

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on March 12, 2021 at 10:30 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro, Vice Chair (D)
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. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Jamie Bonilla, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division
Anthony Nuno, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 2, 3/4/2021

Executive Action: HB 2

10:42:46 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 2, Section C

10:43:17 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Caferro, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(aph50a01)

10:45:25 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(aph50a02)

10:46:25 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED**.

EXHIBIT(aph50a03)

Discussion:

10:47:20 Chair Jones

10:47:37 Rep. Keane

10:47:46 Chair Jones

10:48:17 Rep. Keane

10:48:32 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

10:48:46 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(aph50a04)

10:49:50 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(aph50a05)

10:50:43 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(aph50a06)

10:51:58 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried 21-3 by voice vote with Rep. Mercer, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Tschida voting no. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(aph50a07)

10:53:58 Motion: Rep. Read moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED**.

EXHIBIT(aph50a08)

Discussion:

10:55:05 Rep. Tschida

10:55:13 Rep. Read

10:55:44 Rep. Windy Boy

10:56:09 Rep. Read
10:56:41 Rep. Keane

10:56:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keane, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

10:58:29 **Motion:** Rep. M. Regier moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(aph50a09\)](#)

Discussion:

10:59:31 Rep. Holmlund
10:59:47 Rep. Keane

11:01:16 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keane, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

11:01:36 Chair Jones

11:01:59 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 2 SECTION C BE CLOSED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

11:02:31 Recessed
11:05:00 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 2, Section D

11:05:10 **Motion:** Rep. Mercer moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(aph50a10\)](#)

Discussion:

11:06:40 Rep. Keane
11:06:55 Rep. Mercer

11:08:07 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

11:08:45 **Motion:** Rep. Mercer moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(aph50a11\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(aph50a12\)](#)

Discussion:

11:12:22 Rep. Hamilton
11:15:10 Rep. Mercer

11:17:48 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

11:18:10 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Mercer moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

[EXHIBIT\(aph50a13\)](#)

11:19:00 **Motion:** Rep. Mercer moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED**.

[EXHIBIT\(aph50a14\)](#)

Discussion:

11:21:22 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

11:22:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Jones, Rep. Keane, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

11:24:42 **Motion:** Rep. Mercer moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED**.

[EXHIBIT\(aph50a15\)](#)

Discussion:

11:26:36 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

11:26:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Garner, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Holmlund, Rep. Keane, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

11:28:30 Chair Jones

11:28:36 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Patelis moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

[EXHIBIT\(aph50a16\)](#)

11:30:30 **Motion:** Rep. Patelis moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED**.

[EXHIBIT\(aph50a17\)](#)

Discussion:

11:31:59 Rep. Mercer

11:33:26 Rep. Garner

11:33:47 Rep. Windy Boy

11:34:07 Chair Jones

11:34:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

11:34:30 **Motion:** Rep. Patelis moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED**.

[EXHIBIT\(aph50a18\)](#)

Discussion:

11:35:52 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

11:36:07 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

11:36:28 **Motion:** Rep. Kerr-Carpenter moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(aph50a19\)](#)

Discussion:

11:37:07 Rep. Mercer
11:37:39 Rep. Patelis
11:38:01 Rep. Bartel
11:30:24 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

11:39:41 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-15 by roll call vote with Rep. Bedey, Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keane, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting aye. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

11:41:05 Chair Jones

11:41:13 **Motion:** Rep. Kerr-Carpenter moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(aph50a20\)](#)

Discussion:

11:42:09 Rep. Mercer
11:42:16 Rep. Patelis

11:43:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

11:43:32 **Motion:** Rep. Kerr-Carpenter moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(aph50a21\)](#)

Discussion:

11:45:06 Rep. Mercer
11:45:40 Chair Jones

11:45:46 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

11:46:04 **Motion:** Rep. Kerr-Carpenter moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(aph50a22\)](#)

Discussion:

11:47:04 Rep. Mercer
11:48:11 Chair Jones

11:48:13 **Vote:** Motion carried 23-1 by voice vote with Rep. M. Regier voting no. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

11:49:04 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 2 SECTION D BE CLOSED.** Motion carried 23-0 by voice vote. Rep. Vinton was excused.

Committee Business:

11:49:28 Chair Jones
11:49:52 Rep. Caferro
11:50:00 Chair Jones

11:51:01 Recessed
12:04:20 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 2, Section B

12:04:24 Chair Jones

12:04:50 **Motion:** Rep. M. Regier moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(aph50a23)

Discussion:

12:06:03 Rep. Caferro
12:06:32 Rep. Regier
12:06:59 Chair Jones

12:07:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

12:08:06 **Motion:** Rep. M. Regier moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(aph50a24)

Discussion:

12:09:19 Rep. Caferro
12:09:52 Rep. Hamilton left the meeting.
12:10:30 Chair Jones

12:10:52 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keane, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Perego and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Hamilton and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

12:13:28 **Motion:** Rep. Caferro moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(aph50a25)

Discussion:

12:18:26 Rep. Regier
12:20:42 Rep. Caferro
12:21:06 Rep. Patelis and Rep. Windy Boy left the meeting.

12:22:02 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-17 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keane, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Perego and Rep. Vinton voting aye. Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Patelis, Rep. Vinton and Rep. Windy Boy voted by proxy.

