

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 19, 2021 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 335
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)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Mike Cuffe, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Dan Bartel, Chair (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
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: Work Session; Executive Action.

08:05:28 Chair Hopkins

Committee Business:

08:06:25 Chair Hopkins

08:07:19 Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

EXHIBIT(jlh55a01)

08:07:43 Sen. Flowers

08:07:54 Cathy Duncan, LFD

08:08:05 Chair Hopkins

08:08:52 Cathy Duncan, LFD

Executive Action:

08:09:37 Chair Hopkins

08:09:51 **Motion:** Rep. Hopkins moved that DL&I Administrative Costs, Rapid Retraining, and Community Services be moved forward, as is, as a recommendation to the Select Committee.

Discussion:

08:10:10 Chair Hopkins

08:10:11 Rep. Ricci

08:10:26 Chair Hopkins

08:10:28 Cathy Duncan, LFD

08:10:42 Chair Hopkins

08:12:00 Sen. Flowers

08:12:02 Chair Hopkins

08:12:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

08:12:24 **Motion:** Rep. Hopkins moved that the first line item for water, at \$149,579,206, be moved forward, as is, as a recommendation to the Select Committee.

Discussion:

08:14:35 Chair Hopkins

08:14:40 Rep. Hamilton

08:14:56 Chair Hopkins

08:15:00 Rep. Hamilton

08:15:14 Chair Hopkins

08:16:05 Cathy Duncan, LFD

08:16:28 Chair Hopkins

08:19:03 Rep. Hamilton

08:19:05 Chair Hopkins

08:19:11 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Hamilton and Rep. Stewart Peregoy voting no. Rep. Stewart Peregoy voted by proxy.

Discussion:

08:19:29 Cathy Duncan, LFD

08:19:49 Chair Hopkins
08:20:04 Cathy Duncan, LFD
08:20:53 Heather Vande-Sandt, Remote Meeting Coordinator (RMC)
08:20:58 Rep. Vinton joined the meeting.
08:21:01 Chair Hopkins
08:21:13 Rep. Vinton
08:21:16 Chair Hopkins
08:22:07 Sen. Boldman
08:22:11 Chair Hopkins

08:22:51 **Motion:** Rep. Hopkins moved that Wastewater/Storm Water (including projects in LRP bills, plus others) at \$85,397,724 be moved forward, as is, as a recommendation to the Select Committee

Discussion:

08:23:58 Rep. Hamilton
08:24:06 Chair Hopkins

08:24:26 **Vote:** Motion carried 5-3 by voice vote with Sen. Flowers, Rep. Hamilton, and Rep. Stewart Peregoy voting no. Rep. Stewart Peregoy voted by proxy.

08:25:07 **Motion:** Rep. Hopkins moved the High Hazard Dam Rehabilitation Projects at \$54,385,576 be moved forward, as is, as a recommendation to the Select Committee.

Discussion:

08:26:08 Chair Hopkins
08:26:10 Rep. Hamilton
08:26:27 Chair Hopkins
08:27:32 Sen. Kary
08:27:54 Chair Hopkins
08:28:05 Sen. Flowers
08:28:12 Chair Hopkins

08:28:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

08:28:36 Rep. Ricci
08:28:52 Chair Hopkins

08:29:01 **Motion:** Rep. Hopkins moved that the CSKT Outstanding Obligation at \$49,385,645 be moved forward, as is, as a recommendation to the Select Committee.

08:29:37 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

08:29:48 Chair Hopkins

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08:30:22 **Motion:** Rep. Hopkins moved that the Joint Subcommittees move forward \$359,250,000 from the Broadband Development line item forward to the Select Committee.

08:31:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

08:31:20 **Motion:** Rep. Hopkins moved that the Joint Subcommittees move forward the Capital Fund Proposals at \$115,570,680 to the Select Committee.

Discussion:

08:32:15 Chair Hopkins

08:32:19 Sen. Kary

08:32:27 **Motion:** Sen. Kary made a substitute motion to segregate the Liquor Warehouse Expansion within Capital Fund Proposals.

Discussion:

08:32:41 Sen. Kary

08:33:00 Chair Hopkins

08:33:07 Sen. Boldman

08:33:18 Chair Hopkins

08:33:21 Rep. Hamilton

08:33:36 Chair Hopkins

08:33:39 Cathy Duncan, LFD

08:33:56 Chair Hopkins

08:33:57 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

08:34:18 Chair Hopkins

08:34:24 Rep. Tschida joined the meeting.

