

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

**Call to Order:** Chair Mike Hopkins, on February 12, 2021 at 8:30 AM, in Room 317B  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Mike Hopkins, Chair (R)  
Sen. Mike Cuffe, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)  
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

Catherine Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division  
Jamie Bonilla, Committee Secretary  
Katherine Anderson, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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**Committee Business Summary:**

Executive Action: HB 5, HB 6, HB 7, HB 8, HB 9, HB 10, HB 11, HB 12, HB 14

08:32:02 Chair Hopkins  
08:33:24 Rep. Hamilton  
08:34:08 Sen. Boldman  
  
08:34:16 Brief Recess  
09:12:07 Reconvened  
  
09:13:03 Vice Chair Cuffe  
09:13:50 Rep. Hamilton  
09:15:13 Chair Hopkins  
09:16:30 Rep. Hamilton  
09:16:44 Vice Chair Cuffe  
09:18:16 Chair Hopkins  
09:18:22 Catherine Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
09:20:16 Chair Hopkins  
09:20:43 Rep. Hamilton  
09:21:01 Chair Hopkins  
09:21:18 Catherine Duncan, LFD  
09:22:01 Rep. Hamilton

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 5**

09:22:45 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **PASSAGE OF HB 5 BE RECOMMENDED.**

09:23:03 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 5 BE AMENDED**  
**EXHIBIT(jlh30a01)**

**Discussion:**

09:23:20 Chair Hopkins  
09:23:51 Catherine Duncan, LFD  
09:24:18 Jason Harlow, Office of Budget Program and Planning (OBPP)  
09:27:04 Chair Hopkins  
09:27:06 Catherine Duncan, LFD  
09:27:49 Rep. Hamilton  
09:28:09 Jason Harlow, OBPP  
09:29:02 Russ Kafferman, Department of Administration (DOA)  
09:30:18 Chair Hopkins

09:31:12 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved to **SEGREGATE SECTIONS 18 AND 19** from the Amendment to HB 5.

**Discussion:**

09:31:22 Vice Chair Cuffe  
09:32:10 Chair Hopkins  
09:32:20 Catherine Duncan, LFD  
09:33:10 Chair Hopkins  
09:33:14 Vice Chair Cuffe  
09:33:32 Chair Hopkins  
09:33:35 Catherine Duncan, LFD

09:34:27 Chair Hopkins

09:34:59 **Vote:** Motion to Conceptually Amend and segregate sections 18 and 19 failed 2-4 by roll call vote with en. Boldman and Rep. Hamilton voting aye. Rep Vinton voted by proxy.

09:35:35 Chair Hopkins  
09:36:19 Rep. Hamilton  
09:37:35 Chair Hopkins

09:37:44 **Vote:** Motion that HB 5 amendment 5.001 do pass carried 5-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Hamilton voting no. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

09:38: 51 **Motion:** Rep. Hopkins moved that **HB 5 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(jlh30a02\)](#)

**Discussion:**

09:39:47 Sen. Boldman  
09:40:27 Sen. Smith  
09:40:58 Rep Hamilton

09:41:48 **Vote:** Motion failed 2-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman and Rep. Hamilton voting aye. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

9:452:43 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **PASSAGE OF HB 5 AS AMENDED BE RECOMMENDED.** Motion carried 5-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Hamilton voting no. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

09:44:19 Catherine Duncan, LSD  
09:44:48 Chair Hopkins

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 6**

09:45:03 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **PASSAGE OF HB 6 BE RECOMMENDED.**

09:45:16 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 6 BE AMENDED**  
[EXHIBIT\(jlh30a03\)](#)

**Discussion:**

09:45:42 Rep. Hamilton  
09:46:12 Vice Chair Cuffe  
09:46:50 Rep. Hamilton  
09:48:55 Chair Hopkins

09:49:40 **Vote:** Motion carried 4-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman and Rep. Hamilton voting no. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

09:50:38 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hopkins moved that **HB 6 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

[EXHIBIT\(jlh30a04\)](#)

**Discussion:**

09:52:11 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton move that **HB 6 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED** to strike lines 23 and 24 (page 2) lines 13 and 14 (page 3), lines 5, 6, 9, 10, 21 and 22 (page 5) from HB 6.

09:53:27 Chair Hopkins  
09:54:06 Rep. Hamilton  
09:55:12 Catherine Duncan, LFD  
09:55:22 Vice Chair Cuffe  
09:55:28 Rep. Hamilton

09:56:39 **Vote:** Motion for Conceptual Amendment failed 1-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Hamilton voting aye. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

09:57:59 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **PASSAGE OF HB 6 AS AMENDED BE RECOMMENDED**. Motion carried 5-1 by voice vote with Rep. Hamilton voting no. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 7**

09:58:57 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **PASSAGE OF HB 7 BE RECOMMENDED**.

