

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Wendy McKamey, on February 24, 2021 at 8:10 AM, in Room 455
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Wendy McKamey, Chair (R)
Rep. Sharon Greef, Vice Chair (R)
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. Tyson T. Running Wolf (D)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Marvin Weatherwax, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Kathy Whitman (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 489, 2/22/2021; HB 491, 2/22/2021; HB 506, 2/22/2021; HB 580, 2/22/2021; HB 588, 2/22/2021; HB 590, 2/22/2021
Executive Action on: HB 421; HB 441; HB 491; HB 452; HB 489; HB 456; HB 469; HB 580

08:12:15 Chair McKamey

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 421

08:14:25 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 421 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

08:14:40 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

08:19:43 Rep. Custer

08:22:04 Rep. Reksten

08:22:59 Chair McKamey

08:23:19 Rep. Putnam

08:24:01 Chair McKamey

08:26:26 Rep. Custer

08:27:36 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Custer made a substitute motion that **HB 421 BE TABLED.**

Discussion:

08:28:30 Hope Stockwell, LSD

08:29:08 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Bertoglio, Rep. Binkley, Rep. Frazer, Rep. Hill, Rep. Reksten and Rep. F. Smith voting no. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Whitman and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 441

08:31:06 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 441 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

08:31:33 Rep. Hayman

08:32:48 Rep. Karjala

08:33:35 Rep. Putnam

08:34:14 Rep. Dooling

08:35:45 Rep. Reksten

08:36:29 Chair McKamey

08:38:20 Hope Stockwell, LSD

08:38:34 Chair McKamey

08:38:43 Rep. Walsh

08:40:09 Rep. Kortum

08:41:27 Rep. Bertoglio

08:42:15 Chair McKamey

08:42:21 Rep. Custer

08:44:46 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Bertoglio, Rep. Binkley, Rep. Dooling, Rep. McKamey and Rep. Reksten voting no. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Weatherwax and Rep. Whitman voted by proxy.

HEARING ON HB 491

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:46:23 Rep. Moffie Funk (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 491, Revise access to military discharge records.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:48:07 Gary White, American Legion of Montana
08:48:50 Roger Hagan, Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Montana (EANGMT); American Legion of Montana
08:50:03 Doug Miller, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

08:53:20 Kelly Ackerman, Montana Veteran Affairs Division (MVAD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:55:39 Rep. Karjala
08:56:32 Kelly Ackerman, MVAD
08:58:59 Rep. Custer
09:02:27 Rep. Funk
09:02:47 Kelly Ackerman, MVAD

Closing by Sponsor:

09:05:48 Rep. Funk

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 491

09:06:51 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 491 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Weatherwax and Rep. Whitman voted by proxy.

HEARING ON HB 588

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:08:02 Rep. Casey Knudsen (R), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 588, Revise personal staff limits for executive branch.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:11:18 Stephanie Cote, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:12:48 Rep. Reksten
09:13:11 Rep. Knudsen
09:13:45 Rep. Hayman

09:15:15 Rep. Knudsen
09:16:03 Rep. Custer
09:17:59 Rep. Knudsen
09:19:18 Rep. Hayman
09:20:26 Rep. Knudsen
09:22:57 Rep. Hill
09:23:18 Rep. Knudsen
09:23:25 Chair McKamey
09:24:35 Rep. Knudsen
09:25:09 Rep. Custer
09:27:09 Rep. Knudsen

Closing by Sponsor:

09:27:19 Rep. Knudsen

HEARING ON HB 489

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:29:00 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 489, Require interim committees to review and recommend repeal of certain laws.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

09:31:43 Laurie Little Dog

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:34:49 Rep. Dooling
09:35:21 Rep. Kerns
09:36:36 Rep. Karjala
09:38:08 Rep. Kerns
09:38:18 Rep. Running Wolf
09:39:27 Rep. Kerns
09:39:42 Rep. Custer
09:40:35 Hope Stockwell, LSD
09:41:10 Rep. Dooling
09:41:49 Chair McKamey
09:43:45 Hope Stockwell, LSD
09:47:07 Chair McKamey
09:47:45 Rep. Dooling

Closing by Sponsor:

09:47:58 Rep. Kerns

09:48:35 Rep. Whitman joined the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 590**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:49:55 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 590, Clarify military access to federal leave of absence.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:53:19 Roger Hagan, Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Montana (EANGMT); American Legion of Montana

