

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 18, 2021 at 8:00 AM, in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Hopkins, Chair (R)
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:

Sen. Mike Cuffe, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Rep. 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
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: HB 632 Hearings; Work Session.

08:04:44 Chair Hopkins

Water/Wastewater Projects

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation:

08:06:00 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
08:06:24 Chair Hopkins
08:06:39 Cathy Duncan, LFD
08:06:48 Kreh Germaine, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
08:07:27 Rep. Tschida joined the meeting.
08:07:40 Chair Hopkins
08:07:42 Kreh Germaine, DNRC
08:07:52 Cathy Duncan, LFD
08:08:02 Chair Hopkins
08:08:23 Cathy Duncan, LFD
08:08:35 Anna Pakenham Stevenson, Department of Natural Resources and
Conservation (DNRC)

EXHIBIT(jgh54a01)

08:09:10 Paul Azevedo, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
08:09:30 Chair Hopkins
08:09:33 Paul Azevedo, DNRC
08:11:48 Chair Hopkins
08:11:52 Vice Chair Lang
08:12:08 Paul Azevedo, DNRC
08:12:14 Vice Chair Lang
08:12:57 Paul Azevedo, DNRC
08:13:41 Vice Chair Lang
08:13:53 Chair Hopkins
08:13:58 Heather Vande-Sandt, Remote Meeting Coordinator (RMC)
08:14:00 Sen. Flowers
08:14:16 Paul Azevedo, DNRC
08:14:42 Sen. Flowers
08:14:45 Chair Hopkins
08:14:49 Vice Chair Lang
08:15:28 Paul Azevedo, DNRC
08:15:46 Chair Hopkins
08:15:51 Anna Pakenham Stevenson, DNRC
08:16:01 Vice Chair Lang
08:16:04 Chair Hopkins
08:16:37 Scott Eychner, Department of Labor & Industry (DLI)
08:18:22 Chair Hopkins
08:18:26 Rep. Ricci
08:19:00 Scott Eychner, DLI
08:19:10 Rep. Ricci
08:19:13 Scott Eychner, DLI
08:20:14 Rep. Ricci
08:20:35 Scott Eychner, DLI
08:22:06 Rep. Ricci

08:22:08 Chair Hopkins
08:22:10 Sen. Flowers
08:22:36 Scott Eychner, DLI
08:23:17 Sen. Flowers
08:23:19 Chair Hopkins

DPHHS Billing System:

08:23:56 Cathy Duncan, LFD
08:24:14 Erica Johnston, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
08:24:38 Chair Hopkins
08:24:47 Erica Johnston, DPHHS
08:25:34 Sen. Smith left the meeting.
08:27:42 Chair Hopkins
08:27:49 Rep. Tschida
08:28:09 Erica Johnston, DPHHS
08:28:59 Rep. Tschida
08:29:18 Erica Johnston, DPHHS
08:30:17 Rep. Tschida
08:31:19 Erica Johnston, DPHHS
08:32:32 Rep. Tschida
08:32:51 Chair Hopkins
08:32:58 Heather Vande-Sandt, Remote Meeting Coordinator
08:33:05 Chair Hopkins
08:33:11 Connie Winner, Clinical Services Division of the Department of Corrections (DOC)

08:34:35 Chair Hopkins
08:34:49 Erica Johnston, DPHHS
08:35:23 Chair Hopkins
08:35:33 Rep. Tschida
08:35:54 Chair Hopkins
08:35:55 Matt VanSyckle, State Information Technology Services Division (SITSD)
08:36:33 Rep. Tschida
08:36:59 Matt VanSyckle, SITSD
08:37:17 Chair Hopkins
08:37:30 Cathy Duncan, LFD
08:37:45 Chair Hopkins
08:37:47 Cathy Duncan, LFD
08:38:23 Chair Hopkins

Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC) Information Technology (IT)

Concepts:

08:38:27 Kreh Germaine, DNRC
[EXHIBIT\(jgh54a02\)](#)

08:38:38 Chair Hopkins left the meeting.
08:41:29 Vice Chair Lang
08:41:48 Kreh Germaine, DNRC
08:41:51 Jason Harlow, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
08:42:02 Vice Chair Lang

08:42:13 Kreh Germaine, DNRC
08:43:29 Vice Chair Lang
08:43:35 Kreh Germaine, DNRC
08:44:09 Vice Chair Lang
08:44:15 Kreh Germaine, DNRC
08:44:20 Vice Chair Lang
08:44:25 Sen. Flowers

