

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on January 11, 2021 at 2:00 P.M, in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Matt Regier, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Brad Tschida, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)
Rep. David Bedey (R)
Rep. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Jamie Bonilla, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch
Anthony Nuno, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 21, 1/7/2021; HB 61, 1/7/2021; HB 62, 1/7/2021

HEARING ON HB 21**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

14:06:16 Rep. Dave Fern, opened the hearing on HB 2, Authorize funding for the multifamily coal trust home loan program/fund

Proponents:

14:12:39 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)
14:13:39 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce
14:14:33 Rep. Geraldine Custer
14:15:24 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)
14:17:00 Andrea Davis, Homeword and Montana Housing Coalition
14:21:12 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
14:21:51 Vice Chair Cafero joined the meeting
14:22:41 Mike Nugent, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)
14:23:22 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living Services (NCIL)
14:24:47 Beki Brandborg, GL Development
14:29:05 Sheila Rice, Montana Housing Coalition (MHC)
14:31:59 Adrienne Bombelles, Montana Budget and Policy Center

Opponents:

None

Informational Testimony:

14:34:30 Cheryl Cohen, Montana Board of Housing (MBOH)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

14:35:16 Vice Chair Regier
14:35:33 Rep. Fern
14:36:18 Rep. Moore
14:37:10 Cheryl Cohen, MBOH
14:37:43 Rep. Moore
14:37:54 Vice Chair Holmlund
14:38:10 Rep. Fern
14:38:16 Sheila Rice, MHC
14:40:33 Cheryl Cohen, MBOH
14:41:07 Vice Chair Holmlund
14:41:27 Cheryl Cohen, MBOH
14:42:03 Rep. Windy Boy
14:42:57 Sheila Rice, MHC
14:43:38 Rep. Windy Boy
14:44:56 Cheryl Cohen, MBOH
14:45:31 Rep. Garner
14:46:06 Rep Fern
14:47:33 Rep. Garner
14:47:53 Rep. Moore
14:48:35 Cheryl Cohen, MBOH
14:49:29 Rep. Tschida
14:50:03 Cheryl Cohen, MBOH
14:50:30 Rep. Tschida

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14:51:05 Rep. Tschida
14:51:11 Sheila Rice, MHC
14:52:54 Rep. Tschida
14:53:28 Sheila Rice, MHC
14:54:09 Andrea Davis, Homeword and MT Housing Coalition
14:56:54 Rep. Schillinger
14:57:33 Cheryl Cohen, MBOH

Closing by Sponsor:

14:58:21 Rep. Fern

HEARING ON HB 61

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:03:01 Rep. Geraldine Custer (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 61, Eliminate sunset for Title X statutory appropriation.

Proponents:

15:05:31 Stephanie McDowell, Bridger Care Clinic
15:09:01 Erin McGowan MT Pubic Health Officials
15:10:42 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

Opponents:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:13:03 Rep. Custer

HEARING ON HB 62

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:14:16 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 62, Update water and wastewater revolving loan program.

Proponents:

15:16:55 Steve Wade, MT Rural Water Systems
15:18:20 Bridger Malum, Montana Chamber of Commerce
15:19:22 Kelly Lynch, MT League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
15:20:43 Anna Miller, Department of Natural Resources (DNRC)

EXHIBIT(aph06a01)

Opponents:

None

Informational Testimony:

15:26:27 Kevin Smith, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:27:01 Rep. Bartel
15:27:33 Anna Miller, Department of Natural Resources Conservation (DNRC)
15:28:14 Rep. Bartel
15:28:34 Anna Miller, DNRC
15:29:44 Vice Chair Tschida
15:29:51 Rep. Hopkins
15:30:15 Vice Chair Tschida
15:30:24 Anna Miller, DNRC
15:30:57 Vice Chair Tschida
15:31:22 Anna Miller, DNRC
15:52:12 Chair Jones
15:52:19 Vice Chair Tschida

Closing by Sponsor:

15:32:09 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, closed the hearing on HB62, Update water and wastewater revolving loan program.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 18

15:33:26 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 18 DO PASS**.

15:34:43 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 18 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Garner, Rep. Keane, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Nave, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(aph06a02)

15:36:00 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 18 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion failed 7-17 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keane, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting aye. Rep. Garner, Rep. Keane, Rep. Mercer, Rep. M. Regier, Rep. Tschida, Rep. Vinton and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

15:40:07 **Motion:** Chairman Jones, moved that vote be reversed to TABLE HB 18. There were no objections.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:42:55

Jamie Bonilla, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph06aad.pdf](#))