

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Wendy McKamey, on January 29, 2021 at 8:00 AM, 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. Denise Hayman (D)  
Rep. Ed Hill (R)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)  
Rep. Kelly Kortum (D)  
Rep. Brian Putnam (R)  
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)  
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)  
Rep. Kathy Whitman (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)  
Rep. Tyson T. Running Wolf (D)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** John Bergoffen, Committee Secretary  
Coleen Street, Remote Meeting Coordinator  
Hope Stockwell, 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: SB 36, 1/26/2021; HB 239, 1/26/2021; HB 221, 1/26/2021

08:01:39 Chair McKamey

### **HEARING ON SB 36**

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

08:03:56 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 36, Code commissioner bill.

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

08:04:38 Todd Everts, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:09:26 Rep. Putnam

08:09:59 Todd Everts, LSD

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

08:11:12 Sen. Hertz

### **HEARING ON HB 239**

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

08:12:01 Rep. Moffie Funk (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 239, Lower disability threshold for certain fee waivers to 80%.

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

08:13:39 Rob Hoffman, self

08:18:37 David Coleman, self

08:22:11 Lyndsay Alt, self

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:25:33 Rep. Weatherwax

08:27:33 Rep. Hayman

08:28:16 Rep. Funk

08:29:25 Rep. Hayman

08:29:42 Rep. Funk

08:30:05 Rob Hoffman, self

08:31:15 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

08:31:31 Rep. Walsh

08:32:48 Rep. Funk

08:33:33 Rep. Walsh

08:33:43 Rep. Funk

08:34:17 Rep. Hill

08:34:52 Lyndsay Alt, self

08:37:38 Rob Hoffman, self

08:39:44 Rep. Custer

08:40:33 Rep. Funk

08:41:50 Rep. Karjala

08:42:29 Lyndsay Alt, self

08:44:36 Rep. Karjala

08:45:20 Rob Hoffman, self

08:49:04 Rep. Reksten  
08:49:17 Rep. Hoffman, self  
08:50:45 Rep. Reksten  
08:52:01 Rob Hoffman, self  
08:54:24 Rep. Hill  
08:55:11 Rep. Funk  
08:55:44 Rob Hoffman, self  
08:57:25 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
08:58:18 Rep. Karjala

**Closing by Sponsor:**

08:59:44 Rep. Funk

**HEARING ON HB 221**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:01:19 Rep. Alice Buckley (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 221, Allow campaign contributions to be used for candidate childcare.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:04:57 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

[EXHIBIT\(sth20a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth20a02\)](#)

09:10:09 Kendra Shaw, self

[EXHIBIT\(sth20a03\)](#)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:12:33 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
09:15:20 Rep. Karjala  
09:16:22 Kendra Shaw, self  
09:17:26 Rep. Karjala  
09:17:43 Kendra Shaw, self  
09:18:55 Rep. Hayman  
09:19:16 Commissioner Mangan, COPP  
09:20:22 Rep. Hayman  
09:21:19 Rep. Buckley  
09:22:41 Rep. Reksten  
09:24:27 Commissioner Mangan, COPP  
09:26:43 Hope Stockwell, LSD

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:27:47 Jaime MacNaughton, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

[EXHIBIT\(sth20a04\)](#)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:28:34 Rep. Hill  
09:29:53 Commissioner Mangan, COPP

09:32:39 Rep. Custer  
09:33:32 Commissioner Mangan, COPP  
09:34:36 Rep. Greef  
09:35:11 Commissioner Mangan, COPP  
09:35:23 Rep. Dooling  
09:36:26 Commissioner Mangan, COPP  
09:37:40 Chair McKamey  
09:38:17 Commissioner Mangan, COPP  
09:39:13 Jaime MacNaughton, COPP  
09:40:40 Rep. Custer  
09:41:10 Rep. Buckley

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:41:34 Rep. Buckley  
  
09:43:47 Chair McKamey  
09:43:51 Rep. Frazer  
09:44:14 Chair McKamey

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 44**

10:06:44 **Motion:** Rep. Custer moved that **HB 44 DO PASS.**  
  
10:07:20 Chair McKamey  
  
10:07:34 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Custer made a substitute motion that **HB 44 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bertoglio, Rep. Binkley, Rep. Frazer, Rep. Hill, Rep. Putnam, Rep. Walsh and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Bishop and Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.  
  
