

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Wendy McKamey, on February 26, 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. 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)
Rep. Kathy Whitman (R)

Members Excused:

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Cristen Friede, Committee Secretary
Coleen Street, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 611, 2/23/2021; HB 618, 2/23/2021; HB 571, 2/23/2021; HB 604, 2/23/2021; HB 613, 2/23/2021; HB 567, 2/23/2021; HJ 21, 2/23/2021
Executive Action on: HB 611; HB 618; HB 506; HJ 21; HB 535; HB 536; HB 567; HB 613; HB 571; HB 604

HEARING ON HB 611

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:12:36 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 611, Revise requirements for American flags at schools.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:14:42 Gerry White, American Legion of Montana
08:16:10 Fred Verzani, Montana Flag & Pole
08:19:01 Roger Hagan, Montana Air National Guard

Opponents' Testimony:

08:20:52 Laurie Little Dog, self

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:22:51 Rep. Putnam
08:23:20 Rep. Fitzgerald
08:23:28 Rep. Frazer
08:23:47 Rep. Fitzgerald
08:24:18 Rep. Bertoglio
08:24:49 Vice Chair Weatherwax joined the meeting.
08:25:00 Rep. Fitzgerald

Closing by Sponsor:

08:25:26 Rep. Fitzgerald

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 611

08:25:53 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 611 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop voted by proxy.

08:26:53 Vice chair Greef assumed the chair.

HEARING ON HB 618

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:27:43 Rep. Wendy McKamey (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HB 618, Establishing public records retention timelines for legislators.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:29:10 Laurie Little Dog, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

08:30:13 Rep. McKamey

08:31:54 Rep. Reksten

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 61808:32:30 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hill moved that **HB 618 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop voted by proxy.

08:34:11 Rep. Running Wolf

08:34:44 Rep. Hayman

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 50608:36:24 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 506 DO PASS**.08:37:35 **Motion:** Rep. Kortum moved that **HB 506 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(sth41a01\)](#)**Discussion:**

08:38:18 Rep. Walsh

08:38:37 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop voted by proxy.08:38:52 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 506 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.**Discussion:**

08:39:25 Rep. Custer

08:40:19 Rep. Dooling

08:40:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop voted by proxy.**HEARING ON HB 571****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:41:30 Rep. Derek Skees (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HB 571, Revise campaign contribution laws.

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

08:43:12 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, Office of Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

[EXHIBIT\(sth41a02\)](#)

08:46:07 Katjana Stutzer, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)

08:47:41 C.B. Pearson, self

08:50:42 Jaime MacNaughton, Office of Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:51:56 Rep. Reksten
08:56:33 Commissioner Mangan, COPP
08:57:58 Rep. Karjala
09:01:15 C.B. Pearson, self
09:02:11 Rep. Running Wolf
09:03:17 Rep. Skees
09:03:34 Rep. Putnam

Closing by Sponsor:

09:04:10 Rep. Skees

HEARING ON HB 604

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:07:42 Rep. Sara Novak (D), HD 77, opened the hearing on HB 604, Revise compensation of deputy sheriffs.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:09:11 Larry Nielson, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)
09:10:32 Brian Thompson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)
09:12:14 Joseph Luther, Park County Sheriffs Office
09:14:39 Joshua Leonhardt, Yellowstone County Sheriffs Office
09:16:42 Erin Foley, Teamsters Local Union #2

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:17:55 Rep. Custer
09:19:08 Joseph Luther, Park County Sheriffs Office
09:19:34 Rep. Walsh
09:20:58 Rep. Dooling
09:21:22 Brian Thompson, MSPOA

Closing by Sponsor:

09:22:43 Rep. Novak

HEARING ON HB 613

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:25:06 Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D), HD 42, opened the hearing on HB 613, Generally revise laws related to tribal voting.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:43:56 Keaton Sunchild, Western Native Voice

EXHIBIT(sth41a03)

09:45:00 Barbara Bessette, self
 09:46:03 Kelly Twoteeth, Montana Indian Vote
 09:47:20 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)
 09:47:49 Sam Forstag, American's Civil Liberty Union (ACLU)
 09:48:39 Makenna Sellers, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)
 09:49:15 Katjana Stutzer, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)
 09:49:38 Rachel Schmidt, Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU)
 09:49:57 Allison Reinhardt, Montana Associated Students (MAS)
 09:50:15 Beth Breneman, Disability Rights Montana
 09:50:55 Ruthie Barbour, Forward Montana
 09:51:48 Alanna Wulf, Big Sky 55+
 09:52:17 Daniella Vazquez, Indigenous Organizers' Collective of Montana
 09:53:02 Daliyah Killsback, Western Native Voice
 09:54:33 Cora Neumann, We Are Montana; Western Native Voice
 09:55:50 Sharon Patton-Griffin, self
 09:57:23 Ella Smith, Montana Women Vote
 09:58:38 Laurie Little Dog, self
 09:59:10 Preston Parish, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)
 09:59:55 Andy Werk Jr., Fort Belknap Indian Community Council
 10:01:12 Lauri Kindness, Crow Reservation
 10:02:29 Alissa Snow, self
 10:03:32 John Brown, self
 10:04:56 Bob Thaden, self
 10:08:49 Adrian Jawort, Montana Native Vote

Opponents' Testimony:

10:07:01 Gordon Oelkers, self
 10:09:51 Joan Duffield, self
 10:11:30 Dana Corson, Secretary of States Office (SOS)