08:34:28 Jason Harlow, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

08:34:38 Chair Hopkins

08:34:44 Jason Harlow, OBPP

08:35:14 Chair Hopkins

08:35:33 Heather Vande-Sandt, RMC

08:35:47 Chair Hopkins

08:36:05 Steve Swanson, Alcohol Beverage Control Division of the Department of Revenue (DOR)

08:36:22 Chair Hopkins

08:36:34 Becky Schlauch, Alcohol Beverage Control Division of the Department of Revenue (DOR)

08:36:46 Chair Hopkins

08:36:55 Sen. Kary

08:37:10 Chair Hopkins

08:37:22 Becky Schlauch, DOR

08:37:52 Chair Hopkins

08:38:00 Sen. Smith

08:38:07 Becky Schlauch, DOR

08:38:10 Chair Hopkins

08:38:16 Without objection, Sen. Kary withdrew the motion to segregate the Liquor Warehouse Expansion within Capital Fund Proposals.

08:38:23 Chair Hopkins

08:38:28 **Motion:** Rep. Hopkins moved that the Joint Subcommittees move forward the Capital Fund Proposals at \$115,570,680 to the Select Committee.

08:38:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

08:38:57 Chair Hopkins

08:39:04 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lang moved, under DNRC, the Irrigation of St. Mary's (\$198,666,256).

Discussion:

08:39:16 Chair Hopkins
08:39:27 Sen. Flowers
08:39:45 Cathy Duncan, LFD
08:40:11 Sen. Flowers
08:40:16 Chair Hopkins
08:40:17 Sen. Flowers
08:40:49 Chair Hopkins
08:40:51 Vice Chair Lang
08:46:55 Chair Hopkins
08:47:01 Sen. Flowers
08:47:49 Chair Hopkins
08:48:25 Vice Chair Lang
08:50:27 Sen. Flowers
08:50:30 Chair Hopkins
08:50:46 Cathy Duncan, LFD
08:51:34 Chair Hopkins
08:51:57 Rep. Hamilton

08:52:01 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Hamilton and Rep. Stewart Perego voting no. Rep. Stewart Perego voted by proxy.

08:53:05 **Motion:** Rep. Hopkins moved that the Joint Subcommittees move the Department of Military Affairs: Temporary Disaster Resiliency Fund, Ft. Harrison Sewer and Water, and Helena Armed Forces Reserve Center Sewer and Water forward to the Select Committee.

Discussion:

08:53:38 Cathy Duncan, LFD
08:53:46 Chair Hopkins
08:54:00 Cathy Duncan, LFD
08:54:05 Chair Hopkins
08:54:31 Rep. Vinton
08:54:42 Chair Hopkins

08:54:44 Cathy Duncan, LFD
08:54:53 Chair Hopkins
08:55:15 Cathy Duncan, LFD
08:55:22 Chair Hopkins
08:55:29 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
08:55:37 Chair Hopkins
08:55:55 Cathy Duncan, LFD
08:56:04 Chair Hopkins
08:56:21 Rep. Vinton
08:56:25 Chair Hopkins
08:56:38 Rep. Tschida
08:56:52 Chair Hopkins
08:57:01 Jason Harlow, OBPP
08:57:07 Chair Hopkins
08:57:12 Cathy Duncan, LFD
08:57:15 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
08:57:57 Chair Hopkins
08:58:00 Rep. Tschida
08:58:13 Sen. Boldman left the meeting.
08:58:46 Chair Hopkins
08:58:59 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
08:59:08 Chair Hopkins
08:59:59 Delila Bruno, Disaster and Emergency Services Division of the Department of
Military Affairs (DMA)
09:00:57 Vice Chair Lang
09:01:49 Delila Bruno, DMA
09:02:04 Leslie White, Construction Facilities Management Bureau of the Department of
Military Affairs (DMA)
09:02:56 Vice Chair Lang
09:03:01 Leslie White, DMA
09:03:13 Chair Hopkins

09:03:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:03:41 Chair Hopkins

09:03:56 **Motion:** Rep. Hopkins moved the UM Clapp Building Water and Sewer Line
Replacement, MSU Bozeman Water/Sanitary/Storm, and UM FLBS Sewer
Treatment Plant (included in LRP bill) be moved forward as a recommendation
to the Select Committee.

09:04:08 Sen. Boldman joined the meeting.

09:04:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:04:47 **Motion:** Rep. Hopkins moved the six Department of Military Affairs (DMA) line
items: Cemetery Equipment Upgrades, Youth Challenge - Temporary Remedial
Teaching Staff, Warehouse Lease for PPE, Cleaning and Sanitizing Equipment,
Increased Covid Staff, and System Updates & Contracted Assistance.

