

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Wendy McKamey, on January 19, 2021 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Wendy McKamey, Chair (R)  
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. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)  
Rep. Kathy Whitman (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Sharon Greef, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)  
Rep. Tyson T. Running Wolf (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** John Bergoffen, Committee Secretary  
Coleen 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 95, 1/15/2021; HB 158, 1/15/2021; HB 159, 1/15/2021  
Executive Action on: HB 30; HB 31; HB 71; HB 75; HB 97; HB 122

08:02:27 Chair McKamey

### **HEARING ON HB 159**

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

08:03:24 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB159, Revise governor's power to spend certain unanticipated federal funds.

#### **EXHIBIT(sth12a01)**

08:03:25 Rep. Weatherwax joined the meeting

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

08:10:21 Henry Kriegel, Americans for Prosperity

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

#### **Informational Testimony:** None

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

08:12:53 Rep. Putnam  
08:13:17 Rep. Jones  
08:13:37 Rep. Hayman  
08:14:27 Rep. Jones  
08:15:38 Rep. Hayman  
08:17:15 Rep. Jones  
08:20:08 Chair McKamey  
08:20:39 Rep. Jones  
08:21:36 Rep. Custer  
08:21:59 Rep. Jones  
08:22:30 Chair. McKamey  
08:23:03 Rep. Jones  
08:24:18 Chair McKamey

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

08:24:29 Rep. Jones

### **HEARING ON HB 158**

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

08:26:43 Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R), opened the hearing on HB 158, Create study commission to review covid-19 statute & rule suspensions.

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

08:28:50 Kendall Cotton, Frontier Institute  
08:30:26 Henry Kriegel, Americans for Prosperity  
08:33:29 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association  
08:34:54 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce  
08:37:20 Matt Furlong, Montana's Child Protection Alliance  
08:40:57 Robyn Mohs, self

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:43:24 Rep. Hill  
08:43:43 Rep. Hinkle  
08:44:49 Rep. Custer  
08:45:32 Rep. Hinkle  
08:46:42 Rep. Karjala  
08:46:59 Rep. Hinkle  
08:47:57 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services Division, (LSD)  
08:48:48 Rep. Custer  
08:49:23 Rep. Hinkle  
08:49:47 Rep. Walsh  
08:50:30 Kendall Cotton, Frontier Institute

**EXHIBIT(sth12a02)**

08:52:28 Rep. Putnam  
08:52:43 Rep. Hinkle

**Closing by Sponsor:**

08:53:14 Rep. Hinkle

**HEARING ON HB 95**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:00:22 Rep. Brad Tschida (R), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 95, Revise ethics laws related to confidentiality.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:01:37 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

**EXHIBIT(sth12a03)**

09:03:33 Jaime MacNaughton, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:05:27 Larry Nielsen withdrew his written opposition

**EXHIBIT(sth12a04)**

**Informational Witnesses:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:06:29 Rep. Hill  
09:07:01 Jaime MacNaughton, COPP  
09:07:55 Rep. Walsh  
09:08:38 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP  
09:09:07 Rep. Karjala  
09:09:48 Jaime MacNaughton, COPP  
09:10:17 Rep. Karjala

09:11:13 Jaime MacNaughton, COPP

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:11:38 Rep. Tschida

09:12:18 Chair McKamey

09:17:11 Sheri Scurr, LSD

09:17:59 Chair McKamey

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 30**

09:22:05 Rep. McKamey

09:22:41 **Motion:** Rep. Karjala moved that **HB 30 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

09:23:08 Sheri Scurr, LSD

09:23:53 Rep. Dooling

09:24:01 Chair McKamey

09:26:39 Rep. Karjala

09:26:58 Rep. Hill

09:27:26 Rep. Putnam

09:28:18 Chair McKamey

09:28:28 Rep. Karjala

09:29:09 Rep. Custer

09:32:39 Chair McKamey

09:32:54 Rep. Bertoglio

09:33:30 Rep. Walsh

09:34:37 Rep. Karjala

09:35:16 Sheri Scurr, LSD

09:36:20 Rep. Custer

09:37:47 Sheri Scurr, LSD

09:38:19 Chair McKamey

09:39:54 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Walsh made a substitute motion that **HB 30 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 15-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Dooling, Rep. Hill, Rep. Walsh and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Greef and Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.

