

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES ON LONG RANGE PLANNING & GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Mike Hopkins, on March 16, 2021 at 8:00 AM, in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Hopkins, Chair (R)
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Mike Lang, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Mike Cuffe, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Dan Bartel, Chair (R)
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Caitlin Cashman, Committee Secretary
Catherine Duncan, Legislative Branch
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch
Jason Harlow, Office of Budget and Program Planning
Heather Vande-Sandt, 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: Department of Labor & Industry - Unemployment Insurance Topics, Workforce Development Concepts; Department of Military Affairs - Emergency Services.

08:07:32 Chair Hopkins

Department of Labor and Industry:

08:08:43 Molly DelCurto, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
08:09:29 Natalie Smitham, Department of Labor & Industry (DLI)
08:09:36 Chair Hopkins
08:09:38 Natalie Smitham, DLI
08:10:04 Paul Martin, Department of Labor & Industry (DLI)
08:13:23 Chair Hopkins
08:13:31 Vice Chair Lang
08:14:06 Chair Hopkins
08:14:23 Molly DelCurto, LFD
08:14:34 Chair Hopkins
08:15:01 Molly DelCurto, LFD
08:15:11 Chair Hopkins
08:15:13 Natalie Smitham, DLI
08:18:23 Chair Hopkins
08:18:29 Vice Chair Lang
08:18:51 Natalie Smitham, DLI
08:18:57 Chair Hopkins
08:19:18 Heather Vande-Sandt, Remote Meeting Coordinator (RMC)
08:19:25 Sen. Flowers
08:19:45 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
08:20:00 Sen. Flowers
08:20:30 Natalie Smitham, DLI
08:21:44 Sen. Flowers
08:22:21 Natalie Smitham, DLI
08:23:45 Sen. Flowers
08:24:46 Chair Hopkins
08:24:48 Vice Chair Lang
08:25:06 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
08:25:17 Vice Chair Lang
08:25:21 Chair Hopkins
08:25:24 Molly DelCurto, LFD
08:25:32 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
08:25:53 Vice Chair Lang
08:26:01 Joe Triem, LFD
08:26:40 Natalie Smitham, DLI
08:28:36 Chair Hopkins
08:28:40 Vice Chair Lang
08:29:01 Joe Triem, LFD
08:29:24 Chair Hopkins
08:29:27 Vice Chair Lang
08:29:36 Natalie Smitham, Department of Labor & Industry
08:30:14 Chair Hopkins
08:30:27 Vice Chair Lang
08:30:28 Chair Hopkins
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08:31:21 Natalie Smitham, Department of Labor & Industry (DLI)
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08:33:08 Chair Hopkins
08:33:17 Natalie Smitham, DLI
08:35:03 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
08:35:06 Paul Martin, DLI
08:36:52 Chair Hopkins
08:37:13 Natalie Smitham, DLI
08:37:24 Chair Hopkins
08:37:26 Scott Eychner, Department of Labor & Industry (DLI)
08:39:17 Chair Hopkins
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08:39:51 Chair Hopkins
08:40:04 Kathleen O'Leary, Department of Labor & Industry (DLI)
08:41:55 Vice Chair Lang
08:42:19 Kathleen O'Leary, DLI
08:43:27 Vice Chair Lang
08:43:38 Kathleen O'Leary, DLI
08:43:41 Scott Eychner, DLI
08:43:49 Vice Chair Lang
08:43:52 Rep. Ricci
08:44:25 Scott Eychner, DLI
08:46:01 Rep. Ricci
08:46:32 Scott Eychner, DLI
08:48:26 Rep. Ricci
08:48:41 Scott Eychner, DLI
08:49:56 Rep. Ricci
08:49:58 Chair Hopkins
08:50:18 Heather Vande-Sandt, RMC
08:50:25 Sen. Flowers
08:51:12 Kathleen O'Leary, DLI
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09:01:09 Rep. Ricci left the meeting.
09:01:49 Sarah Sadowski, Department of Labor & Industry (DLI)
09:03:39 Chair Hopkins
09:04:02 Sarah Sadowski, DLI
09:04:26 Chair Hopkins

Department of Military Affairs:

09:05:16 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
09:06:08 Chair Hopkins
09:06:11 Delila Bruno, Disaster and Emergency Services of the Department of Military
Affairs (DMA)
09:06:22 Chair Hopkins
09:06:24 Delila Bruno, DMA
09:08:50 Chair Hopkins
09:08:58 Rep. Hamilton
09:09:14 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
09:09:17 Rep. Hamilton
09:09:49 Delila Bruno, DMA
09:10:19 Chair Hopkins
09:10:35 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
09:10:39 Chair Hopkins
09:10:42 Vice Chair Lang
09:10:53 Delila Bruno, DMA
09:10:58 Vice Chair Lang
09:11:01 Chair Hopkins

Water/Wastewater Projects:

09:11:18 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

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09:14:40 Chair Hopkins

09:14:49 Jason Harlow, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

[EXHIBIT\(jgh52a03\)](#)

09:15:59 Chair Hopkins

09:16:21 Jason Harlow, OBPP

09:16:41 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:17:31 Chair Hopkins

09:17:40 Rep. Hamilton

09:18:29 Chair Hopkins

09:18:33 Jason Harlow, OBPP

09:19:00 Chair Hopkins

09:19:39 Rep. Hamilton

09:19:52 Chair Hopkins

09:21:11 Rep. Hamilton

09:21:47 Chair Hopkins

09:22:03 Autumn Coleman, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

09:22:40 Sen. Smith left the meeting.
09:23:13 Rep. Hamilton
09:23:25 Autumn Coleman, DNRC
09:23:42 Chair Hopkins
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09:34:01 Anna Miller, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
09:35:34 Rep. Vinton joined the meeting.
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10:04:20 Vice Chair Lang
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10:06:02 Rep. Ricci
10:07:05 Vice Chair Lang
10:07:12 Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:07:37 Rep. Tschida joined the meeting.
10:08:44 Vice Chair Lang
10:09:23 Rep. Ricci
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10:43:49 Richard Knatterud, Department of Commerce (COM)
10:45:13 Chair Hopkins
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10:47:09 Heather Vande-Sandt, RMC
10:47:22 Anna Pakenham Stevenson, Department of Natural Resources and
Conservation (DNRC)
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10:48:04 Anna Pakenham Stevenson, DNRC
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10:50:52 Ron Muffick, Univeristy of Montana S (U of M)
10:51:55 Chair Hopkins
10:51:59 Rep. Hamilton
10:52:16 Ron Muffick, University of Montana (U of M)
10:53:36 Rep. Hamilton
10:53:48 Sen. Smith left the meeting.
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:04:34

Caitlin Cashman, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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