Discussion:

09:05:33 Rep. Tschida
09:06:09 Chair Hopkins
09:06:32 Cathy Duncan, LFD
09:06:57 Chair Hopkins
09:07:20 Rep. Tschida
09:07:27 Chair Hopkins
09:07:30 Kris Wilkinson, LFD
09:07:53 Heather Vande-Sandt, RMC
09:08:02 Rep. Stewart Peregoy joined the meeting.
09:08:05 Chair Hopkins
09:08:12 Jason Harlow, OBPP
09:08:36 Chair Hopkins

09:08:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:08:52 Chair Hopkins

09:09:02 **Motion:** Rep. Hamilton moved to adopt the Montana State Library IT Proposals:
Real Time Network, Wetland Mapping, and Lidar Mapping.

Discussion:

09:09:36 Chair Hopkins
09:09:42 Vice Chair Lang
09:10:15 Sen. Flowers
09:10:33 Vice Chair Lang
09:10:36 Chair Hopkins
09:10:41 Vice Chair Lang
09:10:51 Jennie Stapp, State Librarian
09:11:34 Chair Hopkins
09:11:36 Vice Chair Lang
09:11:50 Chair Hopkins
09:11:54 Rep. Tschida
09:12:44 Chair Hopkins
09:12:53 Rep. Hamilton
09:12:56 Chair Hopkins
09:13:05 Cathy Duncan, LFD
09:13:28 Chair Hopkins
09:13:44 Rep. Hamilton
09:13:46 Cathy Duncan, LFD
09:13:50 Chair Hopkins
09:13:59 Sen. Flowers
09:14:25 Chair Hopkins
09:14:33 Vice Chair Lang
09:14:55 Cathy Duncan, LFD
09:15:07 Chair Hopkins
09:15:19 Rep. Hamilton

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09:16:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Smith, Rep. Vinton, and Rep. Tschida voting no.

09:17:13 Chair Hopkins

09:17:29 Sen. Flowers

09:17:33 Chair Hopkins

09:17:38 Sen. Flowers

09:17:45 Chair Hopkins

09:17:46 **Motion:** Sen. Flowers moved to allocate \$100,000,000 to premium pay for essential workers.

Discussion:

09:18:58 Chair Hopkins

09:19:36 Sen. Flowers

09:19:39 Chair Hopkins

09:19:44 Rep. Ricci

09:20:04 Chair Hopkins

09:20:10 Rep. Hamilton

09:21:45 Chair Hopkins

09:21:49 Rep. Tschida

09:23:54 Chair Hopkins

09:24:47 Sen. Flowers

09:26:24 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Flowers, Rep. Hamilton, and Rep. Stewart Peregoy voting aye.

09:27:05 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:27:13 Sen. Flowers

09:27:26 Chair Hopkins

09:27:27 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:27:34 Chair Hopkins

09:27:38 **Motion:** Sen. Flowers made a motion for small business assistance grants in the amount of \$75,000,000, with an allocation towards daycare/preschool startup assistance.

Discussion:

09:28:03 Chair Hopkins

09:28:20 Sen. Flowers

09:30:43 Chair Hopkins

09:30:51 Rep. Stewart Peregoy

09:31:57 Sen. Flowers

09:32:05 Rep. Stewart Peregoy

09:32:25 Rep. Tschida left the meeting.

09:32:35 Chair Hopkins

09:32:49 Sen. Flowers

09:33:41 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Flowers, Rep. Hamilton, and Rep. Stewart Peregoy voting aye. Rep. Tschida voted by proxy.

09:35:17 Chair Hopkins

09:35:40 **Motion:** Sen. Lang moved two items of DNRC: Irrigation Development Grants and Water/Wastewater Upgrade Planning.

09:35:58 Chair Hopkins

09:36:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:36:27 Chair Hopkins

09:36:38 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:36:46 Chair Hopkins

09:38:09 Rep. Ricci

09:38:11 Chair Hopkins

09:38:35 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:39:13 Chair Hopkins

09:39:26 Sen. Kary

09:39:38 Chair Hopkins

09:39:43 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved the Montana State Prison line items: Sewer Line Replacement - Old Clay Tile Type, Water Line Replacement, and Water around Facility Buildings.

09:40:17 Chair Hopkins

09:40:40 **Motion:** Motion carried 8-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Flowers, Rep. Hamilton, and Rep. Stewart Peregoy voting no.

09:41:19 Chair Hopkins

09:41:54 **Motion:** Rep. Hopkins moved \$15,000,000 to the total Capital Fund Proposal line item that is currently at \$115,570,680 and named it "Silo Funds."

Discussion:

09:42:11 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:42:34 Chair Hopkins

09:43:07 Rep. Stewart Peregoy

09:44:11 Chair Hopkins

09:44:16 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-1 by voice vote with Rep. Hamilton voting no.

09:44:35 Chair Hopkins

09:44:52 Rep. Hamilton

09:45:07 Cathy Duncan, LFD

09:45:18 Rep. Hamilton

09:45:21 Chair Hopkins

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:45:45

Caitlin Cashman, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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