

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Wendy McKamey, on January 22, 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. Marta Bertoglio (R)
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (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. Marvin Weatherwax, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: John Bergoffen, Committee Secretary
Colleen Street, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Sonja Nowakowski, 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 87, 1/20/2021; HB 169, 1/20/2021
Executive Action on: HB 158

08:00:24 Rep. McKamey
08:02:56 Rep. Greef assumed the chair.

HEARING ON HB 87

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:03:06 Rep. Wendy McKamey (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HB 87, Revise allocation of vehicle license revenue for veterans affairs division.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:06:43 Major General J. Peter Hronek, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

[**EXHIBIT\(sth15a01\)**](#)

08:08:37 Kelly Ackerman, Montana Veterans Affairs (VA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:14:52 Rep. Walsh
08:15:41 Kelly Ackerman, VA
08:16:19 Rep. Karjala
08:17:02 Kelly Ackerman, VA
08:17:17 Rep. Karjala
08:18:46 Kelly Ackerman, VA

Closing by Sponsor:

08:21:44 Rep. McKamey

08:22:00 Rep. McKamey resumed the chair.

HEARING ON HB 169

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:23:30 Rep. Steve Gist (R), HD 25, opened the hearing on HB 169, Deter the fraudulent use or theft of taxpayer-funded resources.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:32:26 Raye Newmeyer, self

Opponents' Testimony:

08:33:54 Dave Maslowski, Montana State Council of Firefighters (MSCPFF)
08:36:28 Shelby DeMars, Montana Police Protective Agency (MPPA)
08:38:46 Lyn Stimpson, MT City Volunteer Fire Department
08:42:00 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
08:46:57 Dann Babcox, Park County Fire
08:52:45 Rich Cowger, Montana Fire Alliance

[**EXHIBIT\(sth15a02\)**](#)

08:58:29 Tom Kuntz, Red Lodge Fire and Rescue

[**EXHIBIT\(sth15a03\)**](#)

Informational Testimony:

09:01:50 Michael DeGrosky, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
EXHIBIT(sth15a04)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:02:55 Rep. Custer
09:03:35 Michael DeGrosky, DNRC
09:05:30 Rep. Smith
09:07:35 Rep. Gist
09:09:10 Rep. Hill
09:09:54 Rep. Gist
09:14:21 Rep. Hill
09:16:01 Rep. Gist
09:17:58 Rep. Hayman
09:18:42 Kelly Lynch, MLCT
09:21:28 Rep. Hayman
09:21:57 Kelly Lynch, MLCT
09:22:12 Rep. Kortum
09:22:35 Rep. McKamey
09:23:41 Rep. Custer
09:25:44 Kelly Lynch, MLCT

Closing by Sponsor:

09:25:54 Rep. Gist

09:27:07 Rep. McKamey
09:27:43 Rep. Hayman
09:28:08 Rep. McKamey

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 158

09:50:00 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 158 DO PASS.**

09:50:47 **Motion:** Rep. Hill moved that **HB 158 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(sth15a05)

Discussion:

09:51:16 Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
09:51:46 Chair McKamey
09:52:03 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD
09:52:12 Chair McKamey

09:52:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:53:02 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 158 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

09:53:25 Rep. Smith
09:54:35 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD
09:55:37 Chair McKamey

09:56:29 Rep. Walsh
09:57:00 Chair McKamey
09:57:13 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD
09:58:04 Rep. Kortum
09:59:56 Sonja Nowakowski, LSD
10:00:35 Rep. Hayman
10:00:58 Rep. Greef
10:01:09 Rep. Custer
10:02:26 Rep. Reksten
10:03:15 Chair McKamey

10:04:37 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Custer made a substitute motion **TO POSTPONE ACTION ON HB 158 PENDING FURTHER AMENDMENTS AND A REVISED FISCAL NOTE.**

Discussion:

10:05:37 Chair McKamey
10:05:43 Rep. Hill
10:06:10 Rep. Karjala
10:06:33 Chair McKamey
10:07:30 Rep. Walsh
10:08:06 Rep. Putnam
10:08:20 Chair McKamey
10:08:59 Rep. Reksten
10:09:14 Chair McKamey
10:09:47 Rep. Kortum
10:10:01 Rep. McKamey
10:10:40 John Bergoffen, Committee Clerk

10:10:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:11:00 Chair McKamey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:14:04

John Bergoffen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth15aad.pdf](#))