

MINUTES
MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Holmlund on March 9, 2021 at 10:00 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Matt Regier, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Brad Tschida, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)
Rep. David Bedey (R)
Rep. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Mary Caferro, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division
Julie Johnson, Legislative Fiscal Division
Jamie Bonilla, Committee Secretary
Anthony Nuno, 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 583, 3/3/2021; HB 584, 3/3/2021; HB 2, 3/3/2021
Executive Action: HB 584

10:07:19 Rep. Windy Boy
10:07:31 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

HEARING ON HB 583

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:12:28 Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R), HD 43, opened the hearing on HB 583, Generally revise criminal justice laws.

10:15:35 Rep. Jones joined the meeting.

Proponents:

10:17:41 Janae Weber, self
10:22:08 Richard Shreves, self
10:23:41 Sam Forstag, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
10:24:36 Beth Brennenman, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)
10:25:47 Steve Cape, Coalition for Safety and Justice
10:29:12 Gregg Trude, self
10:31:21 Chair Holmlund

Opponents:

10:31:47 Brian Thompson, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA)
10:32:49 Chair Holmlund

Informational Testimony:

10:33:10 Patrick Smith, Montana Department of Corrections (DOC)
10:33:35 Jodi Stone, Montana Department of Corrections (DOC)
10:34:01 Kimberly Timm, Montana Department of Corrections (DOC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:34:35 Rep. Garner
10:35:53 Rep. Seekins-Crowe
10:38:30 Rep. Patelis
10:39:06 Rep. Seekins-Crowe
10:41:15 Rep. Bedey
10:41:57 Rep. Seekins-Crowe
10:43:27 Rep. Mercer
10:46:27 Jodi Stone, DOC
10:47:12 Chair Holmlund
10:47:19 Rep. Windy Boy
10:48:34 Jodi Stone, DOC
10:49:21 Rep. Windy Boy
10:49:43 Jodi Stone, DOC
10:50:29 Chair Holmlund
10:50:34 Rep. Hamilton
10:54:05 Rep. Seekins-Crowe
10:54:53 Chair Holmlund
10:54:58 Rep. Patelis
10:55:23 Jodi Stone, DOC

10:55:42 Patrick Smith, DOC
10:55:59 Rep. Patelis
10:56:30 Patrick Smith, DOC
10:56:39 Rep. Nave
10:57:24 Jodi Stone, DOC
10:57:43 Rep. Nave
11:01:10 Patrick Smith, DOC
11:02:03 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
11:03:13 Rep. Seekins-Crowe
11:04:11 Chair Holmlund
11:04:19 Rep. Keane
11:05:50 Jodi Stone, DOC
11:07:30 Rep. Keane
11:08:32 Patrick Smith, DOC
11:08:40 Chair Holmlund

Closing by Sponsor:

11:09:21 Rep. Seekins-Crowe

HEARING ON HB 584

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

11:11:13 Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R), HD 43, opened the hearing on HB 584, Requiring certain costs paid to detention center be based on actual costs.

11:11:42 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kerr-Carpenter moved that **HB 584 BE TABLED** at the request of the Sponsor. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Bartel, Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

11:14:09 Chair Holmlund

11:14:31 Recessed
14:31:27 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 2 Section A

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

14:38:31 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 2, General Appropriations Act.

14:38:51 Rep. Jones assumed the gavel.

