

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Wendy McKamey, on February 25, 2021 at 8:00 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. 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. Marvin Weatherwax, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

John Bergoffen, Committee Secretary
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch
Coleen Street, 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:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 530, 2/23/2021; HB 535, 2/23/2021; HB 536, 2/23/2021
Executive Action on: HB 447; HB 506; HB 588; HB 590

08:03:11 Rep. Greef assumed the chair

HEARING ON HB 530**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:03:48 Rep. Wendy McKamey (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HB 530, Require secretary of state to adopt rules governing election security.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:08:36 Dana Corson, Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

Informational Testimony:

08:11:25 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders (MACR)

08:11:50 Angus Maciver, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:12:15 Rep. Reksten
08:13:12 Dana Corson, SOS
08:15:34 Rep. Walsh
08:16:21 Rep. McKamey
08:16:47 Dana Corson, SOS
08:18:19 Rep. Walsh
08:19:20 Angus Maciver, Lad
08:20:14 Rep. Bertoglio
08:20:29 Dana Corson, SOS
08:24:22 Rep. Hayman
08:25:20 Regina Plettenberg, MACR
08:27:13 Rep. Karjala
08:28:08 Angus Maciver, LAD
08:29:17 Dana Corson, SOS
08:30:01 Rep. Karjala
08:30:20 Dana Corson, SOS
08:32:30 Rep. Putnam
08:33:00 Dana Corson, SOS
08:34:15 Rep. Custer
08:34:37 Dana Corson, SOS
08:35:30 Rep. Custer
08:35:58 Dana Corson, SOS
08:37:43 Rep. Custer
08:38:12 Dana Corson, SOS
08:39:02 Rep. Hill
08:40:00 Dana Corson, SOS
08:41:01 Rep. Walsh
08:42:01 Dana Corson, SOS

Closing by Sponsor:

08:42:51 Rep. McKamey

08:46:57 Rep. McKamey resumed the chair

HEARING ON HB 535

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:48:18 Rep. Derek Skees (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HB 535, Eliminate the commissioner of political practices.

Opponents' Testimony:

08:56:38 Rep. Greef assumed the chair

08:56:59 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

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[EXHIBIT\(sth40a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth40a03\)](#)

09:06:02 Rep. McKamey resumed the chair

09:08:07 Scott Cook, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

[EXHIBIT\(sth40a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth40a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth40a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth40a07\)](#)

09:15:35 Katjana Stutzer, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)

09:16:20 Keaton Sunchild, Western Native Voice

09:17:53 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders (MACR)

09:19:22 Tom Woods, self

09:21:59 C. B. Pearson, self

09:26:49 Jaime MacNaughton, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

09:34:57 Beth Rotman, Common Cause

09:40:22 Evan Barrett, self

09:48:43 David Saslav, self

Informational Testimony:

09:51:30 Dana Corson, SOS

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:51:47 Rep. Greef

09:52:29 Rep. Skees

09:53:05 Rep. Bertoglio

09:53:24 Rep. Skees

09:54:05 Rep. Hayman

09:54:38 Beth Rotman, Common Cause

09:57:15 Rep. Whitman

09:57:38 Rep. Skees

09:58:03 Rep. Karjala

09:59:32 Evan Barrett, self

10:00:47 Rep. Walsh

10:01:32 Rep. Skees

10:02:37 Rep. Walsh

10:03:10 Rep. Skees

10:04:14 Rep. Walsh

10:04:35 Rep. Skees

10:05:33 Rep. Binkley

10:07:04 Rep. Skees

10:08:20 Rep. Custer
10:10:09 Rep. Skees
10:10:41 Rep. Hill
10:11:10 Rep. Skees
10:11:37 Rep. Dooling
10:12:17 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP
10:13:21 Rep. Dooling
10:13:54 Rep. Skees
10:14:49 Rep. Smith
10:15:17 Rep. Skees
10:15:44 Rep. Smith
10:16:14 Rep. Skees
10:17:06 Rep. Smith
10:17:31 Rep. Skees
10:18:35 Chair McKamey
10:19:57 Rep. Skees
10:20:24 Chair McKamey
10:20:38 Rep. Skees
10:21:02 Chair McKamey
10:21:05 Rep. Skees
10:21:54 Chair McKamey
10:22:26 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP
10:23:19 Chair McKamey
10:23:46 Dana Corson, SOS
10:24:03 Chair McKamey

Closing by Sponsor:

10:24:29 Rep. Skees

10:41:10 Chair McKamey
10:41:25 Pad McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
10:41:45 Chair McKamey

HEARING ON HB 536**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:42:26 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 536, Revise laws related to political committees and rental/lease agreements w/ state.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:45:30 Rep. Reksten
10:46:28 Rep. Mercer
10:46:56 Rep. Walsh
10:47:39 Rep. Mercer
10:49:30 Rep. Putnam
10:50:00 Rep. Mercer
10:51:29 Rep. Putnam
10:52:04 Rep. Mercer
10:53:19 Rep. Kortum
10:53:53 Rep. Mercer

10:55:08 Rep. Kortum
10:55:35 Rep. Mercer
10:56:46 Rep. Kortum
10:57:06 Rep. Mercer
10:57:42 Rep. Hayman
10:59:11 Rep. Mercer

Informational Testimony:

11:00:40 Jaime MacNaughton, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:01:07 Rep. Custer
11:01:47 Jaime MacNaughton, COPP
11:02:36 Rep. Karjala
11:03:24 Rep. Mercer
11:03:57 Rep. Karjala
11:04:10 Rep. Mercer
11:04:31 Rep. Smith
11:04:53 Rep. Mercer
11:05:53 Rep. Smith
11:06:13 Rep. Mercer
11:07:00 Rep. Karjala
11:07:29 Jaime MacNaughton, COPP
11:08:00 Rep. Mercer
11:08:17 Rep. Custer
11:09:02 Rep. Mercer

Closing by Sponsor:

11:10:06 Rep. Mercer

11:10:39 Former Rep. Forest Mandeville, self
11:11:16 Chair McKamey
11:12:17 Rep. Hayman

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 447

11:25:38 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 447 DO PASS.**
11:26:01 **Motion:** Rep. Dooling moved that **HB 447 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:26:37 Rep. Dooling
11:26:50 Rep. Walsh
11:27:09 Rep. Karjala
11:27:24 Pad McCracken, LSD

11:28:46 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Rep. Hayman voting no. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Kortum and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

11:30:05 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 447 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:30:14 Rep. Hayman
11:30:51 Chair McKamey
11:31:10 Pad McCracken, LSD
11:32:13 Rep. Hayman
11:33:08 Rep. Karjala

11:33:57 **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, Rep. Kortum and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 588

11:35:53 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 588 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

11:36:12 Rep. Hayman
11:36:55 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
11:37:38 Chair McKamey
11:37:43 Rep. Hayman
11:39:03 Rep. Walsh
11:41:01 Rep. Hill

11:41:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Kortum and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 590

11:43:33 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 590 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

11:43:43 Rep. Bertoglio

11:44:28 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Kortum and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 530

11:45:14 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 530 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

11:45:22 Rep. Custer
11:47:11 Rep. Hayman

11:47:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Kortum and Rep. Weatherwax voted by proxy.

11:48:36 Chair McKamey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:49:13

John Bergoffen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth40aad.pdf](#))