

MINUTES
MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on February 11, 2021 at 2:50 P.M., in Room 102
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Matt Regier, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Brad Tschida, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)
Rep. David Bedey (R)
Rep. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division
Julie Johnson, Legislative Fiscal Division
Jamie Bonilla, Committee Secretary
Anthony Nuno, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 260, 2/9/2021; HB 330, 2/9/2021
Executive Action: HB 260, HB 67, HB 239, HB 92

HEARING ON HB 260**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

14:54:21 Rep. Seth Berglee (R), HD 58, opened the hearing on HB 260, Revise non-resident fishing license fees.

Proponents:

14:55:18 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
14:56:00 Rep. Bedey left the meeting.

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony:

14:56:34 Lena Havron, Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks (FWP)

Proponents:

14:57:00 Clayton Elliott, Trout Unlimited (TU)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

14:57:49 Rep. Berglee

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 260

14:58:33 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 260 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bedey, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Patelis, Rep. Vinton and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

15:00:00 Rep. Bedey joined the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 67

15:00:05 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 67 DO PASS**.

15:00:33 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 67 BE AMENDED**.

EXHIBIT(aph29a01)

Discussion:

15:01:00 Julie Johnson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

15:01:55 Chair Jones

15:02:00 Rep. Patelis joined the meeting.

15:03:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Keogh, Rep. Vinton and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

15:04:55 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

15:05:06 Chair Jones

15:05:24 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 67 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Keogh, Rep. Vinton and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

15:06:26 Vice Chair Holmlund assumed the Chair.

HEARING ON HB 330

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:06:55 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 330, Generally revise laws related to budget stability and managing volatility.

[EXHIBIT\(aph29a02\)](#)

Proponents:

15:13:34 Darryl James, Montana Infrastructure Coalition (MIC)

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony:

15:17:55 Jackie Jones, Office of the Montana State Auditor, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI)

15:19:47 Rep. Tschida

15:20:16 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

15:20:26 Amy Carlson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:20:43 Rep. Mercer

15:22:41 Rep. Jones

15:22:51 Amy Carlson, LFD

15:23:50 Julie Johnson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

15:25:19 Rep. Jones

15:25:41 Rep. Mercer

15:26:33 Chair Holmlund

15:26:35 Rep. Jones

15:27:17 Chair Holmlund

15:27:24 Rep. Regier

15:27:44 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

15:27:51 Rep. Regier

15:28:25 Rep. Jones

15:28:32 Chair Holmlund

15:28:39 Joe Triem, LFD

15:28:53 Amy Sassano, Office of Budget Program and Planning (OBPP)

15:29:23 Chair Holmlund

15:29:25 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

15:29:53 Julie Johnson, LFD

15:30:14 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

15:30:38 Chair Holmlund

15:30:47 Julie Johnson, LFD

15:31:32 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

15:31:40 Chair Holmlund

15:31:44 Amy Carlson, LFD
15:32:20 Chair Holmlund
15:32:42 Rep. Regier
15:33:09 Amy Sassano, OBPP
15:33:42 Rep. Jones
15:34:21 Rep. Bartel
15:35:59 Chair Holmlund

Closing by Sponsor:

15:36:08 Rep. Jones

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 239

15:37:34 **Motion:** Rep. Jones moved that **HB 239 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:38:29 Chair Holmlund
15:37:49 Rep. Jones
15:38:30 Chair Holmlund

15:38:42 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Jones made a substitute motion that **HB 239 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 17-7 by voice vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keane, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Keogh, Rep. Vinton and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 92

15:42:30 **Motion:** Rep. Kerr-Carpenter moved that **HB 92 DO PASS.**

15:42:42 **Motion:** Rep. Kerr-Carpenter moved that **HB 92 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:43:42 Rep. Tschida
15:44:02 Julie Johnson, LFD
15:44:37 Rep. Tschida
15:44:54 Joe Triem, LFD
15:45:23 Brett Dahl, Department of Administration (DOA)
15:46:19 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
15:46:46 Vice Chair Tschida
15:47:22 Brett Dahl, DOA
15:47:51 Rep. Tschida
15:49:30 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
15:50:02 SK Rossi, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
15:50:14 Rep. Tschida
15:50:41 SK Rossi, ACLU
15:53:03 Rep Nave
15:53:12 Rep Bedey left the meeting.
15:53:52 Without objection, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter withdrew the **BE AMENDED** motion.

15:53:56 **Motion:** Rep. Kerr-Carpenter moved that **HB 92 BE AMENDED**

EXHIBIT(aph29a03)

Discussion:

15:55:09 Rep. Mercer
15:57:59 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
15:58:28 Rep. Mercer
15:59:09 Brett Dahl, DOA
16:01:26 Rep. Mercer
16:02:35 Brett Dahl, DOA
16:04:23 Rep. Caferro
16:04:38 Rep. Mercer
16:06:42 Brett Dahl, DOA
16:07:19 Rep. Caferro

EXHIBIT(aph29a04)

16:08:13 SK Rossi, ACLU
16:08:33 Rep. Caferro
16:08:55 Rep. Nave
16:09:07 Rep. Caferro
16:09:26 SK Rossi
16:11:29 Vice Chair Caferro
16:12:19 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
16:12:38 Rep. Bartel
16:13:13 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
16:13:20 SK Rossi, ACLU
16:15:06 Amy Sassano, OBPP
16:16:03 Rep. Garner
16:16:47 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
16:17:13 Rep. Garner
16:17:35 Rep. Mercer
16:17:59 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
16:18:54 Rep. Mercer
16:20:18 SK Rossi, ACLU
16:20:40 Rep. Mercer
16:21:04 Chair Holmlund

16:21:12 Amy Sings In The Timber, Montana Innocence Project (MIP)

EXHIBIT(aph29a05)

16:21:34 Rep. Mercer
16:24:26 Amy Sings In The Timber, MIP
16:25:29 Chair Holmlund
16:25:41 Vice Chair Caferro

16:25:49 **Vote:** Motion failed 11-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Garner, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Keane, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Patelis, Rep. Read, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting aye. Rep. Bedey, Rep. Vinton and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

16:25:56 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kerr-Carpenter moved that **HB 92 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 22-1 by voice vote with Rep. Vinton voting no. Rep. Keogh, Rep. Vinton and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

16:30:10 Chair Jones

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:31:04

Jamie Bonilla, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph29aad.pdf](#))