Informational Testimony:

14:39:36 Amy Carlson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
EXHIBIT(aph47a01)

14:42:30 Chair Jones
14:43:14 Kurt Alme, Office of Budget Program and Planning (OBPP)
14:48:38 Chair Jones

14:49:11 Rep. Bartel
14:54:30 Chair Jones
14:55:25 Susan Fox, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

EXHIBIT(aph47a02)

14:59:31 Amy Carlson, LFD
15:00:54 Chair Jones
15:01:48 Rep. Nave
15:02:54 Chair Jones

Public Comment: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:03:34 Rep. Regier
15:04:01 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue (DOR)
15:04:06 Rep. Fuller
15:04:32 Susan Fox, LSD
15:05:15 Rep. Regier
15:05:33 Rep. Bartel
15:06:12 Susan Fox, LSD
15:08:17 Chair Jones
15:08:27 Rep. Schilinger
15:09:03 Amy Carlson, LFD

HB 2 Section A- Consumer Counsel Hearing

15:09:49 Rep. Bartel
15:11:58 Bob Nelson, Consumer Counsel

Public Comment: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:13:00 Rep. Nave
15:13:36 Bob Nelson, Consumer Counsel

HB 2 Section A- Governor's Office Hearing

15:14:12 Rep. Bartel
15:17:20 Chris Heggem, Office of the Governor (GOV)

Public Comment: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

HB 2 Section A- Commissioner of Political Practices Hearing

15:19:34 Rep. Bartel
15:21:21 Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

Public Comment: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:22:34 Rep. Regier
15:22:57 Rep. Bartel

HB 2 Section A -State Auditor's Office Hearing

15:23:13 Rep. Bartel
15:24:37 Commissioner Troy Downing, Office of the Montana State Auditor Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI)

EXHIBIT(aph47a03)

15:27:04 Rep. Caferro joined the meeting.
15:31:14 Chair Jones

Public Comment: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses

15:31:36 Rep. Nave
15:32:06 Commissioner Troy Downing, CSI
15:33:14 Chair Jones

HB 2 Section A Department of Revenue Hearing

15:33:41 Rep. Bartel
15:36:30 Brendan Beatty, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)
15:37:53 Chair Jones

Public Comment: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses

15:38:11 Rep. Regier
15:39:23 Rep. Bartel
15:39:41 Rep. Garner
15:40:07 Rep. Bartel
15:40:21 Rep. Regier
15:40:46 Rep. Bartel
15:40:58 Chair Jones
15:41:09 Rep. Bartel
15:41:18 Rep. Regier
15:41:47 Director Beatty, DOR
15:42:14 Rep. Nave

15:44:11 Brendan Beatty, DOR
15:44:30 Rep. Vinton
15:45:20 Brendan Beatty, DOR
15:45:35 Rep. Ricci
15:46:26 Brendan Beatty, DOR
15:46:41 Chair Jones
15:46:45 Rep. Mercer

EXHIBIT(aph47a04)

15:49:03 Brendan Beatty, DOR
15:50:07 Rep. Mercer
15:51:22 Brendan Beatty, DOR
15:51:32 Rep. Caferro
15:52:09 Brendan Beatty, DOR
15:52:21 Tracy Morano, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)
15:52:57 Rep. Caferro
15:58:51 Tracy Morano, DOR
15:59:12 Chair Jones
15:59:20 Rep. Windy Boy
16:00:20 Brendan Beatty
16:00:41 Shauna Helfert, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)
16:02:01 Rep. Windy Boy
16:02:20 Shauna Helfert, DOR
16:03:13 Chair Jones
16:03:25 Rep. Tschida
16:04:31 Brendan Beatty, DOR
16:05:15 Chair Jones
16:05:23 Rep. Caferro
16:06:28 Brendan Beatty, DOR
16:06:39 Tracy Morano, DOR
16:07:26 Rep. Caferro
16:07:58 Tracy Morano, DOR
16:08:52 Chair Jones
16:10:09 Rep. Bartel
16:10:52 Rep. Keane
16:11:10 Tracy Morano, DOR
16:13:19 Rep. Keane
16:13:41 Chair Jones
16:13:45 Rep. Tschida
16:17:24 Brendan Beatty, DOR
16:17:44 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
16:19:17 Tracy Morano, DOR
16:19:33 Kristan Barbour, Department of Revenue (DOR)