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:14:06 Rep. Running Wolf
 10:18:37 Dana Corson, SOS
 10:20:06 Rep. Weatherwax
 10:21:34 Chair McKamey
 10:22:35 Andy Werk Jr., Fort Belknap Indian Community Council
 10:24:03 Rep. Hayman
 10:24:21 Rep. Dooling
 10:25:44 Chair McKamey
 10:26:11 Rep. Smith
 10:26:53 Dana Corson, SOS
 10:28:12 Rep. Walsh
 10:31:37 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
 10:33:40 Vice Chair Greef
 10:34:03 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
 10:35:46 Rep. Custer
 10:36:42 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 10:38:39 Chair McKamey

10:39:19 Rep. Walsh
10:40:16 Rep. Running Wolf
10:40:33 Rep. Hayman
10:40:44 Rep. Weatherwax
10:42:46 Chair McKamey
10:42:58 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
10:43:28 Hope Stockwell, LSD
10:44:03 Chair McKamey
10:45:30 Rep. Karjala
10:45:41 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
10:46:20 Rep. Reksten
10:47:10 Rep. Hill
10:49:54 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
10:50:53 Rep. Running Wolf
10:51:10 Chair McKamey
10:51:49 Rep. Running Wolf
10:52:36 Rep. Stewart Peregoy

Closing by Sponsor:

10:53:07 Rep. Stewart Peregoy

10:54:04 Recess
10:58:01 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 567

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:58:16 Rep. Jane Gillette (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 567, Generally revise budget laws to implement tiered-level evidence budgeting.

[EXHIBIT\(sth41a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

11:18:13 Erica Johnston, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Informational Testimony:

11:19:16 Josh Poulette, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:19:48 Rep. Karjala
11:23:07 Rep. Gillette
11:24:16 Rep. Custer
11:25:03 Erica Johnston, DPHHS
11:26:31 Chair McKamey

Closing by Sponsor:

11:27:24 Rep. Gillette

HEARING ON HJ 21

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

11:29:27 Rep. Laurie Bishop (D), HD 60, opened the hearing on HJ 21, Urge designation of state funeral for last WWII medal of honor recipient.

Proponents' Testimony:

11:31:36 Raymond Read, American Legion

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:33:36 Vice Chair Greef

Closing by Sponsor:

11:34:01 Rep. Bishop

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 21

11:34:39 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Greef moved that **HJ 21 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:35:55 Rep. Reksten

11:36:02 Chair McKamey

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 535

11:40:32 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 535 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

11:40:39 Rep. Reksten

11:40:54 Rep. Custer

11:42:15 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Putnam made a substitute motion that **HB 535 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 536

11:43:12 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 536 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

11:43:16 Rep. Karjala

11:43:48 Rep. Custer

11:44:48 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Frazer made a substitute motion that **HB 536 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bertoglio, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Running Wolf, Rep. F. Smith and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Bishop voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 567

11:46:59 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 567 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

11:48:31 Rep. Custer

11:49:50 Rep. Walsh

11:51:05 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Putnam made a substitute motion that **HB 567 BE INDEFINITELY POSTPONED**.

Discussion:

11:52:30 Rep. Kortum

11:52:52 Hope Stockwell, LSD

11:53:42 Without objection, Rep. Putnam withdrew the BE INDEFINITELY POSTPONED motion.

11:53:54 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Greef made a substitute motion that **HB 567 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Rep. Hill voting no. Rep. Bishop voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 613

11:55:01 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 613 DO PASS**.

11:55:16 **Motion:** Rep. Dooling moved that **HB 613 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(sth41a05\)](#)

Discussion:

11:56:14 Hope Stockwell, LSD

11:57:05 Rep. Dooling

11:57:43 Chair McKamey

11:57:54 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop voted by proxy.

11:59:14 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 613 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 571

12:00:51 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 571 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

12:01:02 Rep. Custer
12:01:45 Rep. Hill
12:02:02 Rep. Putnam
12:02:31 Rep. Hayman
12:02:54 Rep. Hill

12:03:36 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Bishop voted by proxy.

12:04:37 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Greef made a substitute motion that **HB 571 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 604

12:05:40 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 604 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

12:05:45 Rep. Putman
12:06:31 Rep. Reksten
12:06:58 Hope Stockwell, LSD
12:07:19 Chair McKamey
12:08:04 Rep. Custer

12:09:59 **Motion:** Rep. Putnam moved that **HB 604 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(sth41a06\)](#)

Discussion:

12:10:18 Hope Stockwell, LSD
12:10:47 Rep. Walsh
12:11:41 Rep. Smith
12:12:45 Rep. Karjala
12:12:56 Rep. Walsh
12:13:38 Rep. Hill
12:13:48 Chair McKamey
12:13:54 Rep. Dooling
12:15:13 Rep. Custer

12:16:07 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop voted by proxy.

12:16:42 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 604 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

12:16:59 Rep. Hill
12:17:22 Vice Chair Greef
12:17:41 Rep. Whitman
12:17:59 Rep. Putnam
12:18:42 Rep. Walsh
12:19:16 Rep. Hayman

12:19:35 Rep. Whitman

12:19:52 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Greef voting no. Rep. Bishop voted by proxy.

12:21:13 Chair McKamey

12:21:26 Rep. Walsh

12:22:03 Rep. Weatherwax

12:22:50 Chair McKamey

12:23:10 Hope Stockwell, LSD

12:23:58 Chair McKamey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:24:34

Cristen Friede, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth41aad.pdf](#))