting

10:56:30 Sen. Kary entered meeting

10:59:02 Chair Bartel  
10:59:09 Rep. Hamilton  
10:59:24 Director Byorth Fox, LSD  
11:00:11 Chair Bartel  
11:00:41 Katie Guenther, LFD  
11:05:58 Chair Bartel  
11:06:17 Amy Carlson, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
11:09:58 Chair Bartel  
11:10:31 Katie Guenther, LFD  
11:10:47 Rep. Windy Boy  
11:11:05 Katie Guenther, LFD  
11:18:34 Chair Bartel  
11:18:53 Angus Maciver, Auditor, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

[EXHIBIT\(jgh11a03\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(jgh11a04\)](#)

11:32:02 Chair Bartel  
11:32:23 Auditor Maciver, LAD  
11:35:50 Rep. Windy Boy  
11:36:38 Vice Chair Lang  
11:36:55 Auditor Maciver, LAD  
11:38:26 Chair Bartel  
11:38:55 Auditor Maciver, LAD  
11:41:08 Sen. Flowers  
11:41:50 Sonia Powell, OBPP  
11:42:18 Auditor Maciver, LAD  
11:42:57 Vice Chair Lang  
11:43:24 Auditor Maciver, LAD  
12:00:25 Rep. Hamilton  
12:00:45 Auditor Maciver, LAD  
12:01:27 Chair Bartel

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:02:05

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Kim Meismer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([jgh11aad.pdf](#))**