09:41:36 Chair McKamey

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 31**

09:43:32 **Motion:** Rep. Weatherwax moved that **HB 31 DO PASS.**

09:43:57 Sheri Scurr, LSD

09:44:13 **Motion:** Rep. Dooling made a substitute motion that **HB 31 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT(sth12a05)**

**Discussion:**

- 09:46:53 Rep. Putnam  
09:47:18 Rep. Binkley  
09:47:43 Rep. Custer  
09:48:45 Sheri Scurr, LSD  
09:49:20 Chair McKamey
- 09:49:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Greef and Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.
- 09:51:04 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Weatherwax moved that **HB 31 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Greef and Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.
- 09:52:05 Chair McKamey

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 71**

- 09:52:56 **Motion:** Rep. Weatherwax moved that **HB 71 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

- 09:53:11 Sheri Scurr, LSD  
09:53:37 Rep. McKamey  
09:53:53 Rep. Custer
- 09:55:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Greef and Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 75**

- 09:55:40 **Motion:** Rep. Putnam moved that **HB 75 DO PASS**.
- 09:56:07 **Motion:** Rep. Putnam made a motion that **HB 75 BE AMENDED**.  
[EXHIBIT\(sth12a06\)](#)

**Discussion:**

- 09:57:03 Rep. Dooling  
09:57:25 Chair McKamey  
09:58:19 Rep. Custer  
09:59:00 Chair McKamey
- 10:00:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Greef and Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.
- 10:00:55 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Putnam moved that **HB 75 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Greef and Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 97**

10:02:22 **Motion:** Rep. Weatherwax moved that **HB 97 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

10:02:36 Sheri Scurr, LSD

10:02:59 Chair McKamey

10:03:10 Rep. Hill

10:03:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Greef and Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 107**

10:04:04 Chair McKamey

10:04:16 **Motion:** Rep. Weatherwax moved that **HB 107 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

10:04:45 Sheri Scurr, LSD

10:04:58 Rep. Custer

10:06:12 Chair McKamey

10:07:56 Rep. Dooling

10:09:11 Rep. Reksten

10:10:02 Rep. Hill

10:10:30 Rep. Whitman

10:10:54 Rep. Hill

10:11:22 Rep. Binkley

10:12:16 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Custer made a substitute motion that **HB 107 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried with Rep. Reksten and Rep. Whitman voting no. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Greef and Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.

**Committee Discussion:**

10:13:21 Rep. Walsh

10:15:06 Sheri Scurr, LSD

10:16:01 Rep. Custer

10:16:24 Chair McKamey

10:16:36 Sheri Scurr, LSD

10:17:51 Chair McKamey

10:18:03 Rep. Custer

10:18:41 Chair McKamey

10:20:13 Rep. Hill

10:20:29 Chair McKamey

10:20:36 Sheri Scurr, LSD

10:22:27 Chair McKamey

10:23:24 Sheri Scurr, LSD

10:25:06 Rep. Hill

10:25:33 Rep. Whitman

10:25:40 Sheri Scurr, LSD

10:26:01 Rep. Custer  
10:28:01 Chair McKamey  
10:30:29 Rep. Reksten  
10:32:01 Rep. Walsh  
10:32:34 Chair McKamey  
10:33:05 Rep. Dooling  
10:33:11 Chair McKamey  
10:33:38 Sheri Scurr, LSD  
10:35:05 Rep. Karjala  
10:35:40 Chair McKamey  
10:36:54 Rep. Smith  
10:37:26 Chair McKamey  
10:38:33 Rep. Hill  
10:39:10 Chair McKamey  
10:40:58 Rep. Whitman  
10:41:23 Chair McKamey  
10:42:36 Rep. Karjala  
10:43:21 Chair McKamey  
10:43:52 Rep. Walsh  
10:45:08 Sheri Scurr, LSD  
10:45:33 Rep. Walsh  
10:47:50 Rep. Custer  
10:48:04 Sheri Scurr, LSD  
10:48:46 Rep. Hill

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:53:09

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John Bergoffen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([sth12aad.pdf](#))