Department of Administration (DOA) Architecture and Engineering:

08:44:28 Vice Chair Lang
08:44:38 Cathy Duncan, LFD

EXHIBIT(jgh54a03)

08:46:01 Vice Chair Lang
08:46:05 Cathy Duncan
08:46:10 Vice Chair Lang
08:46:18 Cathy Duncan, LFD
08:46:22 Russ Katherman, Architecture Engineering Division of the Department of
Administration (DOA)
08:47:20 Cathy Duncan, LFD
08:48:14 Vice Chair Lang
08:48:17 Russ Katherman, DOA
08:50:03 Vice Chair Lang
08:50:26 Russ Katherman, DOA
08:51:25 Cathy Duncan, LFD
08:51:48 Vice Chair Lang
08:52:04 Russ Katherman, DOA
08:52:36 Vice Chair Lang
08:52:55 Heather Vande-Sandt, RMC
08:52:57 Vice Chair Lang

Department of Military Affairs:

08:53:14 Leslie White, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)
08:54:58 Delila Bruno, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)
08:56:00 Vice Chair Lang
08:56:03 Rep. Ricci
08:56:26 Delila Bruno, DMA
08:57:29 Sen. Kary
08:57:46 Delila Bruno, DMA
08:58:04 Sen. Kary
08:58:38 Delila Bruno, DMA
08:58:53 Leslie White
08:59:35 Sen. Kary
08:59:39 Vice Chair Lang
08:59:56 Delila Bruno, DMA
09:00:34 Vice Chair Lang
09:00:41 Delila Bruno, DMA
09:00:46 Vice Chair Lang

Department of Administration:

09:01:06 Cathy Duncan, LFD

EXHIBIT(jgh54a04)

09:02:05 Vice Chair Lang
09:02:10 Jason Harlow, OBPP
09:03:21 Russ Katherman, DOA
09:06:11 Vice Chair Lang
09:06:22 Russ Katherman, DOA
09:07:31 Vice Chair Lang
09:07:33 Russ Katherman, DOA
09:08:46 Vice Chair Lang
09:09:17 Russ Katherman, DOA
09:14:45 Vice Chair Lang
09:14:49 Heather Vande-Sandt, RMC
09:14:55 Vice Chair Lang
09:14:57 Commissioner Clayton Christian, Office of Higher Education (OCHE)
09:17:10 Vice Chair Lang
09:17:18 Commissioner Christian, OCHE
09:17:22 Vice Chair Lang
09:17:27 Rep. Ricci
09:17:41 Commissioner Christian, OCHE
09:19:25 Rep. Ricci
09:19:38 Commissioner Christian, OCHE
09:20:27 Rep. Ricci
09:20:29 Vice Chair Lang
09:20:41 Russ Katherman, DOA
09:21:47 Vice Chair Lang
09:22:02 Russ Katherman, DOA
09:22:23 Vice Chair Lang
09:22:36 Heather Vande-Sandt, RMC
09:22:44 Jim Salmonsens, Warden at the Montana State Prison
09:23:06 Vice Chair Lang
09:23:13 Jim Salmonsens, Montana State Prison
09:23:46 Vice Chair Lang
09:23:51 Russ Katherman, DOA
09:24:43 Vice Chair Lang
09:25:10 Heather Vande-Sandt, RMC
09:25:23 Rebecca de Camara, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
09:26:36 Vice Chair Lang
09:26:45 Rebecca de Camara, DPHHS
09:27:20 Vice Chair Lang
09:27:23 Marie Matthews, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
09:28:20 Vice Chair Lang
09:28:23 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
09:28:53 Marie Matthews, DPHHS
09:29:01 Rebecca de Camara, DPHHS
09:29:41 Rep. Stewart Peregoy

