

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, reconvened on March 25, 2021 at 9:00 A.M., 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. Matt Regier, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Brad Tschida, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)
Rep. David Bedey (R)
Rep. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: 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 660, 3/24/2021; HB 623, 3/23/2021; SB 72, 3/23/2021; SB 175, 3/23/2021, HB 632 Section B; HB 632 Rules Section.

Executive Action: SJ 15, HB 14, HB 272, HB 403, HB 522, HB 660, SB 72, SB 175.

09:11:04 Chair Jones - No roll call taken as committee was in recess.

HEARING ON SB 72

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:11:50 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 72, Revise school laws related to participation in extracurricular activities.

Proponents: None

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony:

09:14:41 Director Emily Dean, Montana School Board Association (MSBA)

09:15:56 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:16:32 Rep. Windy Boy
09:17:17 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
09:17:52 Rep. M. Regier
09:18:05 Sen. K. Regier
09:18:22 Rep. M. Regier
09:18:42 Paul Taylor, OPI
09:22:11 Rep. Tschida
09:22:38 Sen. K. Regier
09:23:11 Rep. Tschida
09:23:37 Rep. Caferro left the meeting
09:24:34 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
09:25:09 Paul Taylor, OPI
09:25:17 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
09:25:31 Emily Dean, MSBA
09:25:42 Rep. Windy Boy
09:26:59 Paul Taylor, OPI
09:27:49 Rep. Windy Boy
09:28:12 Rep. Keane
09:28:41 Paul Taylor, OPI
09:28:48 Chair Jones
09:29:51 Paul Taylor, OPI
09:31:01 Chair Jones
09:31:31 Rep. Keogh
09:32:22 Paul Taylor, OPI
09:32:39 Chair Jones

Closing by Sponsor:

09:32:49 Rep. K Regier

HEARING ON SB 175

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:33:18 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 175, Generally revise contributions to the judges' retirement system.

Proponents:

09:34:54 Ryan Evans, Office of Budget and Program Planning(OBPP)

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony:

09:36:39 Dore Schwinden, Montana Public Employee Retirement Administration (MPERA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:37:09 Rep. Patelis

09:37:43 Dore Schwinden, MPERA

09:40:14 Rep. Patelis

Closing by Sponsor:

09:40:29 Sen. Kary

HEARING ON HB 623

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:41:13 Rep. Jessica Karjala (D), HD 48, opened the hearing on HB 623, Appropriate funds for suicide prevention grants.

Proponents:

09:45:05 Adrien Jawort, Montana Native Vote

[EXHIBIT\(aph59a01\)](#)

09:48:17 Matt Kuntz, Montana National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI)

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony:

09:50:01 Zoe Bernard, Addictive and Mental Health Division, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:50:40 Rep. Tschida

09:51:14 Rep. Karjala

09:51:50 Rep. Tschida

09:52:50 Chair Jones

09:52:55 Rep. Mercer

09:53:39 Zoe Bernard, DPHHS

09:58:55 Rep. Mercer

09:59:43 Rep. Windy Boy

10:00:10 Zoe Bernard, DPHHS

10:03:15 Rep. Garner

10:03:41 Zoe Bernard, DPHHS

10:03:51 Rep. Caferro

10:07:48 Matt Kuntz, NAMI
10:06:32 Rep. Mercer
10:06:42 Zoe Bernard, DPHHS
10:08:27 Chair Jones
10:10:24 Rep. Mercer
10:10:58 Zoe Bernard, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

10:11:10 Rep. Karjala

HEARING ON HB 660**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:18:19 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 660, Funding for Made in Montana program

Proponents:

10:19:13 Raylee Honeycut, Montana Stockgrower's Association (MSGA)
10:21:59 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
10:23:39 John Semple, Montana Wheat Growers Association (MWGA)

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony:

