

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Wendy McKamey, on January 21, 2021 at 8:00 A.M., 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. Tyson T. Running Wolf (D)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)  
Rep. Kathy Whitman (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** John Bergoffen, Committee Secretary  
Coleen Street, Remote Meeting Coordinator  
Joe Kolman, 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 176, 1/19/2021

08:00:42 Rep. McKamey

### **HEARING ON HB 176**

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

08:03:13 Rep. Sharon Greef (R), HD 88, opened the hearing on HB176, Close late voter registration on Friday before the election.

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

08:06:23 Secretary Christi Jacobsen, Secretary of State (SOS)

08:07:13 Dana Corson, Secretary of State (SOS)

#### **EXHIBIT(sth14a01)**

08:09:10 Sen. Mike Cuffe

08:12:18 Mary Beveridge, self

08:14:30 Doug Ellis, Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

08:22:28 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

08:23:58 Keaten Sunchild, Montana Native Vote

08:25:41 Beth Breneman, Disability Rights Montana

08:29:14 Katjana Stutzer, Montana Public Interest Group (MontPIRG)

08:33:47 Sam Forstag, American's Civil Liberty Union (ACLU)

08:36:04 Millie Robinson, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

08:38:48 Alexa Runnion, self

#### **EXHIBIT(sth14a02)**

08:39:34 Alanna Wulf, Big Sky 55+

08:41:45 Jon Ellingson, self

08:44:54 Danielle Vazquez, Indigenous Organizers of Montana

#### **EXHIBIT(sth14a03)**

08:46:08 Eleanor Smith, Montana Women Vote

#### **EXHIBIT(sth14a04)**

08:47:04 Lauren Caldwell, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

#### **EXHIBIT(sth14a05)**

08:51:51 Lauri Kindness, Montana Native Vote

#### **EXHIBIT(sth14a06)**

08:54:32 Ruthie Barbour, Forward Montana

#### **EXHIBIT(sth14a07)**

08:57:54 Dalayah Killsback, Western Native Voice

#### **EXHIBIT(sth14a08)**

08:59:42 Nancy Leifer, League of Women Voters

#### **EXHIBIT(sth14a09)**

**Informational Testimony:**

09:02:02 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders (MACR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:02:51 Rep. Binkley  
09:03:55 Dana Corson, SOS  
09:04:46 Rep. Binkley  
09:05:17 Dana Corson, SOS  
09:05:48 Rep. Binkley  
09:06:18 Dana Corson, SOS  
09:06:57 Rep. Putnam  
09:08:11 Dana Corson, SOS  
09:08:24 Rep. Whitman  
09:08:54 Dana Corson, SOS  
09:09:46 Rep. Hayman  
09:10:18 Dana Corson, SOS  
09:10:52 Rep. Karjala  
09:12:36 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
09:14:12 Rep. Custer  
09:15:08 Dana Corson, SOS  
09:16:17 Rep. Walsh  
09:18:19 Dana Corson, SOS  
09:19:34 Rep. Kortum  
09:20:19 Sam Forstag, ACLU  
09:20:55 Rep. Hayman  
09:21:25 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
09:22:33 Rep. Weatherwax  
09:24:15 Dana Corson, SOS  
09:25:30 Rep. Bertoglio  
09:26:18 Dana Corson, SOS  
09:28:12 Rep. Running Wolf  
09:29:44 Doug Ellis, Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder  
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09:32:11 Doug Ellis, Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder  
09:37:18 Rep. Running Wolf  
09:47:49 Doug Ellis, Broadwater County Clerk and Recorder  
09:41:23 Rep. Karjala  
09:41:48 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
09:43:41 Rep. Custer  
09:44:28 Mary Beveridge, self  
09:46:42 Rep. Custer  
09:47:26 Rep. Whitman  
09:48:46 Katjana Stutzer, MontPIRG  
09:49:48 Rep. Putnam  
09:50:16 Dana Corson, SOS  
09:50:35 Rep. Custer  
09:50:54 Dana Corson, SOS  
09:51:14 Rep. Hill  
09:51:56 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
09:52:22 Rep. Hill

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09:54:31 Rep. Custer  
09:54:53 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
09:55:44 Rep. Custer  
09:56:03 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
09:57:09 Rep. Custer  
10:00:25 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:00:46 Rep. Hill  
10:01:44 Rep. Greef  
10:02:01 Rep. Custer  
10:02:37 Sen. Mike Cuffe  
10:04:10 Rep. Runningwolf  
10:04:44 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
10:05:13 Rep. McKamey  
10:07:03 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:09:52 Rep. Custer  
10:10:55 Dana Corson, SOS  
10:11:23 Rep. Dooling  
10:11:27 Rep. McKamey

**Closing by Sponsor**

10:13:35 Rep. Greef  
  
10:17:45 Rep. McKamey

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:18:14

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John Bergoffen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([sth14aad.pdf](#))