

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Dan Bartel, on January 29, 2021 at 8:00 AM, in Room 350 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Mike Lang, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Dan Bartel, Chair (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Caitlin Cashman, Committee Secretary
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch
Molly DelCurto, Legislative Branch
Jessica Tsias, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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: Executive Action - Department of Administration Rates, and fixed costs for Legislative Audit Division. Department of Commerce - Montana Office of Tourism and Business Development.

08:04:07 Vice Chair Lang
08:04:56 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division
08:05:04 Vice Chair Lang
08:05:08 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
08:05:10 Vice Chair Lang
08:05:14 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
08:05:23 Vice Chair Lang
08:05:32 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
08:05:39 Vice Chair Lang
08:05:44 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
08:05:46 Vice Chair Lang

Department of Commerce

Montana Office of Tourism and Business Development Division:

08:06:05 Molly DelCurto, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
08:06:22 Vice Chair Lang
08:13:31 Molly DelCurto, LFD
08:13:40 Jennifer Pelej, Office of Tourism and Business Development of the Department
of Commerce (COM)
08:14:19 Vice Chair Lang
08:14:32 Jennifer Pelej, COM
08:15:00 Vice Chair Lang
08:15:05 Molly DelCurto, LFD
08:16:12 Vice Chair Lang
08:16:19 Molly DelCurto, LFD
08:16:42 Jennifer Pelej, COM
08:17:10 Vice Chair Lang
08:17:19 Molly DelCurto
08:18:29 Vice Chair Lang
08:18:45 Jennifer Pelej, COM
08:19:36 Vice Chair Lang
08:19:38 Rep. Tschida
08:20:16 Jennifer Pelej, COM
08:20:44 Rep. Tschida
08:21:02 Rep. Stewart Peregoy joined the meeting.
08:21:09 Jennifer Pelej, COM
08:21:31 Vice Chair Lang
08:21:34 Anna Marie Moe, Office of Tourism and Business Development of the
Department of Commerce (COM)
08:22:15 Rep. Tschida
08:22:17 Vice Chair Lang
08:22:25 Rep. Tschida
08:22:37 Vice Chair Lang
08:22:50 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
08:23:19 Anna Marie Moe, COM
08:24:14 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
08:24:22 Anna Marie Moe, COM
08:24:31 Vice Chair Lang

08:24:37 Molly DelCurto, LFD
08:28:06 Vice Chair Lang
08:28:26 Molly DelCurto, LFD
08:28:38 Vice Chair Lang
08:28:41 Molly DelCurto, LFD
08:28:51 Jennifer Pelej, COM
08:29:36 Vice Chair Lang
08:31:38 Jennifer Pelej, COM
08:33:13 Vice Chair Lang
08:33:18 Rep. Tschida
08:33:55 Jennifer Pelej, COM
08:35:03 Rep. Tschida
08:35:26 Jennifer Pelej, COM
08:36:05 Vice Chair Lang
08:36:13 Molly DelCurto
08:39:05 Vice Chair Lang
08:39:11 Molly DelCurto, LFD
08:40:55 Rep. Tschida
08:41:24 Molly DelCurto, LFD
08:41:42 Jennifer Pelej, COM
08:43:02 Rep. Tschida
08:43:51 Jennifer Pelej, COM
08:44:46 Rep. Tschida
08:44:51 Vice Chair Lang
08:44:52 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
08:45:10 Jennifer Pelej, COM
08:45:18 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
08:45:23 Jennifer Pelej, COM
08:46:33 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
08:46:41 Vice Chair Lang
08:46:46 Molly DelCurto, LFD
08:47:45 Vice Chair Lang
08:47:50 Molly DelCurto, LFD
08:48:03 Vice Chair Lang
08:48:40 Jennifer Pelej, COM
08:49:35 Vice Chair Lang
08:49:47 Molly DelCurto, LFD
08:52:05 Rep. Tschida
08:52:59 Jennifer Pelej, COM
08:53:28 Wayne Johnston, Business Assistance Bureau of the Department of Commerce
(COM)
08:54:01 Rep. Tschida
08:56:08 Wayne Johnston, COM
08:56:42 Vice Chair Lang
08:56:55 Wayne Johnston, COM
08:57:16 Vice Chair Lang
08:57:18 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
08:57:22 Vice Chair Lang
08:57:27 Sen. Flowers

08:59:32 Vice Chair Lang
09:00:42 Molly DelCurto, LFD
09:03:10 Vice Chair Lang
09:03:35 Molly DelCurto, LFD
09:03:59 Vice Chair Lang
09:04:03 Angie Nelson, Office of Budget Program and Planning (OBPP)
09:05:32 Vice Chair Lang

09:05:35 Recess
09:20:36 Reconvene

09:20:42 Vice Chair Lang
09:21:04 Molly DelCurto, LFD

Community Development Division:

