

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Wendy McKamey, on February 18, 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. Gregory Frazer (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. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Tyson T. Running Wolf (D)
Rep. Kathy Whitman (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

John Bergoffen, Committee Secretary
Coleen Street, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Pad McCracken, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 347, 2/15/2021; HB 371, 2/15/2021; HB 388, 2/15/2021
Executive Action: HB 323 and HJ 8

09:02:37 Chair McKamey

HEARING ON HB 371

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:03:46 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 371, Revise qualifications to serve as superintendent of public instruction.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

09:12:25 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

09:17:44 Diane Fladmo, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

Informational Testimony:

09:22:04 Superintendent Elsie Arntzen, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:23:04 Rep. Walsh

09:24:01 Superintendent Elsie Arntzen, OPI

09:24:22 Rep. Bedey

09:25:14 Rep. Walsh

09:25:37 Rep. Bedey

09:26:26 Rep. Greef

09:27:04 Rep. Bedey

09:27:57 Superintendent Elsie Arntzen, OPI

09:29:46 Rep. Greef

09:30:14 Superintendent Elsie Arntzen, OPI

09:30:42 Pad McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

09:31:36 Rep. Putnam

09:32:11 Rep. Bedey

09:36:31 Rep. Hayman

09:37:14 Rep. Karjala

09:43:26 Rep. Bedey

09:44:57 Rep. Reksten

09:48:06 Superintendent Elsie Arntzen, OPI

09:50:15 Rep. Bertoglio

09:51:29 Rep. Bedey

09:52:42 Rep. Bertoglio

09:53:00 Superintendent Elsie Arntzen, OPI

09:53:51 Rep. Kortum

09:58:03 Rep. Bedey

09:59:07 Rep. Custer

10:02:10 Superintendent Elsie Arntzen, OPI

10:04:36 Rep. Reksten

10:05:20 Rep. Bedey

10:06:48 Rep. Karjala

10:07:16 Rep. Binkley

10:08:22 Superintendent Elsie Arntzen, OPI

10:10:23 Rep. Walsh

10:12:19 Rep. Bedey
10:13:50 Rep. Reksten
10:13:45 Rep. Bedey

Closing by Sponsor:

10:15:38 Rep. Bedey

HEARING ON HB 388

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:19:56 Rep. Ed Stafman (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on HB 388, Establish a Montana Health Crisis Preparedness Program.

[EXHIBIT\(sth34a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth34a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth34a03\)](#)

10:36:19 Chair McKamey
10:36:54 Rep. Stafman

Proponents' Testimony:

10:38:12 Rich Rasmussen, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)
10:44:38 Kylie Keene, Montana Medical Association (MMA)
10:46:19 Vicky Byrd, Montana Nurses Association (MNA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

10:51:04 Jim Murphy, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:51:47 Rep. Walsh
10:52:33 Rep. Stafman
10:53:31 Rich Rasmussen, MHA
10:55:07 Rep. Walsh
10:56:04 Rich Rasmussen, MHA
10:57:03 Jim Murphy, DPHHS
10:58:42 Rep. Custer
10:59:09 Jim Murphy, DPHHS
11:00:35 Rep. Binkley
11:00:52 Jim Murphy, DPHHS
11:01:12 Rep. Smith
11:02:10 Jim Murphy, DPHHS
11:03:32 Rep. Reksten
11:04:19 Jim Murphy, DPHHS
11:06:26 Chair McKamey
11:07:18 Rep. Stafman
11:07:33 Chair McKamey
11:08:01 Jim Murphy, DPHHS
11:08:23 Chair McKamey
11:08:49 Rich Rasmussen, MHA

11:10:19 Jim Murphy, DPHHS
11:10:49 Chair McKamey
11:10:53 Rep. Stafman
11:11:43 Rep. Smith
11:12:13 Jim Murphy, DPHHS
11:13:10 Rep. Hill
11:16:38 Jim Murphy, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

11:18:00 Rep. Stafman

11:23:01 Chair McKamey

11:23:37 Brief Recess
11:33:25 Reconvened with Rep. Karjala and Rep. Kortum absent.

HEARING ON HB 347**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

11:33:41 Rep. Dave Fern (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 347, Revise laws on non-party candidate ballot access.

[EXHIBIT\(sth34a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

11:43:09 Dana Corson, Secretary of States Office (SOS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:43:39 Rep. Reksten
11:44:11 Rep. Fern
11:46:44 Rep. Custer
11:47:12 Rep. Fern
11:48:14 Rep. Hayman
11:48:37 Rep. Fern
11:49:23 Rep. Hill
11:49:49 Rep. Fern
11:50:50 Rep. Reksten
11:51:59 Dana Corson, SOS

Closing by Sponsor:

11:52:57 Rep. Fern

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 323

11:54:08 Chair McKamey
11:55:03 Rep. Moore
11:58:05 Chair McKamey

12:17:17 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 323 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

12:17:41 Pad McCracken, LSD

12:18:37 Rep. Custer

12:19:42 Rep. Hill

12:20:33 Rep. Binkley

12:21:19 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Custer made a substitute motion that **HB 323 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 16-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Dooling, Rep. Frazer and Chair McKamey voting no. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Whitman voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 8

12:23:18 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HJ 8 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

12:23:30 Rep. Walsh

12:24:22 Rep. Dooling

12:25:11 Chair McKamey

12:25:19 Rep. Custer

12:26:22 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Running Wolf and Rep. Whitman voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:29:24

John Bergoffen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth34aad.pdf](#))