

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Wendy McKamey, on January 15, 2021 at 9:00 AM, in Room 455 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Wendy McKamey, Chair (R)  
Rep. Sharon Greef, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R)  
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)  
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)  
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)  
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)  
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)  
Rep. Ed Hill (R)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)  
Rep. Kelly Kortum (D)  
Rep. Brian Putnam (R)  
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)  
Rep. Tyson T. Running Wolf (D)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)  
Rep. Kathy Whitman (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** John Bergoffen, Committee Secretary  
Colleen Street, Remote Meeting Coordinator  
Sheri Scurr, 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 44, 1/12/2021; HB 59, 1/12/2021; HB 72, 1/12/2021

09:00:27 Chair McKamey

### **HEARING ON HB 44**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:03:00 Rep. Geraldine Custer (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 44, Revise funding for GWPORS.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

09:05:47 Dore Schwinden, Montana Public Employee Retirement Association (MPERA)

09:08:14 Sarah Piper, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

#### **Opponents' Testimony:** None

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:10:32 Rep. Reksten

09:10:57 Rep. Custer

09:11:45 Rep. Putnam

#### **Informational Testimony:**

09:12:37 William Holahan, Montana Public Employees Retirement Association (MPERA)

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:14:25 Rep. Walsh

09:15:58 Dore Schwinden, MPERA

09:16:45 Rep. Karjala

09:17:42 Dore Schwinden, MPERA

09:19:01 Rep. Hill

09:19:45 Dore Schwinden, MPERA

09:20:40 Rep. Frazer

09:23:57 Rep. Walsh

09:24:25 Dore Schwinden, MPERA

09:24:45 Rep. Putnam

09:24:59 Dore Schwinden, MPERA

09:25:38 Rep. Karjala

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

09:26:09 Rep. Custer

### **HEARING ON HB 59**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:26:40 Rep. Jim Hamilton (D), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB 59, Revise funding provisions in PERS.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

09:33:28 Dore Schwinden, Montana Public Employee Retirement Association, MPERA

09:36:39 Sarah Piper, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:38:54 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:44:41 Rep. Hill  
09:46:27 Dore Schwinden, MPEA  
09:47:19 Rep. Putnam  
09:48:06 Dore Schwinden, MPEA

**Informational Testimony:**

09:48:13 William Holahan, Montana Public Employees Retirement Association (MPERA)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:49:19 Rep. Hayman  
09:50:49 Dore Schwinden, MPERA  
09:53:07 Rep. Walsh  
09:54:07 Rep. Hamilton  
09:56:56 Rep. Walsh  
09:58:33 William Holahan, MPERA  
09:59:02 Rep. Reksten  
10:09:37 William Holahan, MPERA  
10:02:10 Rep. Putnam  
10:02:33 Dore Schwinden, MPERA  
10:02:58 Rep. Hill  
10:03:38 Tim Burton, MLCT  
10:04:50 Rep. Hill  
10:06:19 Tim Burton, MLCT  
10:07:11 Rep. Custer  
10:08:01 Tim Burton, MLCT  
10:09:37 Rep. Greef  
10:10:09 Dore Schwinden, MLCT

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:10:54 Rep. Hamilton

**HEARING ON HB 72****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:15:29 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 72, Revise funding for highway patrol retirement system HPORS.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

10:21:55 Dore Schwinden, Montana Public Employee Retirement Association (MPERA)  
10:25:01 Nathaniel Boesplug, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)  
10:26:32 Jessie Luther, Association of Montana Troopers  
10:33:50 Mark Murphy, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)  
10:37:50 Brian Thompson, Montana Sheriff and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)  
10:39:04 Sarah Piper, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

10:42:39 Sue Rolwing, self

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**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:45:10 Rep. Walsh

10:46:35 Rep. Garner

10:49:03 Rep. Custer

10:50:07 Sarah Piper

**Informational Testimony:**

10:50:42 William Holahan, Montana Public Employees Retirement Association (MPPERA)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:51:21 Rep. Smith

10:52:07 Dore Schwinden, MPERA

10:54:10 Rep. Dooling

10:54:46 Dore Schwinden, MPERA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:55:54 Rep. Garner

11:13:14 Aubrey Curtis, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

11:37:12 Rep. Hayman

11:37:30 Aubrey Curtis, LSD

11:43:55 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

11:44:11 Aubrey Curtis, LSD

11:52:12 Chair McKamey

12:00:40 Rep. Karjala

12:01:02 Chair McKamey

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:03:51

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John Bergoffen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([sth10aad.pdf](#))