

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Dan Bartel, on February 18, 2021 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 350
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dan Bartel, Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Lang, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Caitlin Cashman, Committee Secretary
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch
Molly DelCurto, Legislative Branch
Katherine Anderson, 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: Executive Action on Emergency Rental Assistance in the Department of Commerce, and UI Administration in the Department of Labor and Industry.

Committee Business:

09:02:57 Chair Bartel
09:04:05 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
09:04:07 Chair Bartel
09:04:09 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
09:04:11 Chair Bartel
09:04:16 Katie Guenther, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
09:04:19 Chair Bartel
09:04:24 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
09:04:25 Chair Bartel
09:04:38 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
09:04:58 Chair Bartel

Executive Action

09:05:04 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved **Legislative Services Division Additional Funding for PNWER Conference and Impacts of SB 21 in Legislative Branch, Item 20, DP 6 - OTO DO PASS.**

Discussion:

09:05:30 Chair Bartel
09:05:33 Rep. Tschida
09:05:51 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
09:07:04 Vice Chair Lang
09:07:23 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

09:07:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:07:48 Sen. Lang
09:08:06 Chair Bartel
09:08:10 Rep. Tschida
09:08:20 Chair Bartel
09:08:22 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
09:08:26 Katie Guenther, LFD
09:10:04 Chair Bartel
09:10:08 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
09:10:09 Chair Bartel
09:10:10 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
09:10:30 Chair Bartel

09:10:35 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved **to reconsider actions on DP 107, adopt OTO and move to adopt Director's Office includes a one-time-only general fund reduction of \$5,766,789 in FY 2022 and \$8,208,051 in FY 2023 for the transfer to the capital development account.**

09:11:22 Chair Bartel
09:11:24 Rep. Tschida
09:11:32 Chair Bartel
09:11:34 Rep. Tschida

- 09:11:37 Chair Bartel
09:11:39 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
09:11:42 Chair Bartel
- 09:11:44 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved **to reconsider action on DP 107.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 09:12:01 Chair Bartel
- 09:12:03 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved **that DP 107 will be OTO in the Department of Administration Program 1, and the Director's Office includes a one-time-only general fund reduction of \$5,766,789 in FY 2022 and \$8,208,051 in FY 2023 for the transfer to the capital development account.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 09:12:45 Chair Bartel
09:12:47 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
09:12:50 Chair Bartel
- 09:12:52 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved **to reconsider action on DP 50, in the Architecture and Engineering Division.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 09:13:34 Chair Bartel
09:13:35 Vice Chair
09:13:41 Chair Bartel
- 09:13:48 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved **that DP 50 DO PASS.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 09:14:25 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved **to reconsider action on DP 5103 in the Department of Commerce, Office of Tourism and Business Development.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 09:14:46 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved **to adopt DP 5103, funding of \$750,000 allocated as shown, in the Department of Commerce, Office of Tourism and Business Development. Move to eliminate funding for MT Indian Language Preservation (BIEN/OTO) in Department of Commerce and request Section E, Education include the program in the budget of the Office of Public Instruction. The Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government recommends that the House Appropriations Committee request a companion bill implementing HB 2 to make required statutory changes in the Montana Indian Language Preservation Program, including having the program administered by the Office of Public Instruction instead of the State Tribal Economic Development Commission.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

- 09:15:53 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved the following: **The Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government recommends that the House Appropriations Committee include an appropriation of \$27.0 million in federal special revenue for Emergency Rental Assistance included in the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (Cares II) to the Board of Housing in LC 2554.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 09:16:39 Sen. Flowers
09:16:40 Chair Bartel
09:16:43 Sen. Flowers
09:16:53 Chair Bartel
09:17:00 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
09:18:20 Sen. Flowers
09:18:36 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
09:18:40 Sen. Flowers
09:18:44 Chair Bartel
- 09:18:45 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved the following: **The Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government recommends that the House Appropriations Committee include an appropriation of \$5.0 million in federal special revenue for Unemployment Insurance - Administration including in the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations (CARES II) to the Unemployment Insurance Division in LC 2554.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 09:19:27 Chair Bartel
- 09:19:29 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved **to reconsider action on DP 101 in the Department of Military Affairs, Director's Office.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 09:20:00 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved **DP 101, Adjust Operating Expenses (OTO), \$49,582 in Military Affairs, Director's Office.**
- 09:20:14 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
09:20:17 Chair Bartel
09:20:21 Vice Chair Lang
09:20:25 Chair Bartel
09:20:28 Vice Chair Lang
09:20:39 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
09:20:41 Vice Chair Lang
09:20:42 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
- 09:22:09 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved DP 101, adjusting operating expenses OTO to the Director's Office of Military Affairs.
- Discussion:**
09:22:24 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

09:22:26 Vice Chair Lang
09:22:27 Sen. Kary
09:22:30 Chair Bartel
09:22:32 Sen. Kary
09:22:50 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
09:23:17 Sen. Kary
09:23:18 Chair Bartel

09:23:24 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved to adopt DP 102. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:23:45 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved to adopt DP 204, Funding for an Additional 14 Cadets (\$267,000) under Department of Military Affairs Challenge Program.

Discussion:

09:24:04 Chair Bartel
09:24:07 Sen. Flowers
09:24:14 Chair Bartel
09:24:16 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
09:25:06 Chair Bartel
09:25:18 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
09:25:40 Chair Bartel
09:25:41 Angie Nelson, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
09:26:25 Chair Bartel
09:26:28 Angie Nelson, OBPP
09:26:57 Vice Chair Lang
09:27:28 Chair Bartel
09:27:34 Sen. Flowers
09:27:46 Vice Chair Lang
09:28:37 Chair Bartel
09:29:19 Sen. Flowers
09:29:22 Chair Bartel
09:29:23 Sen. Flowers
09:29:59 Vice Chair Lang
09:30:01 Chair Bartel

09:30:03 **Vote:** Motion failed 2-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Flowers and Rep. Stewart Peregoy voting aye.

09:30:37 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved the following: **The Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government recommends that the House Appropriations Committee request a companion bill implementing HB 2 to make statutory changes in the search and rescue surcharge for conservation licenses to make the surcharge optional and to increase the amount of funding available per search and rescue mission.**

Discussion:

09:31:05 Chair Bartel
09:31:08 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

09:32:21 Chair Bartel
09:32:24 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
09:32:39 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
09:33:00 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
09:33:03 Sen. Flowers
09:33:25 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
09:33:48 Sen. Flowers
09:33:54 Chair Bartel
09:33:56 Sen. Flowers
09:34:16 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
09:34:27 Sen. Flowers
09:34:31 Chair Bartel

09:34:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:34:45 Chair Bartel
09:34:50 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
09:35:15 Vice Chair Lang
09:35:16 Chair Bartel
09:35:17 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

09:35:26 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang moved **that Section A close our actions.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:35:48 Chair Bartel
09:35:49 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
09:36:02 Chair Bartel

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:36:03

Caitlin Cashman, Secretary

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