12:22:53 **Motion:** Rep. Windy Boy moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(aph50a26)

Discussion:

12:25:56 Rep. Regier
12:25:59 Rep. Hamilton and Rep. Windy Boy joined the meeting.
12:26:42 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
12:28:03 Rep. Windy Boy

12:28:52 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bartel, Rep. Fuller, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Moore, Rep. Nave, Rep. M. Regier, Rep. Ricci, Rep. Schillinger and Rep. Tschida voting no. Rep. Patelis and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

12:30:44 **Motion:** Rep. Caferro moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(aph50a27\)](#)

Discussion:

12:31:06 Rep. Caferro
12:32:24 Rep. Regier
12:33:53 Rep. Garner
12:34:09 Rep. Patelis joined the meeting.
12:34:29 Rep. Bedey
12:34:56 Rep. Mercer
12:35:55 Chair Jones
12:36:06 Rep. Caferro
12:36:50 Rep. Regier

12:37:34 Without objection, Rep. Caferro withdrew the **BE AMENDED MOTION.**

12:38:45 **Motion:** Rep. Moore moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(aph50a28\)](#)

Discussion:

12:40:46 Rep. Regier
12:41:24 Rep. Caferro
12:43:06 Chair Jones
12:43:13 Rep. Moore

12:44:06 **Vote:** Motion failed 12-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Bedey, Rep. Garner, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Holmlund, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Keane, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Moore, Rep. Patelis and Rep. Windy Boy voting aye. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

12:46:40 Recessed
13:37:40 Reconvened

13:37:55 Chair Jones

13:38:23 **Motion:** Rep. Moore moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(aph50a29\)](#)

Discussion:

13:38:42 Rep. Moore
13:40:13 Rep. Regier
13:41:08 Rep. Caferro
13:44:00 Rep. Keane
13:45:05 Rep. Moore

13:45:43 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Fuller, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keane, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Nave, Rep. Read, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tschida and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

13:45:37 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(aph50a30)

Discussion:

13:47:41 Rep. Ricci
13:48:47 Rep. Regier
13:49:19 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
13:50:31 Rep. Mercer
13:50:56 Rep. Regier
13:52:16 Rep. Garner
15:52:32 Rep. Ricci
15:52:37 Rep. Moore
13:53:47 Rep. Regier
13:53:52 Chair Jones

13:54:07 **Vote:** Motion failed 11-13 by roll call vote with Rep. Bedey, Rep. Garner, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keane, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Read, Rep. M. Regier, Rep. Ricci, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting aye. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

13:55:45 **Motion:** Rep. Stewart Peregoy moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(aph50a31)

Discussion:

13:57:17 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
14:00:27 Rep. Garner
14:00:06 Rep. Regier
14:00:33 Rep. Garner

14:01:45 Without objection, Rep. Stewart Peregoy withdrew the **BE AMENDED MOTION.**

14:02:15 **Motion:** Rep. Keogh moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(aph50a32)

Discussion:

14:02:51 Rep. Keogh
14:06:13 Rep. Regier
14:06:50 Rep. Windy Boy
14:07:07 Rep. Tschida
14:09:32 Rep. Caferro

EXHIBIT(aph50a33)

14:10:46 Rep. Keogh

14:11:16 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-16 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Keane, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting aye. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

14:13:19 **Motion:** Rep. Keogh moved that **HB 2 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(aph50a34)**Discussion:**

14:13:47 Rep. Keogh
14:15:29 Rep. Moore
14:18:16 Chair Jones
14:18:18 Rep. Keogh

14:18:30 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-17 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keane, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting aye. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

14:20:06 Rep. Garner
14:20:58 Rep. Caferro
14:21:04 Chair Jones

14:21:18 **Motion/Vote.** Rep. Holmlund moved to close HB 2, Section B. Motion carried unanimously 24-0 by voice vote. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

14:22:28 **Motion/Vote.** Rep. Mercer moved to re-open HB 2, Section D. Motion carried unanimously 23-0 by voice vote. 23-0.

14:22:45 Chair Jones
14:23:08 Joe Triem, LFD

14:24:59 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved to reconsider prior action on HB 2 Amendment 000214-D.AKW. Motion carried unanimously 23-0 by voice vote..

14:25:37 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved to reconsider prior action on HB 2 Amendment 000215-D.AKW. Motion carried unanimously 24-0 by voice vote Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

14:26:17 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Mercer moved to close Section D. Motion carried unanimously 23-0 by voice vote.

14:27:12 Rep. Garner
14:27:24 Chair Jones

14:27:34 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 2 DO PASS.**

14:27:44 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved **HB 2 BE AMENDED** by striking everything beneath the enacting clause and substituting the text of the amended study bill which represents the recommendations of the joint appropriations subcommittee and the actions of the full appropriations committee. Motion carried by voice vote 23-1. Rep. Hamilton voted no. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

14:28:48 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 2 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 16-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Fuller, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keane, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Nave and Rep. Tschida voting no. Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

Committee Business:

14:30:57 Chair Jones
14:31:40 Rep. Bartel
14:33:35 Chair Jones
14:33:46 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
14:34:02 Joe Triem, LFD
14:34:45 Chair Jones
14:35:32 Kris Wilkerson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
14:26:35 Chair Jones
14:36:58 Rep. Hamilton
14:37:34 Rep. Keogh
14:39:20 Chair Jones
15:15:20 Rep. Bartel
14:39:54 Chair Jones
14:41:22 Rep. Mercer
14:41:39 Chair Jones
14:41:46 Joe Triem, LFD
14:42:21 Chair Jones
14:42:35 Rep. Caferro
14:43:06 Chair Jones
14:45:30 Rep. Caferro
14:46:14 Chair Jones

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 14:48:45

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph50aad.pdf](#))