09:29:52 Rebecca de Camara, DPHHS
09:30:13 Rep. Stewart
09:30:20 Vice Chair Lang
09:30:26 Rebecca de Cara, DPHHS
09:30:30 Vice Chair Lang
09:30:33 Sen. Kary
09:30:42 Rebecca de Cara, DPHHS
09:30:54 Vice Chair Lang
09:30:58 Russ Katherman, DOA
09:32:23 Vice Chair Lang
09:32:32 Heather Vande-Sandt, RMC
09:32:45 Vice Chair Lang
09:32:50 Director Mike Honeycutt, Department of Livestock (MDOL)
09:33:13 Vice Chair Lang
09:33:15 Director Honeycutt, MDOL
09:35:07 Vice Chair Lang
09:35:14 Heather Vande-Sandt, RMC
09:35:20 Sen. Flowers
09:35:37 Director Honeycutt, MDOL
09:36:26 Sen. Flowers
09:36:46 Director Honeycutt, MDOL
09:37:04 Vice Chair Lang
09:37:10 Jason Harlow, OBPP
09:37:29 Sen. Flowers
09:37:37 Vice Chair Lang
09:37:59 Russ Katherman, DOA
09:38:13 Vice Chair Lang
09:38:15 Russ Katherman, DOA
09:40:02 Vice Chair Lang
09:40:04 Rep. Tschida
09:40:26 Russ Katherman, DOA
09:40:48 Director Misty Ann Giles, Department of Administration (DOA)
09:41:26 Rep. Tschida
09:41:42 Director Giles, DOA
09:42:25 Vice Chair Lang
09:42:35 Rep. Ricci
09:43:03 Russ Katherman, DOA
09:44:04 Rep. Ricci
09:44:11 Vice Chair Lang
09:44:13 Russ Katherman, DOA
09:47:18 Rep. Ricci
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09:49:35 Rep. Ricci
09:49:47 Russ Katherman, DOA
09:50:10 Rep. Ricci
09:50:14 Vice Chair Lang
09:50:30 Rep. Ricci

09:50:39 Vice Chair Lang
09:51:05 Russ Katherman, DOA
09:51:26 Vice Chair Lang
09:51:30 Russ Katherman, DOA
09:55:33 Vice Chair Lang
09:55:48 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
09:56:36 Russ Katherman, DOA
09:58:05 Joe Triem, LFD
09:58:21 Russ Katherman, DOA
09:59:03 Jason Harlow, OBPP
09:59:17 Joe Triem, LFD
09:59:51 Russ Katherman, DOA
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10:00:43 Joe Triem, LFD
10:01:01 Russ Katherman, DOA
10:02:10 Jason Harlow, OBPP
10:02:21 Russ Katherman, DOA
10:02:24 Joe Triem, LFD
10:03:30 Russ Katherman, DOA
10:04:43 Joe Triem, LFD
10:05:29 Russ Katherman, DOA
10:05:34 Vice Chair Lang
10:05:54 Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:06:02 Vice Chair Lang
10:06:05 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

EXHIBIT(jgh54a05)

10:08:58 Joe Triem, LFD
10:09:01 Eric Bryson, MACo
10:10:55 Vice Chair Lang
10:10:58 Rep. Hamilton
10:11:41 Russ Katherman, DOA
10:11:44 Rep. Hamilton
10:12:47 Russ Katherman, DOA
10:13:06 Jason Harlow, OBPP
10:13:52 Vice Chair Lang
10:13:54 Russ Katherman, DOA
10:13:58 Vice Chair Lang
10:13:59 Rep. Ricci
10:14:28 Eric Bryson, MACo
10:15:04 Rep. Ricci
10:15:06 Vice Chair Lang
10:15:08 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
10:18:04 Vice Chair Lang
10:18:25 Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:18:29 Vice Chair Lang
10:18:30 Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:19:06 Anna Pakenham Stevenson, DNRC

10:20:06 Vice Chair Lang

10:20:15 Recess

10:42:10 Reconvene

Work Session:

10:42:22 Vice Chair Lang
10:42:53 Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:44:18 Joe Triem, LFD
10:44:24 Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:45:12 Vice Chair Lang
10:45:43 Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:45:50 Vice Chair Lang
10:45:55 Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:46:00 Vice Chair Lang
10:46:58 Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:47:17 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
10:47:20 Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:47:51 Rep. Hamilton
10:48:59 Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:48:07 Rep. Hamilton
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10:49:22 Rep. Hamilton
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10:50:15 Rep. Hamilton
10:50:34 Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:50:40 Vice Chair Lang
10:50:43 Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:51:27 Rep. Hamilton
10:51:38 Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:52:06 Rep. Hamilton
10:52:09 Vice Chair Lang
10:52:17 Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:52:32 Rep. Hamilton
10:52:48 Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:52:53 Rep. Hamilton
10:52:56 Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:54:13 Joe Triem, LFD
10:54:45 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

EXHIBIT(jgh54a06)

10:55:48 Vice Chair Lang

10:56:03 Rep. Hamilton

EXHIBIT(jgh54a07)