10:08:04 Chair McKamey

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 59**

10:10:23 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 59 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

10:10:38 Rep. Putnam  
10:11:42 Rep. McKamey  
10:11:59 Hope Stockwell

10:12:11 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved to **RECONSIDER ACTION ON AMENDMENT HB 59.1.1 to strip off the bill.**

**Discussion:**

10:12:33 Rep. Hayman  
10:12:42 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
10:14:01 Rep. Reksten  
10:14:16 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
10:14:32 Rep. Custer  
10:15:53 Chair McKamey

- 10:16:32 Rep. Karjala  
10:17:04 Chair McKamey  
10:18:11 Rep. Karjala
- 10:19:58 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Binkley, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Bishop voted by proxy.
- 10:20:24 **Motion:** Rep. Putnam moved that **HB 59 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(sth20a05)**

**Discussion:**

- 10:20:29 Chair McKamey  
10:20:38 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
10:21:14 Rep. Putnam  
10:21:51 Rep. McKamey  
10:21:53 Rep. Putnam  
10:22:14 Chair McKamey  
10:22:25 Rep. Reksten
- 10:22:48 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Bertoglio, Rep. Dooling, Rep. Frazer, Rep. Greef, Rep. Putnam, Rep. Reksten, Rep. F. Smith, Rep. Walsh and Rep. Whitman voting aye. Rep. Bishop voted by proxy.
- 10:25:44 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Custer made a substitute motion that **HB 59 BE TABLED.**
- 10:26:27 Chair McKamey
- 10:26:36 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Binkley, Rep. Frazer, Rep. Hill and Rep. Putnam voting no. Rep. Bishop voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 176**

- 10:29:15 Chair McKamey
- 10:29:20 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 176 DO PASS.**
- 10:29:45 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 176 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(sth20a06)**

**Discussion:**

- 10:30:15 Rep. Kortum  
10:30:29 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
10:31:25 Rep. Custer
- 10:32:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop voted by proxy.
- 10:33:10 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 176 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

10:33:15 Chair McKamey  
10:33:19 Rep. Reksten  
10:34:10 Rep. Kortum  
10:36:02 Rep. Karjala  
10:38:35 Rep. Hayman  
10:40:20 Rep. Putnam  
10:41:05 Rep. Greef  
10:43:08 Rep. Dooling  
10:44:33 Rep. Hill  
10:45:08 Rep. Whitman  
10:45:48 Rep. Custer  
10:48:42 Rep. Runningwolf  
10:53:48 Rep. McKamey  
10:53:56 Chair Hayman  
10:54:14 Rep. Custer  
10:55:34 Rep. Greef  
10:56:12 Rep. Reksten  
10:58:23 Rep. Runningwolf  
10:58:54 Rep. Custer  
10:59:16 Rep. Whitman  
10:59:35 Rep. Walsh  
11:03:18 Rep. Smith  
11:04:23 Rep. Karjala  
11:06:03 Chair McKamey  
11:11:15 Rep. Kortum  
11:12:28 Rep. Weatherwax  
11:15:25 Rep. Frazer  
11:16:52 Rep. Binkley

11:17:17 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Bertoglio, Rep. Binkley, Rep. Dooling, Rep. Greef, Rep. Hill, Rep. McKamey, Rep. Reksten and Rep. Walsh voting aye. Rep. Bishop voted by proxy.

11:18:29 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Putnam made a substitute motion that **HB 176 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 13-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Bertoglio, Rep. Binkley, Rep. Hill, Rep. Reksten, Rep. Weatherwax and Rep. Whitman voting no. Rep. Bishop voted by proxy.

11:24:41 Chair McKamey  
11:25:53 Rep. Frazer  
11:26:53 Rep. Hill  
11:27:10 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
11:28:13 Chair McKamey  
11:30:30 Rep. Kortum  
11:30:42 Chair McKamey  
11:31:44 Hope Stockwell, LSD

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:33:32

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John Bergoffen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([sth20aad.pdf](#))