

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Wendy McKamey, on February 12, 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. 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)  
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

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

**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: SB 15, 2/8/2021; SB 130, 2/8/2021  
Executive Action: SB 15, SB 130 and HB 158

09:00:36 Chair McKamey

### **HEARING ON SB 130**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:03:32 Sen. Theresa Manzella (R), SD 44, opened the hearing on SB 130, Revise laws related to campaign finance complaints.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

#### **Informational Testimony:**

09:07:04 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

09:07:37 Jaime MacNaughton, Office of the Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:08:13 Rep. Hayman

09:11:24 Commissioner Mangan, COPP

09:11:57 Rep. Walsh

09:13:43 Commissioner Mangan, COPP

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

09:14:33 Sen. Manzella

09:17:41 Chair McKamey

### **HEARING ON SB 15**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:17:48 Sen. Janet Ellis (D), SD 41, opened the hearing on SB 15, Revise election laws related to accessibility for disabled electors.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

09:27:25 Beth Brennehan, Disability Rights Montana

09:29:30 Sam Forstag, American Civil Liberty Union (ACLU)

09:30:00 Katjana Stutzer, Montana Public Interest Group (MontPIRG)

09:30:35 Gina Lytle, self

09:34:07 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living Services

09:36:26 Travis Hoffman, Summit Independent Living

09:39:23 Nancy Leifer, League of Women Voters of Montana

09:40:24 Alanna Wulf, Big Sky 55+

09:41:20 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders (MACR)

09:45:20 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

#### **Informational Testimony:**

09:48:05 Dana Corson, Montana Secretary of States Office (SOS)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:48:37 Rep. Custer  
09:49:16 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
09:50:19 Rep. Hayman  
09:51:29 Regina Plettenberg, MACR

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:53:41 Sen. Ellis  
  
09:54:49 Chair McKamey

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 15**

10:16:44 **Motion:** Rep. Dooling moved that **SB 15 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

10:17:02 Rep. Custer  
10:17:58 Chair McKamey  
10:20:34 Rep. Whitman  
  
10:22:09 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop and Rep. Greef voted by proxy. Rep. Weatherwax will carry the bill.  
  
10:22:39 Chair McKamey

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 130**

10:22:46 **Motion:** Rep. Dooling moved that **SB 130 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

10:23:04 Rep. Custer  
10:23:42 Rep. Reksten  
10:24:16 Rep. Hill  
  
10:24:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop and Rep. Greef voted by proxy. Rep. Hill will carry the bill.  
  
10:25:26 Chair McKamey  
10:25:29 Rep. Dooling  
10:25:57 Rep. Hill  
10:26:25 Rep. Hayman  
10:28:10 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
10:29:01 Chair McKamey  
10:30:14 Rep. Kortum  
10:30:37 Rep. Dooling  
10:31:00 Chair McKamey  
10:31:48 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
10:31:54 Chair McKamey

10:32:00 **Motion:** Rep. Dooling moved that **HB 158 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**  
Motion carried 11-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Running Wolf, Rep. F. Smith and Rep. Weatherwax voting no.

10:35:48 Chair McKamey

10:35:50 **Motion:** Rep. Dooling moved that **HB 158 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

10:36:12 **Motion:** Rep. Dooling moved that **HB 158 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT(sth30a01)**

**Discussion:**

10:36:28 Rep. Hill  
10:36:46 Rep. Running Wolf  
10:37:26 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
10:38:38 Chair McKamey  
10:38:59 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
10:39:09 Rep. Running Wolf  
10:39:38 Chair McKamey  
10:39:52 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
10:42:09 Chair McKamey  
10:42:35 Rep. Hayman  
10:43:00 Rep. Walsh  
10:43:55 Chair McKamey  
10:44:05 Rep. Walsh  
10:44:30 Chair McKamey  
10:44:37 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
10:45:26 Rep. Custer  
10:46:10 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
10:46:32 Chair McKamey  
10:46:51 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
10:47:44 Rep. Custer  
10:48:01 Chair McKamey

10:48:12 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Running Wolf, Rep. F. Smith and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Bishop and Rep. Greef voted by proxy.

10:48:35 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
10:50:12 Rep. Kortum  
10:52:16 Rep. Karjala  
10:53:23 Chair McKamey  
10:53:57 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
10:54:24 Chair McKamey  
10:54:36 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
10:54:50 Rep. Reksten  
10:56:08 Rep. Hayman  
10:58:43 Rep. Whitman  
10:59:45 Rep. Karjala  
11:01:32 Hope Stockwell, LSD

- 11:02:15 Chair McKamey  
11:02:29 Rep. Binkley  
11:03:03 Rep. Custer  
11:03:27 Chair McKamey  
11:04:18 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
11:04:51 Rep. Walsh
- 11:07:04 **Motion:** Rep. Walsh moved to **CONCEPTUALLY AMEND HB 158 TO STRIKE "2022" AND "2023" ON PAGE 3 LINE 6 AND INSERT THE WORD "BIENNIUM"**.
- 11:07:21 Hope Stockwell, LSD
- 11:08:01 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Running Wolf, Rep. F. Smith and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Bishop and Rep. Greef voted by proxy.
- 11:10:48 **Motion:** Rep. Dooling moved that **HB 158 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.
- Discussion:**
- 11:11:21 Rep. Kortum  
11:12:17 Rep. Karjala  
11:13:00 Chair McKamey  
11:15:05 Rep. Hill  
11:15:40 Rep. Karjala  
11:16:26 Chair McKamey  
11:19:36 Rep. Custer  
11:21:41 Chair McKamey  
11:22:44 Rep. Karjala
- 11:23:18 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Running Wolf, Rep. F. Smith and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Bishop voted by proxy.
- 11:24:34 Chair McKamey  
11:24:51 Rep. Weatherwax  
11:25:37 Hope Stockwell, LSD

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:25:49

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John Bergoffen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([sth30aad.pdf](#))