

MINUTE
MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on March 19, 2021 at 2:20 PM, 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. Dan Bartel (R)
Rep. David Bedey (R)
Rep. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Fiona Nave (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:

Vice Chair Regier
Vice Chair Tschida
Rep. Garner
Rep. Hopkins
Rep. Mercer
Rep. Patelis
Rep. Vinton

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 181 3/18/2021; HB 620, 3/18/2021; SB 51, 3/16/2021;
SB 52 3/16/2021; SB 58, 3/16/2021
Executive Action: HB 4, HB 10, HB 12, HB 181, HB 620

HEARING ON HB 181**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

14:23:15 Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB181, Reauthorizing the e-rate broadband program.

14:24:40 Rep. Mercer and Rep. Regier joined the meeting

14:24:48 Rep. Tschida joined the meeting

14:24:57 Rep. Read joined the meeting

Proponents

14:25:46 Geoff Feist, Montana Telecommunications Association (MTA)

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony:

14:26:47 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

14:26:58 Chair Jones

14:27:04 Rep. Caffero left the meeting.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

14:27:14 Rep. Windy Boy

14:27:24 Geoff Feist,

14:29:33 Rep. Windy Boy

14:29:39 Paul Taylor, OPI

14:30:51 Rep. Schillinger

14:31:16 Paul Taylor, OPI

14:31:50 Chair Jones

Closing by Sponsor:

14:33:33 Rep. Zolnikov

14:33:55 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 181 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Patelis and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

HEARING ON HB 620**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

14:35:04 Rep. Amy Regier (R), HD 6, opened the hearing on HB 620, Revise Title X appropriation.

Proponents:

14:35:58 Adam Meier, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

14:37:47 Chair Jones

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None**Closing by Sponsor:**

14:38:25 Rep. Amy Regier

14:38:49 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 620 DO PASS**. Motion carried 23-1 by voice vote with Rep. Caferro voting no. Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Patelis and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

14:39:28 Chair Jones

14:40:53 Rep. Bartel

14:41:18 Rep Hopkins joined the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 4

14:39:28 Chair Jones

14:40:37 Rep. Bartel

14:41:18 Rep Hopkins joined the meeting.

14:41:24 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 4 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

14:41:39 Rep Bartel

14:42:48 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Caferro, Rep. Patelis and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 10

14:43:19 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 10 DO PASS**.

14:43:36 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 10 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Caferro, Rep. Patelis and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(aph55a01)

14:44:36 **Motion:** Rep. Bartel moved that **HB 10 BE AMENDED**.

EXHIBIT(aph55a02)**Discussion:**

14:44:40 Rep. Bartel

14:46:10 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Caferro, Rep. Patelis and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

14:46:31 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 10 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Caferro, Rep. Patelis and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 12

14:47:09 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 12 DO PASS.**

14:47:19 **Motion:** Rep. Hopkins moved that **HB 12 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(aph55a03)

Discussion:

14:47:33 Rep. Hopkins

14:48:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Caferro, Rep. Patelis and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

14:48:47 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **HB 12 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(aph55a04)

Discussion:

14:48:51 Rep. Hamilton

14:50:31 Rep. Hopkins

14:51:54 Rep. Hamilton

14:52:32 **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. Caferro, Rep. Patelis and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

14:54:36 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 12 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 22-2 by voice vote with Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Tschida voting no. Rep. Caferro, Rep. Patelis and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 583

14:55:28 Chair Jones

14:56:26 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 583 DO PASS.**

14:56:32 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 583 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Caferro, Rep. Patelis and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

14:57:12 Chair Jones

14:57:57 Rep. Garner

14:58:03 Chair Jones

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 14:58:39

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph55aad.pdf](#))