10:24:54 Jan Stoddard, Montana Department of Commerce (COM)
10:25:17 Molly DelCurto, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:25:44 Rep. Keane
16:26:01 John Semple, Montana Grain Growers Association (MGGA)
10:26:25 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
10:27:24 Rep. Kassmier
10:27:56 Rep. Kerr Carpenter
10:28:14 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
10:28:48 Rep. Kassmier
10:28:54 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
10:29:41 Jan Stoddard, COM
10:30:51 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
10:31:20 Jan Stoddard, COM
10:32:29 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
10:32:54 Jan Stoddard, COM
10:33:20 Rep. Keane
10:34:18 Rep. Kassmier
10:34:27 Chair Jones
10:34:32 Rep. Keogh
10:35:44 Rep. Kassmier
10:36:23 Chair Jones

Closing by Sponsor:

10:36:31 Rep. Kassmier

10:38:25 Recessed
11:08:39 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 15

11:09:38 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **SJ 15 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

11:09:50 Rep. Bedey
11:13:40 Rep. Windy Boy

11:14:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bartel, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Moore, Rep. Read, Rep. M. Regier, Rep. Schillinger and Rep. Tschida voting no. Rep. Bartel, Rep. Ricci, Rep. Schillinger and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy. Rep. Bedey will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 14

11:16:06 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 14 DO PASS.**

11:16:25 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 14 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(aph59a02)

Discussion:

11:16:49 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
11:18:17 Chair Jones
11:19:08 Rep. Mercer
11:19:31 Joe Triem, LFD

11:21:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bartel, Rep. Ricci, Rep. Schillinger and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

11:21:57 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 14 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(aph59a03)

Discussion:

11:22:16 Joe Triem LFD
11:22:46 Rep. Caferro
11:23:34 Rep Mercer

11:23:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bartel, Rep. Ricci, Rep. Schillinger and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

11:24:06 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 14 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bartel, Rep. Ricci, Rep. Schillinger and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 272

11:25:42 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 272 DO PASS.**

11:26:32 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 272 BE TABLED.**
Motion carried 20-4 by voice vote with Rep. Garner, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Moore
and Rep. Tschida voting no. Rep. Bartel, Rep. Bedey, Rep. Ricci, Rep.
Schillinger and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION HB 403

11:27:49 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 403 DO PASS.**

11:28:24 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 403 BE TABLED.**
Motion carried 15-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bedey, Rep. Caferro, Rep. Garner,
Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keane, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart
Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Bartel, Rep. Ricci, Rep. Schillinger
and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION HB 522

11:31:33 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 522 DO PASS.**

11:31:46 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 522 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(aph59a04)

Discussion:

11:32:06 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

11:34:12 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 522 BE CONCEPTUALLY
AMENDED**, to reduce \$163,000 to \$150,000 page 5 line 4. Motion carried
unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bartel, Rep. Ricci, Rep. Schillinger and Rep.
Vinton voted by proxy.

Discussion:

11:35:08 Rep. Mercer
11:35:19 Chair Jones
11:35:24 Joe Triem, LFD
11:36:13 Rep. M. Regier
11:36:29 Chair Jones

11:36:46 **Vote:** Motion carried 24-0 by voice vote. Rep. Bartel, Rep. Ricci, Rep.
Schillinger and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

11:38:17 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 522 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Motion carried 21-3 by voice vote with Rep. Mercer, Rep. M. Regier and Rep.
Tschida voting no. Rep. Bartel, Rep. Ricci, Rep. Schillinger and Rep. Vinton
voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION HB 660

11:39:25 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 660 DO PASS**. Motion carried 20-4 by voice vote with Rep. Mercer, Rep. Moore, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Tschida voting no. Rep. Ricci, Rep. Schillinger and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 72

11:41:11 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **SB 72 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Bartel, Rep. Ricci, Rep. Schillinger and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy. Rep. Jones will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 175

11:42:12 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **SB 175 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

11:42:30 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

11:43:07 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Bartel, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Moore, Rep. M. Regier, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Tschida voting no. Rep. Bartel, Rep. Ricci, Rep. Schillinger and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy. Rep. Jones will carry the bill.

