

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEES ON LONG RANGE PLANNING & GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang, on March 17, 2021 at 8:00 AM, in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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

Members Excused:

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

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Caitlin Cashman, Committee Secretary
Catherine Duncan, Legislative Branch
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch
Nick VanBrown, 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: Water/Wastewater Projects; Broadband Infrastructure.

08:10:22 Vice Chair Lang assumed the chair.
08:10:42 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
08:10:51 Chair Lang
08:11:47 Cathy Duncan, LFD
08:12:10 Chair Lang

Water/Watershed Projects:

08:12:33 Jennie Stapp, State Librarian
08:12:45 Cathy Duncan, LFD
08:13:21 Chair Lang
08:13:32 Jennie Stapp, State Librarian
08:13:35 Chair Lang
08:13:48 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
08:18:32 Chair Lang
08:18:39 Eric Bryson, MACo
08:18:50 Chair Lang
08:18:53 Rep. Tschida
08:19:20 Eric Bryson, MACo
08:20:05 Chair Lang
08:20:12 Rep. Ricci
08:20:23 Jason Rittal, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
08:23:17 Rep. Ricci
08:23:18 Chair Lang
08:23:19 Rep. Ricci
08:23:52 Chair Lang
08:25:01 Rep. Ricci
08:25:15 Jason Rittal, MACo
08:26:02 Chair Lang
08:26:12 Rep. Hamilton
08:31:41 Eric Bryson, MACo
08:32:36 Chair Lang
08:32:41 Heather Vande-Sandt, Remote Meeting Coordinator (RMC)
08:32:46 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
08:38:13 Chair Lang
08:38:27 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
08:40:50 Chair Lang
08:41:31 Kelly Lynch, MLCT
08:41:35 Chair Lang
08:41:38 Rep. Ricci
08:42:14 Sen. Smith
08:43:03 Chair Lang
08:43:07 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
08:44:04 Chair Lang
08:44:11 Kelly Lynch, MLCT
08:44:18 Sen. Flowers
08:45:24 Chair Lang
08:45:28 Rep. Ricci
08:46:00 Eric Bryson, MACo
08:46:57 Rep. Ricci

08:47:09 Eric Bryson, MACo
08:47:16 Chair Lang
08:47:25 Heather Vande-Sandt, RMC
08:47:27 Jason Harlow, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
08:48:13 Chair Lang
08:48:26 Jason Harlow, OBPP
08:48:51 Chair Lang
08:49:05 Cathy Duncan, LFD
08:49:17 Chair Lang
08:49:19 Tim Burton, MLCT
08:51:06 Chair Lang
08:51:21 Krista Lee Evans, Senior Water Rights Coalition
08:53:46 Cathy Duncan, LFD
08:54:20 Chair Lang
08:54:23 Rep. Hamilton
08:55:01 Krista Lee Evans, Senior Water Rights Coalition
08:55:50 Rep. Hamilton
08:56:21 Krista Lee Evans, Senior Water Rights Coalition
08:57:14 Rep. Hamilton
08:57:16 Chair Lang
08:57:25 Cathy Duncan, LFD
08:57:55 Chair Lang
08:57:58 Jason Harlow, OBPP
08:58:27 Chair Lang
08:58:35 Autumn Coleman, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(jgh53a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jgh53a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jgh53a03\)](#)

09:03:09 Cathy Duncan, LFD
09:03:24 Autumn Coleman, DNRC
09:05:19 Chair Lang
09:05:36 Autumn Coleman, DNRC
09:05:48 Chair Lang
09:06:02 Autumn Coleman, DNRC
09:06:08 Chair Lang
09:06:13 Rep. Tschida
09:07:19 Autumn Coleman, DNRC
09:09:56 Rep. Tschida

Spending Concepts - Montana State Library:

09:10:05 Chair Lang
09:11:28 Jennie Stapp, Montana State Library (MSL)

[EXHIBIT\(jgh53a04\)](#)

09:19:43 Chair Lang
09:19:46 Rep. Ricci
09:19:59 Jennie Stapp, MSL
09:20:33 Rep. Ricci

09:20:41 Chair Lang
09:20:44 Rep. Tschida
09:21:23 Jennie Stapp, MSL
09:22:27 Rep. Tschida
09:22:32 Chair Lang
09:22:35 Rep. Hamilton
09:22:54 Jennie Stapp, MSL
09:23:16 Rep. Hamilton
09:23:18 Rep. Tschida
09:23:37 Jennie Stapp, MSL
09:25:08 Chair Lang
09:25:10 Jennie Stapp, MSL
09:29:23 Chair Lang
09:29:42 Jennie Stapp, MSL
09:29:57 Chair Lang
09:30:01 Rep. Tschida
09:30:19 Jennie Stapp, MSL
09:30:46 Rep. Tschida
09:31:04 Jennie Stapp, MSL
09:31:32 Chair Lang
09:31:43 Cathy Duncan, LFD

Spending Concepts - State Information Technology Services Division:

09:32:06 Chair Lang
09:32:11 Matt VanSyckle, State Information Technology Services Division (SITSD)
[EXHIBIT\(jgh53a05\)](#)

