

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Wendy McKamey, on February 5, 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. Tyson T. Running Wolf (D)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)
Rep. Kathy Whitman (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

John Bergoffen, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch
Coleen Street, 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 278, 2/2/2021; HB 287, 2/2/2021

08:03:36 Chair McKamey

HEARING ON HB 278

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:04:05 Rep. Brandon Ler (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 278, Repeal naming and labeling provisions regarding political committee.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:05:04 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

[EXHIBIT\(sth25a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth25a02\)](#)

08:07:18 Jaime MacNaughton, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

Opponents' Testimony:

08:09:12 Margaret Bentwood, League of Women Voters

08:12:19 Mary Catherine Dunphy, self

08:16:40 Jacob Batts, self

08:17:59 Donna Williams, self

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:22:32 Rep. Greef

08:22:55 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP

08:23:30 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

08:24:43 Rep. Hayman

08:25:03 Rep. Karjala

08:26:08 Mary Catherine Dunphy, self

08:28:09 Rep. Hayman

08:29:28 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP

08:35:07 Rep. Hayman

08:37:15 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP

08:39:55 Rep. Kortum

08:40:36 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP

08:41:32 Rep. Kortum

08:42:23 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP

08:44:27 Rep. Putnam

08:44:56 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP

08:45:35 Rep. Putnam

08:45:47 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP

08:46:33 Rep. Binkley

08:46:47 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP

08:47:15 Rep. Walsh

08:48:00 Jaime MacNaughton, COPP

08:48:41 Rep. Walsh

08:49:04 Jaime MacNaughton, COPP

08:49:58 Rep. Bertoglio

08:50:43 Jaime MacNaughton, COPP

08:51:03 Rep. Karjala

08:52:14 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP

Closing by Sponsor:

08:53:37 Rep. Ler

HEARING ON HB 287**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:54:39 Rep. Kelly Kortum (D), HD 65, opened the hearing on HB 287, Provide that state pays postage for absentee ballot return.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:57:19 Sam Forstag, American's Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

08:58:50 Katjana Stutzer, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)

09:00:30 Keaton Sunchild, Western Native Voice

09:02:23 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

09:05:58 Tor Gudmundsson, self

Opponents' Testimony:

09:07:38 Dana Corson, Secretary of State (SOS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:11:17 Rep. Greef

09:11:37 Rep. Kortum

09:11:46 Rep. Walsh

09:12:14 Rep. Kortum

09:12:41 Rep. Karjala

09:13:55 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

09:15:54 Rep. Hill

09:16:30 Keaton Sunchild, Western Native Voice

09:17:16 Rep. Hill

09:17:20 Keaton Sunchild, Western Native Voice

09:17:51 Rep. Hayman

09:18:48 Rep. Kortum

09:19:26 Rep. Greef

09:19:56 Rep. Kortum

09:20:24 Rep. Reksten

09:20:47 Rep. Kortum

09:21:25 Rep. Custer

09:21:59 Dana Corson, SOS

09:23:24 Rep. Custer

09:23:43 Dana Corson, SOS

09:24:16 Rep. Smith

09:25:01 Dana Corson, SOS

09:25:37 Rep. Smith

09:25:47 Dana Corson, SOS

09:26:25 Rep. Smith

09:26:34 Dana Corson, SOS

09:26:56 Rep. Karjala

09:27:30 Dana Corson, SOS

09:28:34 Rep. Karjala

09:28:57 Dana Corson, SOS

09:29:27 Rep. Karjala
09:29:36 Dana Corson, SOS

Closing by Sponsor:

09:30:01 Rep. Kortum

09:31:54 Chair McKamey
09:33:56 Rep. Putnam
09:34:14 Chair McKamey
09:34:28 Rep. Hill
09:34:55 Chair McKamey
09:35:35 Rep. Walsh
09:36:05 Chair McKamey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:36:33

John Bergoffen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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