

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Wendy McKamey, on February 4, 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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 277, 1/29/2021; SB 56, 1/29/2021
Executive Action: HB 248 and HB 253

08:04:15 Chair McKamey

08:04:26 Recess

08:16:13 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 277

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:16:29 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 277, Provide for a state government performance and results act.

08:46:41 Chair McKamey

Proponents' Testimony:

08:46:59 Dan Fuchs, Triangle Public Affairs

[EXHIBIT\(sth24a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:49:29 Rep. Bertoglio

08:50:12 Rep. Mercer

08:52:18 Rep. Karjala

08:53:57 Rep. Mercer

08:55:57 Rep. Karjala

08:56:54 Rep. Mercer

08:59:47 Rep. Putnam

09:00:14 Rep. Mercer

09:01:39 Rep. Kortum

09:01:59 Rep. Mercer

09:05:26 Rep. Kortum

09:05:40 Rep. Mercer

09:07:27 Rep. Reksten

09:08:39 Rep. Mercer

09:12:20 Rep. Hill

09:12:58 Rep. Mercer

09:15:53 Rep. Hayman

09:17:51 Rep. Mercer

09:21:23 Rep. Custer

09:22:09 Rep. Mercer

09:23:33 Rep. Custer

09:24:44 Rep. Mercer

09:25:23 Rep. Custer

09:26:02 Rep. Mercer

09:26:10 Rep. Walsh

09:27:22 Rep. Mercer

Closing by Sponsor:

09:29:33 Rep. Mercer

HEARING ON SB 56

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:39:27 Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 56, Make MDT, FWP employee grievance procedures same as for other state employees.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:41:15 Eric Strauss, Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

09:42:13 Michelle Keele, Department of Transportation (MDT)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

09:44:13 Rebecca Dockter, Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:44:50 Rep. Reksten

09:45:11 Sen. Ellsworth

09:46:47 Rep. Reksten

09:47:10 Sen. Ellsworth

09:47:59 Rep. Putnam

09:48:17 Sen. Ellsworth

09:49:12 Rep. Putnam

09:49:43 Sen. Ellsworth

09:50:08 Rep. Kortum

09:51:08 Sen. Ellsworth

09:52:34 Rep. Custer

09:52:59 Michelle Keele, MDT

09:53:55 Rep. Custer

09:54:38 Michelle Keele, MDT

09:55:07 Rep. Binkley

09:55:40 Sen. Ellsworth

09:56:15 Rep. Frazer

09:56:33 Sen. Ellsworth

Closing by Sponsor:

09:57:55 Sen. Ellsworth

09:59:09 Chair McKamey

10:00:39 Rep. Hayman

10:01:05 Coleen Street, Remote Meeting Coordinator (RMC)

10:01:17 Rep. Karjala

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 248

10:02:03 **Motion:** Rep. Kortum moved that **HB 248 DO PASS.**

10:02:22 **Motion:** Rep. Kortum moved that **HB 248 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(sth24a02)

Discussion:

10:02:43 Pad McCracken, LSD

10:03:46 Rep. Kortum

10:04:31 Rep. Karjala

10:05:12 Rep. Reksten

10:06:56 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Binkley, Rep. McKamey and Rep. Reksten voting no. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Greef and Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.

10:09:10 Chair McKamey

10:09:20 **Motion:** Rep. Kortum moved that **HB 248 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:09:39 Rep. Dooling

10:10:06 Rep. Kortum

10:11:37 Rep. Dooling

10:12:24 Rep. Walsh

10:13:42 Rep. Karjala

10:14:47 Rep. Hill

10:15:21 Rep. Custer

10:17:45 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bertoglio made a substitute motion that **HB 248 AS AMENDED BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 18-1 by roll call vote with Rep. F. Smith voting no. Rep. Bishop and Rep. F. Smith voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 253

10:20:06 **Motion:** Rep. Weatherwax moved that **HB 253 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:20:31 Rep. Putnam

10:20:41 Rep. Karjala

10:21:54 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Walsh made a substitute motion that **HB 253 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:23:13 Chair McKamey

10:25:58 Rep. Hill

10:26:15 Chair McKamey

10:27:12 Rep. Walsh

10:27:38 Chair McKamey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:27:42

John Bergoffen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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