

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on January 28, 2021 at 2:00 P.M., in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Matt Regier, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Brad Tschida, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)
Rep. David Bedey (R)
Rep. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Jamie Bonilla, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Fiscal Division
Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division
Anthony Nuno, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 72, 1/27/2021
Executive Action on: HB 73

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

14:15:31 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 72, Revise funding for Highway Patrol Retirement System, (HPROS).

Proponents:

14:18:20 Jesse Luther, Association of Montana Troopers (AMT)
14:23:17 Chair Jones

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

14:24:09 Rep. Patelis
14:26:53 Rep. Garner
14:27:02 Rep. Nave
14:27:56 Director Dore Schwinden, Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration (MPERA)
14:28:51 Chair Jones
14:28:56 Vice Chair Regier
14:29:13 Rep. Garner
14:29:40 Chair Jones
14:29:47 Director Schwinden, MPERA
14:30:50 Chair Jones
14:30:54 Rep. Keane
14:31:21 Chair Jones
14:31:26 Rep. Ricci
14:32:04 Director Schwinden, MPERA
14:32:19 Chair Jones
14:32:23 Rep. Moore
14:33:02 Director Schwinden, MPERA
14:33:39 Chair Jones
14:33:48 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
14:34:26 Director Schwinden, MPERA
14:35:12 Chair Jones
14:35:57 Director Schwinden, MPERA
14:36:22 Chair Jones
14:36:45 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
14:37:23 Chair Jones
14:37:29 Rep. Patelis
14:39:13 Rep. Garner
14:39:24 Chair Jones
14:39:48 Director Schwinden, MPERA
14:40:12 Chair Jones
14:40:14 Director Schwinden, MPERA
14:41:01 Rep. Mercer
14:41:37 Director Schwinden, MPERA
14:43:24 Rep. Keane

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14:43:39 Rep. Keane
14:43:51 Rep. Mercer
14:44:40 Director Schwinden, MPERA
14:44:59 Chair Jones
14:45:10 Rep. Hamilton
14:46:30 Chair Jones
14:46:37 Rep. Stewart-Perogoy
14:46:40 Rep. Caffero and Rep. Tschida left the meeting.
14:47:05 Chair Jones
14:47:06 Jessie Luther, AMT
14:47:17 Chair Jones
14:47:19 Rep. Stewart Perogoy
14:47:42 Director Schwinden, MPERA
14:48:19 Chair Jones
14:48:23 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
14:48:41 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
14:49:49 Rep. Keane
14:51:35 Director Schwinden, MPERA
14:52:15 Chair Jones
14:52:20 Rep. Keane
14:52:29 Director Schwinden, MPERA
14:52:51 Chair Jones
14:52:57 Rep. Keane
14:53:18 Director Schwinden, MPERA
14:53:34 Chair Jones
14:53:37 Rep. Schillinger
14:54:26 Director Schwinden, MPERA
14:55:08 Chair Jones
14:55:12 Rep. Schillinger
14:55:24 Director Schwinden, MPERA
14:56:19 Chair Jones
14:56:24 Rep. Nave
15:01:03 Director Schwinden, MPERA
15:01:26 Vice Chair Regier
15:01:55 Joe Triem, LFD
15:02:22 Vice Chair Regier
15:02:37 Chair Jones
15:02:43 Vice Chair Regier
15:03:09 Director Schwinden, MPERA
15:03:34 Chair Jones
15:03:56 Rep. Hamilton
15:05:32 Chair Jones
15:07:14 Director Schwinden, MPERA
15:07:20 Chair Jones

Closing by Sponsor:

15:07:24 Rep. Frank Garner

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 73

15:10:57 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 73 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:11:02 Chair Jones

15:11:17 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

15:14:48 Chair Jones

15:16:52 Rep. Patelis

15:17:08 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Caferro, Rep. Tschida
and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

15:18:03 Chair Jones

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:18:35

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Jamie Bonilla, Secretary

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph19aad.pdf](#))