

## MINUTES

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

### COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Wendy McKamey, on February 2, 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. 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  
Coleen Street, Remote Meeting Coordinator  
Pad McCracken, 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 248, 1/29/2021; HB 253, 1/29/2021

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 176**

- 08:04:39 Chair McKamey
- 08:05:07 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Dooling moved that **HB 176 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**  
Motion carried 10-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Custer, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Putnam, Rep. Running Wolf, Rep. F. Smith and Rep. Weatherwax voting no.
- 08:07:13 Chair McKamey
- 08:07:42 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 176 DO PASS.**
- 08:07:52 **Motion:** Rep. Dooling moved that **HB 176 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(sth22a01)**

**Discussion:**

- 08:08:21 Rep. Kortum
- 08:08:50 Chair McKamey
- 08:09:09 Pad McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
- 08:09:54 Chair McKamey
- 08:09:58 Rep. Custer
- 08:10:06 Chair McKamey
- 08:10:56 Dana Corson, Montana Secretary of State (SOS)
- 08:11:21 Rep. Custer
- 08:12:48 Chair McKamey
- 08:13:02 Rep. Greef
- 08:13:35 Rep. Hayman
- 08:14:00 Rep. Custer
- 08:15:16 Rep. Hayman
- 08:15:47 Rep. Karjala
- 08:16:51 Rep. Kortum
- 08:17:29 Rep. Whitman
- 08:17:48 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Kortum, Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Bishop voted by proxy.
- 08:19:58 Pad McCracken, LSD
- 08:20:26 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 176 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

- 08:20:44 Rep. Kortum
- 08:21:47 Rep. Reksten
- 08:23:09 Rep. Weatherwax
- 08:25:25 Rep. Karjala
- 08:27:56 Rep. Runningwolf

08:30:46 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Custer, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Putnam, Rep. Running Wolf, Rep. F. Smith and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Bishop voted by proxy.

08:32:52 Chair McKamey

### HEARING ON HB 248

#### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:33:09 Rep. Kelly Kortum (D), HD 65, opened the hearing on HB 248, Revise the Montana primary election date.

#### Proponents' Testimony:

08:35:53 Keaton Sunchild, Montana Native Vote

#### Opponents' Testimony:

08:38:03 Dana Corson Secretary of State (SOS)

08:40:27 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders (MACR)

08:43:47 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

#### Informational Testimony:

08:44:47 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

[EXHIBIT\(sth22a02\)](#)

#### Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:45:14 Rep. Custer

08:45:47 Commissioner Mangan, COPP

08:46:36 Rep. Karjala

08:47:16 Rep. Kortum

08:47:48 Rep. Karjala

08:48:27 Rep. Kortum

08:49:43 Rep. Hayman

08:50:18 Regina Plettenberg, MACR

08:51:47 Rep. Hayman

08:52:51 Rep. Reksten

08:53:13 Rep. Kortum

08:53:42 Rep. Reksten

08:54:12 Dana Corson, SOS

08:57:00 Chair McKamey

08:57:15 Rep. Kortum

08:58:18 Chair McKamey

#### Closing by Sponsor:

08:58:23 Rep. Kortum

09:11:37 Chair McKamey

**HEARING ON HB 253****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:11:43 Rep. Jane Gillette (R), opened the hearing on HB 253, Revise laws related to charitable trusts.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:15:00 Patrice Onwuka, Philanthropy Round Table  
09:20:53 Chris Puyear, Philanthropy Round Table

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:24:34 Rep. Walsh  
09:24:59 Rep. Gillette  
09:25:49 Rep. Walsh  
09:26:22 Rep. Gillette  
09:27:01 Chris Puyear, Philanthropy Round Table  
09:28:03 Rep. Hayman  
09:31:07 Patrice Onwuka, Philanthropy Round Table  
09:32:59 Rep. Hill  
09:33:37 Patrice Onwuka, Philanthropy Round Table  
09:34:20 Rep. Karjala  
09:35:05 Pad McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
09:35:50 Rep. Karjala  
09:36:30 Rep. Gillette  
09:37:52 Rep. Karjala  
09:38:25 Rep. Gillette  
09:38:52 Rep. Karjala  
09:39:38 Rep. Gillette  
09:40:30 Rep. Kortum  
09:40:53 Rep. Gillette  
09:41:30 Rep. Kortum  
09:41:39 Rep. Gillette  
09:41:50 Rep. Custer  
09:42:09 Rep. Gillette  
09:44:45 Chris Puyear, Philanthropy Round Table  
09:46:20 Rep. Reksten  
09:47:00 Patrice Onwuka, Philanthropy Round Table  
09:48:56 Chair McKamey  
09:50:09 Chris Puyear, Philanthropy Round Table  
09:51:52 Chair McKamey  
09:52:02 Chris Puyear, Philanthropy Round Table

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:52:40 Rep. Gillette

09:53:58 Chair McKamey

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 09:56:07

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John Bergoffen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([sth22aad.pdf](#))