

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Wendy McKamey, on March 24, 2021 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Wendy McKamey, Chair (R)
Rep. Sharon Greef, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R)
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Ed Hill (R)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Kelly Kortum (D)
Rep. Brian Putnam (R)
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)
Rep. Kathy Whitman (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)
Rep. Tyson T. Running Wolf (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: John Bergoffen, Committee Secretary
Coleen Street, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 643, 3/19/2021; HJ 24, 3/19/2021
Executive Action: HB 643, HJ 24

09:01:13 Chair McKamey

HEARING ON HB 643

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:02:08 Rep. Geraldine Custer (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB 643, Allowing a disabled voter to electronically return a ballot.

09:04:19 Rep. Frazer joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:05:17 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

09:07:30 Joel Peden, Montana Association for Independent Living Centers (MTCIL)

09:11:18 Travis Hoffman, Summit Independent Living

09:13:25 Joy Breslauer, National Federation of the Blind in Montana

09:16:46 Jed Barton, Living Independently for Today and Tomorrow

09:18:59 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders (MACR)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

09:22:35 Dana Corson, Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:22:53 Rep. Reksten

09:23:22 Dana Corson, SOS

09:24:43 Rep. Hayman

09:25:32 Regina Plettenberg, MACR

09:27:45 Rep. Greef

09:28:09 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

09:28:57 Rep. Walsh

09:29:48 Rep. Custer

09:30:23 Dana Corson, SOS

09:30:57 Rep. Dooling

09:31:33 Dana Corson, SOS

09:32:14 Rep. Karjala

09:32:45 Rep. Custer

09:33:24 Regina Plettenberg, MACR

09:34:36 Rep. Karjala

09:34:58 Regina Plettenberg, MACR

09:35:18 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

09:36:16 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

09:36:58 Rep. Smith

09:37:18 Dana Corson, SOS

09:37:43 Rep. Hill

09:38:23 Regina Plettenberg, MACR

09:38:47 Rep. Hill

09:39:00 Regina Plettenberg, MACR

09:39:28 Chair McKamey

09:39:49 Dana Corson, SOS

Closing by Sponsor:

09:41:16 Rep. Custer

09:42:08 Chair McKamey

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 64309:42:29 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 643 DO PASS.****Discussion:**

09:42:32 Rep. Reksten

09:42:59 Rep. Whitman

09:43:36 Rep. Hill

09:43:55 Chair McKamey

09:44:12 Joel Peden, Montana Association for Independent Living Centers (MTCIL)

09:47:11 Rep. Hill

09:47:59 Joel Peden, MTCIL

09:48:54 Rep. Hill

09:49:44 Dana Corson, SOS

09:50:58 Chair McKamey

09:51:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bishop and Rep. Running Wolf voted by proxy.**HEARING ON HJ 24****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:52:56 Rep. Moffie Funk (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HJ24, Study resolution on the Montana state flag.

EXHIBIT(sth58a01)**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:59:53 Hipolito Rafael Chacon, Montana Museum of Art and Culture

10:03:55 Mark Manger, self

Opponents' Testimony:

10:06:45 Caroly Truscott, self

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:09:08 Rep. Hayman

10:10:25 Rep. Funk

10:12:08 Rep. Hill

10:12:31 Rep. Funk

10:13:44 Rep. Reksten

10:14:02 Rep. Funk

10:15:16 Chair McKamey

10:15:33 Rep. Funk

10:15:41 Rep. Kortum left the meeting.

Closing by Sponsor:

10:16:11 Rep. Funk

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 24

10:17:44 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HJ 24 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:18:15 Rep. Reksten

10:18:28 Rep. Hill

10:19:22 Rep. Greef

10:19:43 Rep. Karjala

10:20:23 Rep. Custer

10:21:31 Rep. Putnam

10:22:30 Chair McKamey

10:25:25 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Binkley, Rep. Dooling, Rep. Greef, Rep. Hill and Rep. Whitman voting no. Rep. Bishop voted by proxy.

10:26:47 Rep. Funk

10:27:43 Chair McKamey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:29:43

John Bergoffen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sth58aad.pdf](#))