11:45:09 Chair Jones

11:45:28 Recessed

15:20:23 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 632, Section B, Department of Health and Human Services

15:20:20 Chair Jones

15:21:17 Rep. M. Regier

[EXHIBIT\(aph59a05\)](#)

15:29:30 Rep. Hamilton left the hearing

15:30:54 Chair Jones

15:31:30 Rep. Garner

[EXHIBIT\(aph59a06\)](#)

15:38:09 Chair Jones

15:38:31 Rep. Caferro

15:38:51 Chair Jones

15:40:30 Rep. M. Regier

15:40:59 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

15:41:16 Rep. M. Regier

15:42:14 Rep. Keane

15:42:49 Julie Johnson, LSD

15:42:50 Rep. Keane

15:43:55 Rep. M. Regier

15:43:58 Julie Johnson, LSD

15:44:02 Rep. M. Regier
 15:44:59 Rep. Windy Boy
 15:45:42 Julie Jonsnon, LSD
 15:44:55 Chair Jones
 15:46:13 Rep. Mercer
 15:48:01 Quinn Holzer, LSD
 15:49:55 Rep. Mercer
 15:51:09 Rep. M. Regier
 15:51:26 Rep. Mercer
 15:52:56 Quinn Holzer
 15:52:58 Rep. Mercer
 15:53:54 Chair Jones
 15:54:21 Rep. M. Regier

Proponents:

15:55:29 Matt Kuntz, Montana National Alliance on Mental Illnes (NAMI)
 15:56:59 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association, (MMA)

EXHIBIT(aph59a07)

15:59:46 Rose Hughes, Montana Heath Care Association (MHCA)

EXHIBIT(aph59a08)

16:10:52 Pat Noonan, Behavioral Health Alliance of Montana (BHAM)
 16:12:14 Rep. Mercer
 16:12:31 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)
 16:14:39 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)
 16:17:34 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)
 16:19:56 Brie Oliver, Healthy Mothers Healthy Babies (DPHHS)
 16:23:31 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition against Domestic and Sexual Violence
 16:24:55 Joel Peden, Montana Association of Centers for Independent Living(MCIL)

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:27:29 Rep. Garner
 16:28:47 Rep. Mercer
 16:29:34 Rose Hughes, MHA
 16:31:36 Chair Jones
 16:32:19 Rep. Mercer
 16:33:05 Rose Hughes, MHA
 16:33:56 Chair Jones
 16:34:17 Rep. Caferro
 16:34:44 Rose Hughes, MHA
 16:35:14 Rep. Keane
 16:36:38 Rose Hughes, MHA
 16:37:58 Rep. Mercer
 16:38:15 Beth Brenneman, DRM
 16:39:45 Rep. Mercer

16:40:11 Heather O'Loughlin, MBPC
16:40:38 Rep. Mercer
16:41:47 Quinn Holzer, LFD

DISCUSSION ON HB 632, Rules Section

16:43:06 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
EXHIBIT(aph59a09)

16:46:25 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
16:47:04 Julie Johnson, LSD
16:47:36 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
16:48:08 Rep. Keogh
16:48:26 Julie Johnson, LSD
16:49:07 Chair Jones
16:49:22 Rep. Hamilton
16:50:10 Chair Jones
16:51:22 Rep. Hamilton
16:52:07 Julie Johnson, LSD
16:52:30 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
16:55:51 Rep. Nave
16:57:40 Chair Jones
16:58:48 Julie Johnson, LSD
16:59:03 Chair Jones
16:59:19 Rep. Hamilton
16:59:46 Chair Jones
16:59:55 Julie Johnson, LSD
17:00:30 Chair Jones
17:00:37 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
17:01:31 Chair Jones
17:03:12 Julie Johnson, LFD
17:03:28 Rep. Keane
17:04:07 Rep. Mercer
17:05:11 Rep. Bedey
17:05:55 Rep. Garner
17:07:42 Chair Jones
17:08:30 Rep. Bedey
17:09:25 Rep. Garner
17:10:49 Chair Jones
17:11:02 Rep. Holmlund
17:11:24 Rep. Bedey

RECESSED

Recessed: 17:11:38

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Jamie Bonilla, Secretary

Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph59aad.pdf](#))