09:59:20 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hopkins moved that **HB 7 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

[EXHIBIT\(jlh30a05\)](#)

10:00:22 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **PASSAGE OF HB 7 AS AMENDED BE RECOMMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

10:01:03 Catherine Duncan, LFD

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 8**

10:01:48 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **PASSAGE OF HB 8 BE RECOMMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 9**

10:04:14 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **PASSAGE OF HB 9 BE RECOMMENDED**.

10:04:33 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **HB 9 BE AMENDED**.

**Discussion:**

10:07:04 Chair Hopkins  
10:07:16 Rep. Hamilton  
10:08:54 Catherine Duncan

10:09:36 Without objection, Rep. Hamilton **withdrew the BE AMENDED motion.**

10:09:56 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **HB 9 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT(jlh30a06)**

**Discussion:**

10:10:17 Catherine Duncan, LFD  
10:11:50 Rep. Hamilton  
10:12:08 Vice Chair Cuffe  
10:13:43 Chair Hopkins

10:14:17 **Vote:** Motion failed 1-5 by voice vote with Rep. Hamilton voting aye. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

10:14:11 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **PASSAGE OF HB 9 BE RECOMMENDED.** Motion carried 4-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Hamilton and Sen. Boldman voting no. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

10:16:27 Brief Recess  
10:23:06 Reconvene

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 10**

10:23:08 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 10 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

10:25:46 Chair Hopkins  
10:26:16 Sen. Boldman

10:26:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 11**

10:27:26 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 11 DO PASS.**

10:27:40 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **HB 11 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT(jlh30a07)**

**Discussion:**

10:28:58 Vice Chair Cuffe  
10:29:10 Chair Hopkins  
10:29:12 Rep. Hamilton  
10:31:32 Chair Hopkins

10:31:48 **Vote:** Motion failed 1-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Hamilton voting aye. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

10:32:43 **Motion:** Rep. Hopkins moved that **HB 11 BE AMENDED**.  
[EXHIBIT\(jlh30a08\)](#)

10:34:23 **Vote:** Motion carried 4-2 by voice vote with Rep. Hopkins and Sen. C. Smith voting no. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

10:35:15 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **PASSAGE OF HB 11 AS AMENDED BE RECOMMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

#### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 12**

10:36:32 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **PASSAGE OF HB 12 BE RECOMMENDED**.

10:37:26 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 12 BE AMENDED**  
[EXHIBIT\(jlh30a09\)](#)

10:38:43 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-1 by voice vote with Rep. Hamilton voting no. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

10:39:28 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **HB 12 BE AMENDED**.  
[EXHIBIT\(jlh30a10\)](#)

#### **Discussion:**

10:39:51 Rep. Hamilton  
10:45:42 Chair Hopkins  
10:45:49 Vice Chair Cuffe  
10:46:22 Sen. Boldman

10:47:05 **Vote:** Motion failed 1-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Hamilton voting aye. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

10:47:55 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **PASSAGE OF HB 12 AS AMENDED BE RECOMMENDED**. Motion carried 4-2 by voice vote with Rep. Hamilton and Sen. C. Smith voting no. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

10:50:30 Vice Chair Cuffe  
10:51:34 Chair Hopkins  
10:52:04 Catherine Duncan, LFD

#### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 14**

10:52:55 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **PASSAGE OF HB 14 BE RECOMMENDED**.

10:53:28 **Motion:** Rep. Hopkins moved that **HB 14 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(jlh30a11\)](#)

**Discussion:**

10:55:04 Rep. Hamilton  
10:55:35 Chair Hopkins

10:55:49 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Hamilton voting no. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

10:56:50 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 14 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.  
[EXHIBIT\(jlh30a12\)](#)

10:58:36 **Motion:** Rep. Hopkins moved that **HB 14 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(jlh30a13\)](#)

**Discussion:**

11:00:40 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton made a substitute motion that **HB 14 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(jlh30a14\)](#)

**Discussion:**

11:03:05 Chair Hopkins  
11:03:29 Vice Chair Cuffe  
11:04:06 Chair Hopkins  
11:04:58 Rep. Hamilton  
11:06:06 Chair Hopkins

11:06:16 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Hamilton voting no. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

11:07:22 **Vote:** Substitute Motion to conceptually amend Amendment 14.003 failed 2-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman and Rep. Hamilton voting aye. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

11:07:58 **Motion:** Rep. Hopkins moved that **HB 14 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(jlh30a15\)](#)

**Discussion:**

11:08:49 Catherine Duncan, LFD  
11:09:19 Chair Hopkins  
11:09:30 Vice Chair Cuffe

11:09:48 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

11:10:06      **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **PASSAGE OF HB 14 AS AMENDED BE RECOMMENDED**. Motion carried 4-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Hamilton and Sen. C. Smith voting no. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

11:12:07      Chair Hopkins

11:12:09      Catherine Duncan, LFD

**Public Testimony:**

11:14:05      Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon Club

**Committee Business:**

11:16:45      Vice Chair Cuffe

11:17:19      Chair Hopkins

11:18:04      Catherine Duncan, LFD

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:19:01

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Jamie Bonilla, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([jlh30aad.pdf](#))**