

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Wendy McKamey, on January 26, 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. 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 135, 1/22/2021; HB 178, 1/22/2021; SB 1, 1/22/2021; SB 21,
1/22/2021

08:02:44 Chair McKamey

HEARING ON HB 178

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:03:52 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 178, Revise grant dispersal procedures for county veterans' service offices.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:05:54 Gary White, American Legion of Montana

08:07:14 Kelly Ackerman, Veterans Affairs (VA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:08:59 Rep. Weatherwax

08:11:03 Rep. Hayman

08:12:04 Kelly Ackerman, VA

08:12:49 Rep. Hill

08:13:09 Gary White, American Legion of Montana

08:13:31 Rep. Hill

08:13:49 Gary White, American Legion of Montana

08:14:12 Rep. Reksten

08:14:38 Rep. Bedey

08:16:11 Rep. Reksten

08:16:27 Rep. Bedey

08:17:37 Rep. Binkley

08:17:59 Kelly Ackerman, VA

08:19:08 Chair McKamey

08:19:32 Rep. Bedey

08:19:53 Chair McKamey

08:19:59 Kelly Ackerman, VA

HEARING ON SB 21

Closing by Sponsor:

08:21:50 Rep. Bedey

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:27:19 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 21, Revise deposit of lobbying fee and repeal broadcasting special account.

[EXHIBIT\(sth17a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

08:30:12 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

[EXHIBIT\(sth17a02\)](#)

08:32:32 Ronda Wiggers, self

08:34:37 Bruce Spencer, State Bar of Montana

08:35:39 Jaime MacNaughton, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:36:48 Rep. Hill
08:37:37 Rep. Reksten
08:38:03 Ronda Wiggers, self
08:38:38 Commissioner Mangan, COPP

Closing by Sponsor:

08:40:03 Sen. McClafferty

08:40:45 Rep. Custer
08:50:41 Rep. Hayman
08:52:51 Chair McKamey

HEARING ON SB 1

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:53:20 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 1, Revise lobbying laws to update terminology and conform lobbying definition.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:57:31 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)
[EXHIBIT\(sth17a03\)](#)

09:01:06 Bruce Spencer, State Bar of Montana
09:04:29 Jaime MacNaughton, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:06:58 Rep. Putnam
09:07:39 Commissioner Mangan, COPP
09:08:11 Rep. Hill
09:08:40 Commissioner Mangan, COPP
09:09:25 Rep. Hill

Closing by Sponsor:

09:09:38 Sen. Kary

09:10:42 Chair McKamey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:12:52

John Bergoffen, Secretary

jb

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth17aad.pdf](#))