

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Wendy McKamey, on February 23, 2021 at 8:05 AM, in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Wendy McKamey, Chair (R)
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
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. 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. Sharon Greef, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R)
Rep. Kelly Kortum (D)

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 443, 2/19/2021; HB 447, 2/19/2021; HB 456, 2/19/2021; HB 474, 2/19/2021; HB 483, 2/19/2021
Executive Action on: HB 347; HB 371; HB 455; HB 483

HEARING ON HB 483**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:07:36 Rep. Casey Knudsen (R), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 483, Generally revise laws related to the legislature.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:09:27 Rep. C. Hinkle
08:12:37 Nick Schwaderer, self

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

08:15:52 Director Susan Fox, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:16:00 Rep. Custer
08:16:20 Rep. C. Knudsen
08:16:47 Rep. Kortum joined the meeting.
08:18:17 Rep. Hayman
08:18:44 Rep. C. Knudsen
08:19:59 Rep. Karjala
08:21:12 Rep. C. Knudsen
08:21:41 Rep. Reksten
08:22:20 Rep. C. Knudsen

Closing by Sponsor:

08:22:37 Rep. C. Knudsen

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 483

08:23:39 Rep. Dooling

08:24:14 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 483 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

08:24:44 Rep. Hayman
08:25:14 Rep. Hill

08:25:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-0 by voice vote. Rep. Bertoglio, Rep. Bishop and Rep. Weatherwax were excused.

08:26:08 Rep. Skees
08:27:14 Rep. Hayman
08:27:54 Chair McKamey
08:28:19 Rep. Dooling
08:28:41 Pad McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
08:29:20 Chair McKamey
08:29:47 Director Susan Fox, LSD
08:30:10 Chair McKamey

HEARING ON HB 447**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:31:29 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 447, Generally revising laws related to legislative oversight of administrative rules.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:41:35 Laurie Little Dog, self

08:45:45 Clemente Arciga, self

Opponents' Testimony:

08:47:35 Darci Wiebe, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:51:11 Rep. Karjala

08:51:55 Darci Wieve, DPHHS

08:52:38 Rep. Custer

08:53:38 Darci Wiebe, DPHHS

08:53:59 Rep. Hill

08:55:00 Rep. Mercer

08:57:06 Rep. Reksten

08:57:40 Rep. Mercer

08:59:40 Chair McKamey

09:00:41 Rep. Mercer

Closing by Sponsor:

09:01:38 Rep. Mercer

09:03:09 Chair McKamey

09:04:01 Pad McCracken, LSD

09:04:31 Chair McKamey

09:06:25 Rep. Hill

09:06:40 Rep. Hayman

HEARING ON HB 456**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:07:12 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 456, Generally revise laws related to the legislature.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:14:02 Rep. Hayman

09:14:40 Rep. Garner

09:15:08 Rep. Putnam

09:15:42 Rep. Garner

09:16:09 Rep. Karjala
09:17:02 Rep. Garner
09:17:32 Rep. Greef
09:17:42 Rep. Garner
09:18:42 Rep. Custer
09:19:16 Rep. Garner
09:19:22 Rep. Hill
09:20:08 Rep. Garner
09:21:42 Rep. Reksten
09:22:25 Rep. Garner
09:23:16 Rep. Walsh
09:24:25 Rep. Karjala

Closing by Sponsor:

09:25:02 Rep. Garner

09:25:52 Chair McKamey

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 347

09:53:36 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 347 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

09:54:01 Rep. Custer

09:58:36 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Greef made a substitute motion that **HB 347 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

09:59:00 Rep. Bertoglio joined the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 371

09:59:40 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 371 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:00:09 Rep. Putnam
10:01:08 Pad McCracken, LSD
10:02:41 Rep. Hayman

10:03:31 **Motion:** Rep. Walsh moved that **HB 371 BE AMENDED.**
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Discussion:

10:05:13 Rep. Frazer
10:05:33 Rep. Karjala
10:06:04 Pad McCracken
10:06:30 Rep. Bertoglio
10:07:18 Rep. Reksten
10:08:59 Rep. Bertoglio

- 10:09:32 Rep. Karjala
10:10:54 Rep. Walsh
10:12:45 Rep. Kortum
10:13:07 Rep. Reksten
- 10:15:52 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Custer, Rep. Dooling, Rep. Frazer, Rep. Hill, Rep. McKamey, Rep. Putnam, Rep. Walsh and Rep. Whitman voting aye. Rep. Bishop and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.
- 10:17:06 Rep. Greef
10:18:35 Rep. Kortum
10:19:09 Rep. Walsh
- 10:20:02 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Reksten made a substitute motion that **HB 371 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 13-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Frazer, Rep. Greef, Rep. Hill, Rep. McKamey, Rep. Walsh and Rep. Whitman voting no. Rep. Bishop and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 455

- 10:22:04 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 455 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

- 10:22:40 Rep. Custer
10:25:50 Rep. Karjala
10:26:50 Rep. Frazer
- 10:27:34 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Walsh made a substitute motion that **HB 455 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 17-0 by voice vote. Rep. Bishop and Rep. Weatherwax were excused.
- 10:28:38 Rep. Dooling
10:29:29 Chair McKamey
10:30:36 Rep. Whitman
10:30:55 Chair McKamey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:31:39

John Bergoffen, Secretary

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