09:34:57 Chair Lang
09:36:20 Matt VanSyckle, SITSD
09:36:49 Chair Lang
09:36:57 Cathy Duncan, LFD
09:37:06 Jason Harlow, OBPP
09:37:25 Chair Lang
09:37:37 Jason Harlow, OBPP
09:37:39 Chair Lang
09:37:41 Rep. Hamilton
09:37:54 Eric Bryson, MACo
09:37:41 Rep. Hamilton
09:38:52 Eric Bryson, MACo
09:40:08 Rep. Hamilton
09:40:17 Cathy Duncan, LFD
09:40:38 Chair Lang
09:41:09 Cathy Duncan, LFD
09:41:15 Heather Vande-Sandt, RMC
09:41:17 Chair Lang

Spending Concepts - Department of Military Affairs:

09:41:29 Kelly Ackerman, Montana Veteran's Affairs Division of the Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

09:42:35 Chair Lang
09:42:41 Kelly Ackerman, DMA
09:42:49 Chair Lang
09:42:58 Kelly Ackerman, DMA
09:44:34 Chair Lang
09:45:13 Sundi West, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)
09:46:16 Chair Lang
09:46:25 Delila Bruno, Disaster and Emergency Services of the Department of Military
Affairs (DMA)
09:48:48 Chair Lang
09:49:02 Leslie White, Construction Facilities Management Bureau of the Department of
Military Affairs (DMA)
09:49:57 Chair Lang
09:50:05 Leslie White, DMA
09:50:37 Chair Lang
09:50:56 Cathy Duncan, LFD

[EXHIBIT\(jgh53a06\)](#)

09:53:12 Chair Lang
09:53:19 Cathy Duncan, LFD
09:53:50 Chair Lang
09:54:02 Rep. Hamilton
09:54:44 Cathy Duncan, LFD
09:55:31 Chair Lang

09:51:37 Recess
10:12:32 Reconvene

10:12:49 Chair Lang

[EXHIBIT\(jgh53a07\)](#)

Broadband Infrastructure:

10:13:25 Nick VanBrown, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
10:18:27 Chair Lang
10:18:40 Scott Osterman, Department of Commerce (COM)

[EXHIBIT\(jgh53a08\)](#)

10:22:16 Sen. Boldman joined the meeting.
10:46:39 Chair Lang
10:47:18 Scott Osterman, COM
10:47:30 Chair Lang
10:47:40 Rep. Hamilton
10:48:20 Scott Osterman, COM
10:50:26 Rep. Hamilton
10:54:09 Chair Lang
10:54:29 Scott Osterman, COM
10:56:37 Chair Lang
10:57:08 Scott Osterman, COM
10:58:35 Chair Lang

10:58:41 Sen.Flowers
10:59:28 Scott Osterman, COM
11:02:26 Sen. Flowers
11:02:44 Scott Osterman, COM
11:04:14 Sen. Flowers
11:05:27 Scott Osterman, COM
11:06:29 Sen. Boldman left the meeting.
11:07:17 Chair Lang
11:07:19 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
11:09:26 Scott Osterman, COM
11:12:48 Sen. Kary
11:13:09 Scott Osterman, COM
11:14:03 Sen. Kary
11:14:17 Scott Osterman, COM
11:14:47 Sen. Kary
11:14:50 Chair Lang
11:14:59 Scott Osterman, COM
11:15:02 Chair Lang
11:15:07 Rep. Hamilton
11:15:22 Jennie Stapp, MSL
11:15:24 Rep. Hamilton
11:15:41 Jennie Stapp, MSL
11:18:27 Chair Lang
11:18:55 Sen. Jason Ellsworth
11:26:40 Rep. Hamilton
11:27:08 Sen. Ellsworth
11:27:44 Rep. Hamilton
11:28:20 Sen. Ellsworth
11:29:15 Chair Lang
11:29:23 Sen. Ellsworth
11:29:29 Rep. Hamilton
11:29:47 Jennie Stapp, MSL
11:29:50 Rep. Hamilton
11:30:08 Jennie Stapp, MSL
11:30:12 Sen. Smith left the meeting.
11:30:48 Chair Lang
11:30:59 Geoff Feiss, Montana Telecommunications Association (MTA)

EXHIBIT(jgh53a09)

EXHIBIT(jgh53a10)

11:35:05 Rep. Tschida left the meeting.
11:50:13 Chair Lang
11:50:16 Sen. Kary
11:50:30 Geoff Feiss, MTA
11:51:34 Sen. Kary
11:51:39 Geoff Feiss, MTA
11:52:31 Chair Lang
11:52:34 Rep. Hamilton
11:52:57 Geoff Feiss, MTA
11:53:09 Rep. Hamilton

11:53:11 Geoff Feiss, MTA
11:53:23 Rep. Hamilton
11:53:27 Chair Lang
11:53:42 Scott Osterman, COM
11:55:39 Chair Lang
11:55:43 Rep. Hamilton
11:55:47 Sen. Lang
11:55:50 Scott Osterman, COM
11:55:56 Chair Lang
11:56:00 Jennie Stapp, MSL
11:56:03 Rep. Hamilton
11:56:22 Rep. Ricci left the meeting.
11:56:27 Jennie Stapp, MSL
11:58:37 Chair Lang
11:58:57 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:59:16 Sen. Kary left the meeting.
12:00:29 Chair Lang
12:00:42 Cathy Duncan, LFD
12:01:25 Chair Lang

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:01:36

Caitlin Cashman, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jgh53aad.pdf](#))