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09:27:54 Vice Chair Lang
09:27:58 Rep. Tschida
09:28:35 Molly DelCurto, LFD
09:29:24 Rep. Tschida
09:31:05 Molly DelCurto, LFD
09:31:16 Rep. Tschida
09:31:23 Molly DelCurto, LFD
09:31:39 Cheryl Cohen, Montana Board of Housing (MBOH)
09:32:15 Rep. Tschida
09:32:19 Vice Chair Lang
09:32:22 Molly DelCurto, LFD
09:32:44 Vice Chair Lang
09:34:39 Cheryl Cohen, MBOH
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09:59:50 Cheryl Cohen, MBOH
10:00:08 Vice Chair Lang
10:00:19 Becky Anseth, Infrastructure Program of the Department of Commerce (COM)
10:00:53 Vice Chair Lang
10:01:00 Chair Bartel
10:01:40 Cheryl Cohen, MBOH
10:01:47 Chair Bartel
10:01:48 Cheryl Cohen, MBOH
10:02:14 Vice Chair Lang
10:02:17 Becky Anseth, COM
10:02:29 Vice Chair Lang
10:02:32 Tash Wisemiller, Community and Economic Vitality Program of the Department
of Commerce (COM)
10:03:38 Chair Bartel
10:03:45 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
10:04:33 Cheryl Cohen, COM
10:04:47 Cody Ferguson, Planning Program of the Department of Commerce (COM)
10:05:46 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
10:06:13 Cody Ferguson, COM
10:06:17 Vice Chair Lang
10:06:32 Angie Nelson, OBPP
10:07:18 Vice Chair Lang
10:07:31 Molly DelCurto, LFD
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Director's Office:

10:56:13 Molly DelCurto, LFD
10:57:34 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
10:57:45 Chair Bartel
10:57:49 Molly DelCurto, LFD
10:58:00 Chair Bartel
10:58:02 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
11:02:20 Chair Bartel
11:02:27 Adam Schafer, Department of Commerce (COM)

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11:02:44 Chair Bartel
11:10:08 Adam Schafer, COM
11:13:59 Chair Bartel
11:14:11 Molly DelCurto, LFD
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11:27:30 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
11:27:31 Chair Bartel
11:27:34 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
11:27:51 Chair Bartel

11:27:56 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved to adopt the fixed costs for the Legislative Audit Division as reflected in column two, estimated 2023 Biennium, except for code number 69010 for those agencies designated in House Bill 2 the appropriations are designated as restricted and biennial. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Kary voted by proxy.

11:28:39 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
11:28:44 Chair Bartel
11:29:13 Katie Guenther, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
11:30:16 Chair Bartel

11:30:32 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved to adopt the rates that are under State Financial Services Division for the 2022-23 Session. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Kary voted by proxy.

11:31:07 Chair Bartel
11:31:09 Katie Guenther, LFD
11:31:08 Chair Bartel
11:31:20 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
11:31:29 Chair Bartel
11:31:39 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
11:31:42 Chair Bartel
11:31:46 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
11:31:48 Chair Bartel
11:31:53 Katie Guenther
11:32:29 Chair Bartel

11:32:39 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved **to adopt the rates under Warrant Writer on A-165 for the 2023 Biennium.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Kary voted by proxy.

11:33:07 Katie Guenther, LFD
11:33:24 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
11:33:32 Katie Guenther, LFD
11:34:05 Chair Bartel
11:34:07 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
11:34:16 Chair Bartel

11:34:50 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved **to adapt SWCAP (Statewide Cost Allocation Plan) as proposed to be kept at \$4,000,000 each year of the 2023 Biennium. This proposal is to be unchanged from the 2021 Biennium.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Kary voted by proxy.

11:35:24 Chair Bartel
11:35:30 Katie Guenther, LFD
11:36:20 Chair Bartel

11:36:23 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved **that under Facilities Management Bureau of General Services Division under Non-Office Rent for 2022 and FY 2023, I would like both of those to be \$7.00, Mr. Chairman, instead of the \$8.247 and \$8.259. The other rates will stay the same.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Kary voted by proxy.

11:36:51 Chair Bartel
11:37:04 Sen. Flowers
11:37:15 Chair Bartel
11:37:38 Katie Guenther, LFD
11:38:25 Chair Bartel

11:38:31 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved **to adopt the rates for General Services Division, Print & Mail, for the 2023 Biennium.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Kary voted by proxy.

11:39:05 Katie Guenther, LFD

11:39:21 Chair Bartel
11:39:23 Katie Guenther, LFD
11:41:20 Chair Bartel
11:41:34 Katie Guenther, LFD
11:41:43 Chair Bartel

11:41:49 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang would like to move State Information Technology Service(s) Division 30 day capital and that rate be adopted, as well as the language in our book on A-190 that specifically talks starting with the agency language and ending down there in the second paragraph with Appropriation must be designated as restricted. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Kary voted by proxy.

11:42:24 Chair Bartel
11:42:27 Katie Guenther, LFD
11:43:18 Chair Bartel
11:43:19 Vice Chair Lang
11:43:20 Chair Bartel

11:43:21 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved to adopt under Health Care and Benefits Division the Workman's Comp Management Program - Internal Service - as on our chart that in FY 2022 it will be \$0.97 and in FY 2023 will be \$0.97. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Kary voted by proxy.

11:43:50 Chair Bartel
11:43:53 Katie Guenther, LFD
11:44:30 Chair Bartel

11:44:34 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved to adopt the rates [on for] State Human Resources Division under Professional Development Center and the Contract Courses and a Computer Maintenance Course and the Human Resource(s) Information all on A-10 and A-213 in our book. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Kary voted by proxy.

11:45:17 Katie Guenther, LFD
11:45:42 Chair Bartel

11:45:43 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved to adopt Risk Management and Tort Defense on page A-22, all the rates that are shown there. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Kary voted by proxy.

11:46:09 Chair Bartel
11:46:15 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
11:46:17 Vice Chair Lang
11:46:19 Chair Bartel
11:46:21 Vice Chair Lang
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11:47:44 Sen. Flowers
11:48:03 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
11:48:29 Sen. Flowers
11:48:33 Chair Bartel

ADJOURNMENT

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Caitlin Cashman, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jgh20aad.pdf](#))