

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

**Call to Order:** Chair Mike Hopkins, on February 1, 2021 at 8:30 AM, in Room 317B  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Mike Hopkins, Chair (R)  
Sen. Mike Cuffe, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)  
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Sue Vinton (R)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jamie Bonilla, Committee Secretary  
Catherine Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division  
Heather Vande-Sandt, 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:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 5, 1/28/2021; HB 14, 1/28/2021

08:30:52 Chair Hopkins  
08:30:54 Sen. Boldman  
08:32:41 Vice Chair Cuffe assumed the chair.

**HEARING ON HB 5 and HB 14**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:32:55 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), opened the hearing on HB 5, Long-Range Building Appropriations and HB14, Long-Range Building Bonding Program.

08:33:39 Chair Cuffe  
08:33:49 Russ Katherman, Department of Administration (DOA)  
**EXHIBIT(jlh21a01)**

08:34:49 Catherine Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
**EXHIBIT(jlh21a02)**

**Public Comment:**

08:35:59 Rep. Hopkins resumed the chair.  
08:36:11 Russ Katherman, DOA  
08:49:23 Chair Hopkins  
08:49:27 Rep. Hamilton  
08:49:47 Russ Katherman, DOA  
08:50:40 Rep. Hamilton  
08:51:06 Russ Katherman, DOA  
08:51:27 Chair Hopkins  
08:51:29 Russ Katherman, DOA  
08:57:36 Chair Hopkins  
08:58:08 Sen. Smith joined the meeting  
08:57:58 Rep. Keane  
08:59:54 Chair Hopkins  
09:00:03 Rep. Hamilton  
09:01:25 Russ Katherman,DOA  
09:03:43 Chair Hopkins  
09:03:47 Rep. Hamilton  
09:04:21 Russ Katherman, DOA  
09:05:51 Chair Hopkins  
09:10:37 Russ Katherman, DOA  
09:15:44 Chair Hopkins  
09:15:50 Rep. Hamilton  
09:16:33 Russ Katherman, DOA  
09:17:22 Rep. Hamilton  
09:17:27 Chair Hopkins  
09:17:31 Russ Katherman, DOA  
09:23:04 Chair Hopkins  
09:23:19 Catherine Duncan, LFD  
09:23:46 Chair Hopkins  
09:23:52 Jason Harlow, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

**EXHIBIT(jlh21a03)**

09:26:45 Chair Hopkins  
09:26:51 Rep. Hamilton  
09:27:30 Jason Harlow, OBPP  
09:28:00 Rep. Hamilton  
09:28:16 Jason Harlow, OBPP  
09:28:26 Chair Hopkins  
09:28:52 Jason Harlow, OBPP  
09:29:15 Chair Hopkins  
09:29:29 Jason Harlow, OBPP  
09:29:41 Chair Hopkins  
09:29:54 Catherine Duncan, LFD  
09:31:01 Chair Hopkins  
09:31:12 Rep. Hamilton  
09:31:31 Chair Hopkins  
09:32:25 Jason Harlow, OBPP  
09:32:39 Catherine Duncan, LFD  
09:39:12 Rep. Hamilton  
09:39:52 Catherine Duncan, LFD  
09:41:39 Rep. Hamilton  
09:41:59 Catherine Duncan, LFD  
09:42:51 Rep. Hamilton  
09:43:59 Catherine Duncan, LSD  
09:44:13 Rep. Hamilton  
09:44:20 Chair Hopkins  
09:44:22 Catherine Duncan, LFD  
09:47:30 Chair Hopkins  
09:48:36 Catherine Duncan

[EXHIBIT\(jlh21a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh21a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh21a06\)](#)

10:00:12 Brief Recess  
10:16:32 Reconvened

10:16:41 Chair Hopkins  
10:16:53 Marina Little, Department of Administration (DOA)  
10:21:31 Catherine Duncan, LFD  
10:22:24 Bonnie Rouse, Department of Environmental Equality (DEQ)

[EXHIBIT\(jlh21a07\)](#)

10:27:11 Catherine Duncan, LFD  
10:27:40 Bonnie Rouse, DEQ  
10:30:20 Chair Hopkins  
10:30:26 Vice Chair Cuffe  
10:30:46 Bonnie Rouse, DEQ  
10:31:19 Rep. Hamilton  
10:31:50 Bonnie Rouse, DEQ  
10:32:34 Rep. Hamilton  
10:32:54 Bonnie Rouse, DEQ

10:37:59 Chair Hopkins  
10:38:03 Vice Chair Cuffe  
10:38:32 Bonnie Rouse, DEQ  
10:39:53 Vice Chair Cuffe  
10:41:40 Bonnie Rouse, DEQ  
10:42:23 Vice Chair Cuffe  
10:42:38 Chair Hopkins  
10:42:43 Bonnie Rouse, DEQ  
10:45:25 Chair Hopkins  
10:46:56 Sen. Lynch  
10:48:56 Mike Lawson, Southwest Montana Veteran's Home Foundation

**EXHIBIT(jlh21a08)**

10:54:48 Rep. Harvey  
10:55:22 Mick Wonnacott, Laborer's Union #1686  
10:55:49 Rep. Hawk, HD 76  
10:56:23 John Forkan, Montana State BuildingTrade Council  
10:56:56 Adam Haight, Montana AFL-CIO  
10:57:54 Chair Hopkins  
10:58:21 J.P. Gallagher, Butte Silver-Bow County  
10:59:12 Chair Hopkins  
10:59:26 Vice Chair Cuffe  
10:59:45 Sen. Lynch  
11:00:38 Vice Chair Cuffe  
11:00:56 Sen. Lynch  
11:01:40 Vice Chair Cuffe  
11:02:07 Sen. Lynch  
11:02:18 Vice Chair Cuffe  
11:02:32 Sen. Lynch  
11:02:50 Vice Chair Cuffe  
11:02:58 Sen. Lynch  
11:04:03 Chair Hopkins  
11:04:27 Marina Little, Department of Administration (DOA)  
11:05:09 Jim Murphy, Department of Health and Human Service (DPHHS)  
11:07:28 Marina Little, DOA  
11:08:10 Gene Hermanson, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)  
11:10:12 Vice Chair Cuffe assumed the chair.  
11:10:31 Marina Little, DOA  
11:10:57 Russ Katherman, DOA  
11:12:34 Josh Lafromboise, Department of Administration (DOA)  
11:14:26 Chair Hopkins resumed the chair.  
11:14:41 Rep. Hamilton  
11:15:54 Marina Little, DOA  
11:17:01 Chair Hopkins  
11:17:08 Marina Little, DOA  
11:17:36 Russ Katherman, DOA  
11:19:48 Chair Hopkins  
11:20:56 Marina Little, DOA  
11:21:20 Josh Lafromboise, DOA

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11:30:09 Director Molly Kruckenberg, Montana Historical Society (MHS)  
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12:02:01 Russ Katherman, DOA  
12:02:19 Chair Hopkins  
12:02:59 Rep. Hamilton  
12:03:49 Chair Hopkins  
12:04:17 Catherine Duncan, LFD

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:04:58

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Jamie Bonilla, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([jlh21aad.pdf](#))**