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

09:55:55 Major Mike Talia, Montana Army National Guard

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:59:59 Rep. Whitman
10:00:35 Rep. Kerns
10:01:07 Rep. Hill
10:01:51 Rep. Kerns
10:02:10 Major Talia, Montana Army National Guard
10:03:06 Rep. Hill
10:04:15 Major Talia, Montana Army National Guard
10:05:23 Rep. Hayman
10:08:21 Major Talia, Montana Army National Guard
10:08:33 Rep. Bertoglio
10:09:27 Major Talia, Montana Army National Guard
10:11:14 Rep. Kortum
10:11:54 Rep. Kerns
10:13:12 Major Talia, Montana Army National Guard
10:14:28 Rep. Reksten
10:14:41 Chair McKamey
10:14:56 Major Talia, Montana Army National Guard
10:15:21 Rep. Custer
10:16:44 Major Talia, Montana Army National Guard

Closing by Sponsor:

10:17:33 Rep. Kerns

10:18:59 Recess

10:25:41 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 506**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:26:07 Rep. Paul Fielder (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 506, Generally revise election laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:28:18 Director Dana Corson, Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

Opponents' Testimony:

10:32:08 Katjana Stutzer, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)
10:34:01 Allison Reinhardt, Montana Association of Students (MAS)
10:35:17 Rachel Schmidt, Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU)
10:36:42 Keaton Sunchild, Western Native Voice (WNV)
10:37:42 Sam Forstag, American's Civil Liberty Union (ACLU)
10:39:24 Ruthie Barbour, Forward Montana

Informational Testimony:

10:41:07 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders (MACR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:41:26 Rep. Hill
10:42:21 Dana Corson, SOS
10:43:35 Rep. Hayman
10:47:20 Regina Plettenberg, MACR
10:48:24 Rep. Greef
10:50:27 Dana Corson, SOS
10:50:44 Rep. Kortum
10:51:07 Regina Plettenberg MACR
10:51:30 Rep. Kortum
10:53:24 Dana Corson, SOS
10:53:53 Rep. Custer
10:55:06 Dana Corson, SOS
10:55:15 Rep. Reksten
10:56:46 Dana Corson, SOS
10:57:43 Regina Plettenberg, MACR

Closing by Sponsor:

10:59:10 Rep. Fielder

HEARING ON HB 580**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

11:02:39 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf (D), HD 16, opened the hearing on HB 580, Revising laws related to political committees.

Proponents' Testimony: None**Opponents' Testimony:**

11:08:25 Bruce Spencer, self

Informational Testimony:

11:10:54 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)
11:13:14 Jaime MacNaughton, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:14:00 Rep. Hayman
11:14:33 Jaime MacNaughton, COPP
11:15:34 Rep. Putnam

11:16:39 Rep. Reksten
11:17:30 Rep. Custer
11:18:17 Chair McKamey
11:18:48 Bruce Spencer, self
11:19:22 Chair McKamey
11:19:42 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP

Closing by Sponsor:

11:20:36 Rep. Running Wolf

11:21:53 Chair McKamey
11:39:09 Hope Stockwell, LSD
11:40:16 Rep. Walsh

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 452

11:40:35 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 452 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

11:40:55 Chair McKamey
11:41:16 Rep. Walsh

11:41:41 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Walsh made a substitute motion that **HB 452 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 11-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Putnam, Rep. Running Wolf, Rep. F. Smith and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Bishop and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 489

11:43:30 Chair McKamey

11:43:41 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 489 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

11:43:51 Rep. Dooling

11:44:29 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Dooling made a substitute motion that **HB 489 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 456

11:45:37 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 456 DO PASS.**

11:46:01 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Reksten made a substitute motion that **HB 456 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 15-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala and Rep. Kortum voting no. Rep. Bishop and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 469

11:48:04 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 469 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

11:48:21 Chair McKamey

11:48:41 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 580

11:49:36 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 580 DO PASS.**

11:50:38 **Motion:** Rep. Running Wolf moved that **HB 580 BE AMENDED.**
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Discussion:

11:51:45 Rep. Custer

11:52:08 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

11:53:08 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 580 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:53:19 Rep. Dooling

11:53:59 Rep. Putnam

11:54:32 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Rep. Binkley voting no. Rep. Bishop and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

11:55:22 Chair McKamey

11:55:53 Rep. Frazer

11:56:18 Chair McKamey

11:56:33 Rep. Hayman

11:57:16 Chair McKamey

11:57:35 Rep. Walsh

11:58:15 Chair McKamey

11:59:36 Rep. Frazer

12:00:02 Rep. Hill

12:00:33 Rep. Walsh

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:00:50

John Bergoffen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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