HB 2 Section A Department of Administration Hearing

16:20:44 Rep. Bartel
16:27:18 Misty Ann Giles, Montana Department of Administration (DOA)

Public Comment: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:29:32 Rep. Regier
 16:30:31 Chair Jones
 16:30:47 Rep. Regier
 16:31:02 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
 16:31:45 Rep. Hamilton
 16:35:27 Rep. Bartel
 16:35:41 Rep. Hamilton
 16:36:04 Joe Triem, LFD
 16:36:59 Rep. Keane
 16:38:01 Katie Guenther, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
 16:39:00 Rep. Keane
 16:39:30 Chair Jones
 16:39:52 Rep. Keane
 16:40:02 Katie Guenther, LFD
 16:40:36 Rep. Mercer
 16:41:27 Rep. Bartel
 16:42:13 Rep. Mercer
 16:46:05 Misty Ann Giles, DOA
 16:46:25 Rep. Mercer
 16:47:18 Chair Jones
 16:47:24 Rep. Schillinger
 16:48:02 Rep. Bartel
 16:49:25 Rep. Schillinger
 16:49:53 Matt VanSyckle, Montana Department of Administration (DOA)
 16:51:01 Rep. Schillinger
 16:51:21 Rep. Keane
 16:53:34 Matt VanSyckle, DOA
 16:54:34 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
 16:55:37 Matt VanSyckle, DOA
 16:56:38 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
 16:56:57 Brendan Beatty, DOA
 16:57:40 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
 16:58:00 Matt VanSyckle, DOA
 16:58:35 Rep. Nave
 17:00:45 Matt VanSyckle, DOA
 17:01:14 Chair Jones
 17:01:18 Rep. Tschida
 17:01:31 Matt VanSyckle, DOA
 17:02:03 Chair Jones

HB 2 Section A Department of Commerce Hearing

17:02:33 Rep. Bartel
 17:05:12 Chair Jones
 17:05:24 Adam Schafer, Montana Department of Commerce (COM)
 17:08:35 Chair Jones

Public Comment: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

17:09:13 Rep. Hamilton
17:10:14 Adam Schafer, COM
17:10:36 Rep. Hamilton
17:10:59 Rep. Bartel
17:11:26 Rep. Tschida
17:11:47 Rep. Regier
17:12:03 Adam Schafer, COM
17:12:16 Adam Gill, Montana Department of Commerce (COM)
17:13:12 Chair Jones

HB 2 Section A Department of Labor and Industry Hearing

17:14:13 Rep. Bartel
17:17:04 Lauri Esau, Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)
17:18:12 Paul Martin, Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Public Comment: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

17:18:43 Rep. Mercer

EXHIBIT(aph47a05)

17:20:35 Lauri Esau, DLI
17:21:34 Rep. Mercer
17:23:22 Chair Jones

HB 2 Section A Department of Labor and Industry Hearing

17:23:48 Rep. Bartel
17:27:40 Chair Jones
17:27:49 General Pete Hronek, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)
17:33:41 Chair Jones

Public Comment:

17:33:52 Sarah Piper, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

17:35:59 Rep. Hamilton
17:36:28 General Hronek, DMA
17:36:54 Trent Gibson, Montana Youth Challenge Academy (MYCA)
17:37:12 Rep. Hamilton
17:37:49 Sundi West, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)
17:38:27 Rep. Hamilton
17:39:04 Sundi West, DMA
17:39:54 Rep. Bartel
17:42:34 Chair Jones

17:42:42 Rep. Ricci
17:43:54 Chair Jones
17:44:00 Rep. Mercer

[EXHIBIT\(aph47a06\)](#)

17:45:36 General Hronek, DMA
17:46:56 Chair Jones
17:48:52 Rep. Caferro
17:49:00 Chair Jones
17:49:24 Rep. Garner
17:49:28 Chair Jones

17:49:51 Recessed

Additional Documents:

[EXHIBIT\(aph47aad.pdf\)](#)