

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Wendy McKamey, on February 10, 2021 at 9:00 A.M., 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. 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: None

Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: John Bergoffen, Committee Secretary
Coleen Street, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 87, 2/5/2021; SB 110, 2/5/2021
Executive Action on: HB 278; SB 110

09:02:41 Chair McKamey

HEARING ON SB 110

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:03:19 Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB 110, Revise state employee and U-system health plan laws for temp state share holiday.

09:03:49 Rep Frazer joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:04:45 Amy Sassano, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

09:06:06 Tyler Trevor, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

09:07:42 Rep. Hill

09:08:04 Sen. Osmundson

09:09:16 Rep. Kortum

09:09:55 Amy Sassano, OBPP

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Closing by Sponsor:

09:11:28 Sen. Osmundson

HEARING ON HB 87

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:11:58 Rep. Ron Marshall (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 317, Generally revise state employee laws related to travel expenses.

[EXHIBIT\(sth28a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

09:18:06 Debbie Westlake, self

[EXHIBIT\(sth28a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

09:20:19 Col. Steve Lavin, Montana Highway Patrol (MHP)

09:27:46 Steve Crawford, Montana Division of Criminal Investigation of the Department of Justice (DOJ)

09:30:16 Lee Johnson, Montana Division of Criminal Investigation of the Department of Justice (DOJ)

09:34:34 Jesse Luther, Association of Montana Troopers

09:36:51 Larry Nielsen, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

09:38:07 Ray Beck, Yellowstone Conservation District

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:40:27 Rep. Reksten
09:40:59 Rep. Marshall
09:42:19 Rep. Reksten
09:42:38 Rep. Marshall
09:43:53 Rep. Walsh
09:45:03 Col. Steve Lavin, MHP
09:45:48 Rep. Walsh
09:46:38 Steve Crawford, DOJ
09:47:35 Rep. Putnam
09:47:57 Rep. Marshall
09:48:19 Rep. Hill
09:49:31 Rep. Marshall
09:51:37 Rep. Karjala
09:52:38 Rep. Marshall
09:53:29 Rep. Dooling
09:54:33 Debbie Westlake, self
09:54:54 Rep. Custer
09:55:44 Rep. Marshall
09:57:39 Rep. Custer
09:58:45 Rep. Marshall
10:00:03 Rep. Kortum
10:00:42 Rep. Marshall
10:01:18 Rep. Hill
10:02:42 Rep. Karjala
10:03:23 Rep. Custer
10:04:38 Col. Steve Lavin, MHP
10:06:32 Rep. Dooling
10:06:47 Amy Sassano, OBPP
10:08:42 Chair McKamey
10:09:06 Amy Sassano, OBPP
10:09:44 Chair McKamey
10:10:15 Amy Sassano, OBPP
10:11:02 Chair McKamey
10:11:22 Amy Sassano, OBPP
10:12:43 Rep. Karjala
10:13:41 Hope Stockwell, LSD
10:15:02 Rep. Frazer
10:15:43 Rep. Marshall
10:16:07 Rep. Frazer
10:16:37 Rep. Marshall
10:18:11 Rep. Smith
10:18:51 Rep. Marshall
10:19:45 Rep. Custer
10:20:27 Amy Sassano, OBPP
10:21:30 Rep. Running Wolf
10:22:00 Amy Sassano, OBPP
10:22:27 Rep. Running Wolf
10:22:59 Amy Sassano, OBPP
10:23:39 Rep. Running Wolf

10:23:55 Amy Sassano, OBPP
10:24:00 Rep. Walsh
10:24:47 Amy Sassano, OBPP
10:25:08 Rep. Bertoglio
10:26:01 Amy Sassano, OBPP
10:27:21 Rep. Bertoglio
10:27:42 Amy Sassano, OBPP

Closing by Sponsor:

10:28:28 Rep. Marshall

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 278

10:51:39 Chair McKamey

10:52:00 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 278 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:52:37 Hope Stockwell, LSD
10:53:09 Rep. Reksten
10:54:03 Hope Stockwell, LSD
10:56:05 Rep. Walsh
10:57:40 Rep. Karjala
10:58:16 Chair McKamey
10:59:02 Hope Stockwell, LSD
11:00:13 Rep. Kortum
11:01:09 Rep. Putnam
11:02:24 Chair McKamey
11:02:43 Hope Stockwell, LSD

11:02:55 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Greef made a substitute motion that **HB 278 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 15-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Binkley, Rep. Custer, Rep. Dooling and Rep. Hill voting no. Rep. Bishop and Rep. Hayman voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 110

11:05:05 Rep. Greef
11:06:09 Chair McKamey

11:05:31 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **SB 110 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

11:05:45 Hope Stockwell, LSD
11:06:14 Rep. Hill
11:06:35 Rep. Walsh left the meeting.
11:06:58 Rep. Hill

11:07:08 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Hayman and Rep. Walsh voted by proxy. Rep. McKamey will carry the bill.

11:07:59 Chair McKamey
11:08:41 Hope Stockwell, LSD

11:09:48 **Motion:** Rep. Reksten moved that **THE COMMITTEE REQUEST A COMMITTEE BILL DRAFT TO REPLACE HB 278.**

Discussion:

11:10:04 Chair McKamey
11:10:08 Hope Stockwell, LSD
11:10:44 Rep. Custer
11:11:23 Hope Stockwell, LSD
11:11:35 Rep. Karjala
11:11:59 Hope Stockwell, LSD
11:12:36 Rep. Custer
11:13:11 Hope Stockwell, LSD
11:14:20 Rep. Karjala
11:14:37 Hope Stockwell, LSD
11:15:14 Rep. Custer
11:15:31 Hope Stockwell, LSD
11:15:56 Chair McKamey

11:17:25 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-2 with Rep. Binkley and Rep. Hill voting no. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Hayman and Rep. Walsh voted by proxy.

11:18:16 Hope Stockwell, LSD
11:18:36 Chair McKamey
11:18:40 Rep. Karjala
11:19:49 Rep. Kortum
11:20:29 Chair McKamey
11:20:36 Hope Stockwell, LSD
11:20:49 Chair McKamey
11:21:05 Rep. Hill
11:21:38 Chair McKamey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:22:00

John Bergoffen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth28aad.pdf](#))