

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Wendy McKamey, on March 10, 2021 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Wendy McKamey, Chair (R)
Rep. Sharon Greef, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax, Vice Chair (D)
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. Laurie Bishop (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: John Bergoffen, Committee Secretary
Coleen Street, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Pad McCracken, Legislative Branch

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 547, 3/8/2021; SB 120, 3/8/2021; SB 175, 3/8/2021
Executive Action on: HB 522, 3/8/2021; HB 388, 3/8/2021;

09:01:42 Chair McKamey

HEARING ON SB 120

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:02:01 Sen. John Esp (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB 120, Revise appointment and employment of legislative auditor.

Informational Testimony:

09:04:40 Deborah Butler, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:05:13 Rep. Custer
09:05:26 Deborah Butler, LAD
09:05:54 Rep. Custer
09:06:02 Deborah Butler, LAD
09:06:14 Rep. Hill
09:06:28 Deborah Butler, LAD
09:06:45 Rep. Hill
09:06:57 Rep. Walsh
09:07:26 Sen. Esp

Closing by Sponsor:

09:08:12 Sen. Esp

HEARING ON SB 175

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:08:56 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 175, Generally revise contributions to the judges' retirement system.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:10:34 Ryan Evans, Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

Informational Testimony:

09:12:54 Dory Schwinden, Montana Public Employee Retirement Association (MPERA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:13:42 Rep. Hill
09:14:19 Ryan Evans, OBPP
09:14:52 Rep. Putnam
09:15:44 Chair McKamey
09:16:26 Rep. Hayman
09:16:48 Dore Schwinden, MPERA
09:17:53 Rep. Walsh
09:18:22 Dore Schwinden, MPERA
09:18:33 Rep. Karjala
09:19:27 Sen. Kary
09:19:50 Rep. Walsh

09:20:34 Dore Schwinden, MPERA

Closing by Sponsor:

09:20:58 Sen. Kary

HEARING ON HB 547

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:22:21 Rep. Jim Hamilton (D), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB 547, Require legislative fiscal division to contract for actuarial services.

[EXHIBIT\(sth48a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

09:37:20 Sarah Piper, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

Informational Testimony:

09:39:34 Cindy Jorgenson, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

09:40:54 Shawn Graham, Montana's Teacher Retirement System (TRS)

09:44:33 Dore Schwinden, Montana Public Employee Retirement Association (MPERA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:45:29 Rep. Reksten

09:46:01 Rep. Hamilton

09:46:07 Rep. Reksten

09:46:25 Rep. Hamilton

09:47:20 Rep. Custer

09:48:32 Rep. Hamilton

09:50:05 Rep. Hayman

09:51:00 Rep. Hamilton

09:52:40 Rep. Hill

09:53:19 Cindy Jorgenson, LAD

09:56:03 Rep. Walsh

09:56:35 Dore Schwinden, MPERA

09:57:41 Rep. Smith

09:58:21 Rep. Hamilton

09:59:26 Chair McKamey

09:59:57 Rep. Hamilton

Closing by Sponsor:

10:01:13 Rep. Hamilton

10:47:53 Chair McKamey

10:48:43 Rep. Karjala

10:50:06 Pad McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

10:50:32 Chair McKamey

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 522

10:51:18 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 522 DO PASS.**

10:51:31 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 522 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(sth48a02)

Discussion:

10:51:48 Rep. Hayman
10:53:19 Rep. Custer
10:55:03 Chair McKamey
10:55:44 Rep. Dooling
10:56:27 Rep. Hayman
10:57:43 Rep. Karjala
10:58:54 Rep. Putnam
10:59:27 Chair McKamey
10:59:35 Rep. Dooling
11:00:17 Chair McKamey

11:01:11 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Binkley moved that **HB 522 BE POSTPONED TO ALLOW TIME FOR AN AMENDMENT.** Motion carried 18-0 by voice vote. Rep. Bishop was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 388

11:02:03 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 388 DO PASS.**

11:02:14 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 388 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(sth48a03)

Discussion:

11:03:12 Rep. Hayman
11:04:36 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with Rep. Dooling voting no. Rep. Bishop was excused.
11:05:04 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 388 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:05:13 Rep. Kortum
11:06:08 Rep. Hill
11:08:22 Rep. Hayman
11:10:06 Rep. Custer
11:12:01 Rep. Karjala
11:12:25 Rep. Walsh
11:13:08 Rep. Dooling
11:13:46 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Binkley, Rep. Dooling and Rep. Hill voting no. Rep. Bishop voted by proxy.
11:15:12 Chair McKamey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:16:16

John Bergoffen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth48aad.pdf](#))