

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

LONG RANGE PLANNING AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES JOINT HEARING

Call to Order: Chair Mike Hopkins, on February 3, 2021 at 8:30 AM, in Room 317B
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Long Range Planning Joint Appropriations Subcommittee Members Present:

Rep. Hopkins, Chair (R)
Sen. Cuffe, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Boldman (D)
Rep. Hamilton (D)
Sen. Smith (R)

Long Range Planning Joint Appropriations Subcommittee Members Excused:

Rep. Vinton (R)

Education Joint Appropriations Subcommittee Members Present :

Rep. Bedey, Chair (R)
Vice Chair Solomon
Sen. Bognar
Rep. Fuller (R)
Rep. Keogh (D)
Sen. Morigeau (D)

Education Joint Appropriations Subcommittee Members Excused:

Rep. Jones (R)
Rep. Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Catherine Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division
Jamie Bonilla, Long Range Planning Joint Appropriations Subcommittee Secretary
Jasmine Hart, Education Joint Appropriation Subcommittee Secretary
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

LONG RANGE PLANNING AND EDUCATION APPROPRIATION SUBCOMMITTEES
JOINT HEARING ON HB 5, AND HB 14

08:33:38 Chair Hopkins
08:34:29 Catherine Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
[EXHIBIT\(jlh23a01\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(jlh23a02\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(jlh23a03\)](#)

08:41:00 Rep. Windy Boy joined the meeting
08:42:15 Chair Hopkins
08:42:29 Jason Harlow, Department of Administration (DOA)
[EXHIBIT\(jlh23a04\)](#)

08:48:03 Chair Hopkins
08:48:13 Sen. Cuffe
08:49:41 Chair Hopkins
08:49:45 Sen. Morigeau
08:50:37 Chair Hopkins
08:50:38 Sen. Cuffe
08:51:13 Chair Hopkins
08:52:09 Sen. Morigeau
08:52:42 Chair Hopkins
08:53:43 Catherine Duncan, LFD
08:54:25 Jason Harlow, DOA
08:54:38 Chair Bedey
08:54:57 Jason Harlow, DOA
08:55:20 Chair Hopkins
08:55:25 Rep. Hamilton
08:56:12 Vice Chair Cuffe
08:56:55 Catherine Duncan, LFD
08:57:56 Chair Hopkins
08:58:16 Russ Katherman, Department of Administration (DOA)
09:13:21 Chair Hopkins
09:13:32 Chair Bedey
09:13:52 Commissioner Clayton Christian, Office of Higher Education (OCHE)
09:19:06 Chair Hopkins
09:19:25 Commissioner Christian, OCHE
09:20:16 Chancellor Les Cook, Montana Tech University (MTECH)
09:23:33 Chair Hopkins
09:23:37 Vice Chair Cuffe
09:23:59 Chair Bedey
09:24:21 Chancellor Cook, MTECH
09:25:19 Layne Sessions, MTECH
09:25:50 Chair Bedey
09:25:56 Rep. Windy Boy
09:26:54 Chancellor Les Cook, MTECH
09:27:25 Chair Hopkins

09:27:33 Vice Chair Cuffe
09:28:32 Chair Hopkins
09:28:43 Commissioner Christian, OCHE
09:29:25 President Seth Bodnar, University of Montana (UM)
09:36:18 Dean Alan Townsend, University of Montana (UM)
09:43:01 Chair Hopkins
09:43:48 Chair Bedey
09:44:12 Chair Hopkins
09:44:31 Chair Bedey
09:44:42 Chair Hopkins
09:44:44 Rep. Hamilton
09:45:07 Chair Hopkins

Proponents:

09:46:28 Jesse Luther, Idaho Forest Group
09:47:31 Chair Hopkins
09:48:02 Julie Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association (MWPA)

EXHIBIT(jlh23a05)

09:50:08 Chair Hopkins
09:50:35 Steve Marshall, SmartLam North America
09:53:15 Chair Hopkins
09:53:25 Chair Bedey
09:54:52 Jason Harlow, Office of Budget Program & Planning (OBPP)
09:55:29 Chair Bedey
09:56:03 Chair Hopkins
09:56:21 Russ Katherman, DOA
09:57:19 President Bodnar, UM
09:57:45 Chair Bedey
09:58:30 Sen. Cuffe
10:01:17 Chair Hopkins
10:01:54 Sen. Pope
10:03:37 Rep. Buckley
10:04:47 Sen. Flowers
10:07:01 Chair Hopkins

10:08:12 Brief Recess
10:23:03 Reconvened

10:23:10 Commissioner Christian, OCHE
10:23:43 Chair Hopkins
10:24:45 President Waded Cruzado, Montana State University (MSU)
10:30:15 Chair Hopkins
10:30:22 Dr. Darrin Boss, Montana State University (MSU)
10:36:25 Chair Hopkins

Proponents:

10:36:41 John Helle, Duckworth Company
10:42:42 Chair Hopkins

10:42:52 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Agricultural Business Association (MABA)
10:44:00 Ron Devlin, Montana Wool Growers Association (MWGA)
10:46:32 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA)
10:48:02 Rachel Schmidt, Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU)
10:48:32 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
10:49:19 Rachel Prevost, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)
10:50:19 Chair Hopkins
10:50:30 Ryan McCormick, self
10:53:43 Chair Hopkins
10:53:48 Bryan Mauws, Montana Agricultural Experiment Station
10:54:49 Dave McEwen,
10:57:43 Chair Hopkins
10:57:49 Rep. Hamilton
10:58:51 Commissioner Christian, OCHE
10:59:46 Chair Hopkins
11:00:20 Ron Muffick, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)
11:10:56 Chair Hopkins
11:10:58 Chair Bedey
11:11:23 Chair Hopkins
11:11:32 Ron Muffick, OCHE
11:12:19 Commissioner Christian, OCHE
11:13:12 Chair Hopkins
11:13:16 Commissioner Christian, OCHE
11:13:59 Chair Bedey
11:14:19 Chair Hopkins
11:14:26 Rep. Hamilton
11:15:08 Dan Stevenson, Montana State University (MSU)
11:15:47 Rep. Hamilton
11:16:02 Dan Stevenson, MSU
11:17:29 Chair Hopkins

Proponents:

11:18:05 Noah Durnell, self

[EXHIBIT\(jlh23a06\)](#)

11:23:00 Chair Hopkins

[EXHIBIT\(jlh23a07\)](#)

11:23:49 Commissioner Christian, OCHE
11:25:20 Ron Muffick, OCHE
11:28:35 Sen. Salomon left the meeting
11:31:43 Chair Hopkins
11:31:53 Rep. Hamilton
11:34:32 Chair Hopkins
11:34:45 Chair Bedey
11:35:09 Ron Muffick, OCHE
11:40:59 Chair Hopkins
11:41:06 Chair Bedey
11:41:11 Sen. Morigeau

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:52:53

Jamie Bonilla, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jlh23aad.pdf](#))