10:56:49 Cathy Duncan, LFD

10:57:09 Rep. Hamilton

10:57:24 Cathy Duncan, LFD

10:57:26 Rep. Hamilton

10:57:29 Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:57:37 Rep. Hamilton
10:57:42 Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:57:53 Rep. Hamilton
10:57:54 Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:58:13 Rep. Hamilton
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10:58:37 Rep. Hamilton
10:58:47 Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:58:49 Rep. Hamilton
10:59:13 Cathy Duncan, LFD
10:59:56 Rep. Hamilton
11:00:11 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:01:55 Rep. Hamilton
11:02:09 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:02:10 Rep. Hamilton
11:02:19 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:02:44 Vice Chair Lang
11:02:50 Rep. Hamilton
11:03:21 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:04:02 Rep. Hamilton
11:04:06 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:04:07 Rep. Hamilton
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11:05:11 Rep. Hamilton
11:05:20 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:05:29 Rep. Hamilton
11:06:07 Vice Chair Lang
11:06:17 Cathy Duncan, LFD
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11:06:46 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:07:26 Vice Chair Lang
11:07:30 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:07:42 Rep. Hamilton
11:08:15 Jason Harlow, OBPP
11:08:32 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:09:23 Sen. Flowers
11:09:57 Cathy Duncan, LFD
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11:10:26 Vice Chair Lang
11:10:28 Sen. Flowers
11:10:47 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
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11:11:04 Kris Wilkinson
11:11:09 Vice Chair Lang
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11:13:48 Jason Harlow, OBPP
11:13:59 Vice Chair Lang
11:14:13 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:17:08 Vice Chair Lang
11:17:18 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:17:57 Vice Chair Lang
11:18:09 Sen. Smith
11:18:34 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:20:03 Sen. Smith
11:20:39 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:20:55 Sen. Smith
11:21:06 Vice Chair Lang
11:21:21 Jason Harlow, OBPP

EXHIBIT(jgh54a08)

11:24:05 Rep. Hamilton
11:24:48 Jason Harlow, OBPP
11:25:29 Rep. Hamilton
11:25:54 Jason Harlow, OBPP
11:26:15 Rep. Hamilton
11:26:25 Vice Chair Lang
11:26:49 Jason Harlow, OBPP
11:27:01 Vice Chair Lang
11:27:19 Jason Harlow, OBPP
11:27:37 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:27:56 Vice Chair Lang
11:28:01 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:28:52 Vice Chair Lang
11:29:08 Cathy Duncan, LFD

EXHIBIT(jgh54a09)

11:29:36 Rep. Hamilton
11:30:00 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:30:05 Rep. Hamilton
11:30:15 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:30:21 Jason Harlow, OBPP
11:30:30 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:30:57 Rep. Hamilton
11:31:45 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:32:24 Vice Chair Lang
11:33:10 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:34:39 Vice Chair Lang

11:35:01 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:38:01 Rep. Ricci
11:38:12 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:38:14 Rep. Ricci
11:38:22 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:38:32 Rep. Ricci
11:38:40 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:39:07 Rep. Hamilton
11:41:40 Vice Chair Lang
11:42:25 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:42:58 Heather Vande-Sandt, RMC
11:43:03 Vice Chair Lang
11:43:05 Jason Harlow, OBPP
11:43:25 Sen. Smith
11:43:38 Vice Chair Lang
11:43:44 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:46:11 Sen. Smith
11:46:24 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:46:41 Sen. Smith
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11:47:03 Sen. Smith
11:47:06 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:47:23 Sen. Smith
11:47:55 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:48:09 Sen. Smith
11:48:59 Cathy Duncan, LFD

EXHIBIT(jgh54a10)

11:52:09 Sen. Smith
11:52:33 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:52:37 Sen. Smith
11:52:42 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:53:10 Sen. Smith
11:53:15 Rep. Ricci
11:53:31 Vice Chair Lang
11:53:50 Joe Triem, LFD
11:53:59 Jason Harlow, OBPP
11:54:03 Joe Triem, LFD

Please reference EXHIBIT 1 from March 15, 2021 Minutes.

11:55:39 Jason Harlow, OBPP
11:58:37 Vice Chair Lang
11:58:47 Cathy Duncan, LFD
11:59:17 Joe Triem, LFD
11:59:34 Vice Chair Lang
11:59:53 Cathy Duncan, LFD
12:00:08 Vice Chair Lang
12:00:14 Cathy Duncan, LFD
12:00:21 Vice Chair Lang

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:00:29

Caitlin Cashman, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jgh54aad.pdf](#))