

MINUTES

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

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on March 29, 2021 at 9:30 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. David Bedey (R)
Rep. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)
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:

Rep. Brad Tschida, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Dan Bartel (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

Staff Present:

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 692, 3/28/2021; HB 693, 3/28/2021; HB 671, 3/28/2021
Executive Action: HB 632, HB 692, HB 671

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 632

09:32:47 Chair Jones

EXHIBIT(aph61a01)

09:38:45 Rep. Schillinger

09:39:05 Chair Jones

09:40:01 Rep. Schillinger

09:40:19 Chair Jones

09:40:34 Rep. Garner

09:41:08 Chair Jones

09:41:17 Rep. Nave

09:41:35 Chair Jones

09:42:00 Rep. Garner

09:42:29 Chair Jones

09:42:39 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 632 DO PASS.**

09:42:46 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 632 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(aph61a02)

Discussion:

09:43:04 Rep. Garner

09:49:19 Rep. Hopkins jointed the meeting

09:53:16 Rep. Fuller

09:53:48 Rep. Gerner

09:54:14 Rep. Fuller

09:54:26 Rep. Garner

09:54:34 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

09:55:19 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

09:55:49 Rep. Ricci

09:56:34 Rep. Garner

09:57:38 Chair Jones

09:57:43 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy

09:58:18 Rep. Regier

09:59:05 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy

10:02:08 Rep. Regier

10:02:49 Rep. Fuller

10:03:23 Chair Jones

10:03:33 Rep. Bedey

10:04:54 Rep. Garner

10:05:14 Rep. Hamilton

10:05:33 Rep. Garner

10:07:40 Chair Jones

10:09:04 Rep. Hamilton

10:09:29 Rep. Garner

10:10:05 Rep. Hamilton

10:10:41 Chair Jones

10:11:41 Rep. Hamilton

10:12:24 Rep. Windy Boy

10:13:10 Rep. Garner
10:13:45 Rep. Bedey
10:14:09 Rep. Garner
10:14:18 Rep. Mercer
10:15:35 Rep. Garner
10:15:45 Chair Jones
10:16:03 Rep. Mercer
10:17:33 Julie Johnson, LSD
10:19:00 Rep. Mercer
10:20:08 Amy Sassano, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
10:22:32 Chair Jones
10:23:20 Rep. Mercer
10:24:44 Amy Sassano, OBPP
10:26:28 Rep. Mercer
10:27:44 Chair Jones
10:28:20 Rep. Mercer
10:29:20 Julie Johnson, LSD
10:30:20 Chair Jones
10:30:47 Rep. Mercer
10:31:22 Chair Jones
10:31:42 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
10:32:05 Chair Jones
10:32:11 Rep. Garner
10:33:20 Rep. Keogh
10:35:11 Rep. Bedey
10:36:39 Chair Jones
10:37:52 Rep. Bedey
10:38:27 Rep. Windy Boy
10:38:41 Chair Jones
10:39:10 Rep. Garner
10:39:23 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
10:40:10 Rep. Mercer
10:41:27 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
10:41:45 Rep. Mercer
10:42:48 Rep. Garner
10:44:17 Chair Jones
10:45:27 Rep. Moore
10:48:09 Rep. Garner
10:50:13 Rep. Windy Boy
10:51:46 Rep. Nave
10:54:10 Rep. Caferro
10:58:53 Chair Jones
10:59:13 Rep. Mercer
11:02:27 Rep. Caferro
11:03:50 Chair Jones
11:03:55 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
11:05:04 Rep. Regier left the meeting
11:05:37 Chair Jones

- 11:07:17 Recessed
11:17:54 Reconvened
- 11:17:58 Chair Jones
- 11:18:08 **Vote:** Motion carried 23-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Stewart Peregoy voting no. Rep. Keane, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.
- 11:20:00 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 632 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

- 11:20:40 Chair Jones
- 11:20:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Fuller, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Moore, Rep. Nave, Rep. Read and Rep. Stewart Peregoy voting no. Rep. Keane, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

HEARING ON HB 692**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

- 11:24:51 Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 692, Authorize transfers and other necessary measures to implement HB 2 -section C.

Proponents: None

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony:

- 11:25:14 Anna Pakenham Stevenson, Department of Natural Conservation and Resources (DNRC)
11:25:35 Brian Holling, Department of Natural Conservation and Resources (DNRC)
11:25:44 Chair Jones

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

- 11:26:53 Rep. Holmlund

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 692

- 11:27:18 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 692 DO PASS.** Motion carried 21-0 by voice vote.

HEARING ON HB 693**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

- 11:27:51 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 693, Implement provisions of HB 2 - Section D- Judiciary, Law Enforcement and Justice.

Proponents:

11:43:35 Director Brian Gootkin, Department of Corrections (DOC)

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:44:17 Rep. Tschida
11:44:45 Rep. Mercer
11:46:54 Rep. Windy Boy
11:47:25 Director Gootkin, DOC
11:47:37 Rep. Windy Boy
11:49:48 Rep. Mercer
11:51:20 Rep. Windy Boy
11:52:31 Rep. Mercer
11:53:29 Director Gootkin, DOC

Closing by Sponsor:

11:53:39 Rep. Mercer

HEARING ON HB 671**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

11:53:57 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 671, Implement provisions of HB 2 - Section E - education.

Proponents:

11:56:38 Emily Dean, Montana School Board Association (MSBA)

Opponents: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:57:17 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
11:58:14 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
11:58:19 Rep. Windy Boy
12:02:12 Chair Jones

Closing by Sponsor:

12:02:28 Rep. Bedey

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 671

12:02:54 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 671 DO PASS**. Motion carried 22-0 by voice vote.

12:04:13 Chair Jones

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:04:38

Jamie Bonilla, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph61aad.pdf](#))