

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Llew Jones, on March 31, 2021 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Llew Jones, Chair (R)  
  
Rep. Kenneth L. Holmlund, 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. Jim Keane (D)  
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)  
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)  
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. Matt Regier, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Mary Caferro, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)  
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)  
Rep. Terry Moore (R)  
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

**Staff Present:**

Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division  
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch  
Jamie Bonilla, Committee Secretary  
Anthony Nuno, 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:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 191, 3/28/2021; SB 247, 3/28/2021  
Executive Action: SB 191, SB 247, HB 279, HB 279, HB 678, HB 629, HB 623

**HEARING ON SB 191****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:13:09 Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB 191, Generally revise state finance laws.

**Proponents:** None

**Opponents:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

09:14:31 Amy Sassano, Office of Budget Program and Planning (OBPP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:15:45 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter  
09:16:17 Amy Sassano, OBPP  
09:17:10 Rep. Windy Boy  
09:17:22 Amy Carlson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
09:18:55 Chair Jones  
09:19:31 Rep. Windy Boy  
09:19:43 Chair Jones  
09:19:54 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter  
09:20:30 Amy Carlson, LFD  
09:21:00 Chair Jones

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:21:25 Sen. Osmundson

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 191**

09:21:57 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **SB 191 BE CONCURRED IN.**

09:22:04 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **SB 191 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT(aph63a01)**

**Discussion:**

09:22:25 Amy Carlson, LFD  
09:27:10 Chair Jones  
09:27:15 Rep. Moore  
09:27:59 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
09:29:31 Rep. Moore  
09:29:46 Chair Jones  
09:31:41 Rep. Hamilton joined the meeting.  
09:31:48 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter  
09:32:16 Amy Carlson, LFD  
09:37:08 Chair Jones  
09:38:27 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter  
09:38:49 Amy Carlson, LFD  
09:39:24 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy  
09:40:43 Amy Carlson, LFD

09:41:33 Chair Jones  
09:41:40 Rep. Windy Boy  
09:42:11 Rep. Hamilton  
09:43:29 Amy Carlson, LFD  
09:44:21 Rep. Hamilton  
09:44:49 Amy Carlson, LFD  
09:45:15 Chair Jones  
09:45:24 Rep. Keane  
09:45:55 Joe Triem, LFD  
09:47:02 Rep. Keane  
09:47:24 Joe Triem, LFD  
09:47:36 Chair Jones  
09:49:15 Rep. Keane  
09:49:50 Rep. Hamilton  
09:50:36 Amy Carlson, LFD  
09:50:50 Rep. Hamilton  
09:51:02 Amy Carlson, LFD  
09:51:18 Rep. Hamilton  
09:51:38 Amy Carlson, LFD  
09:52:15 Rep. Hamilton  
09:52:41 Amy Carlson, LFD  
09:52:58 Chair Jones  
09:53:42 Julie Johnson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
09:53:58 Rep. Moore  
09:54:51 Chair Jones  
09:55:02 Rep. Garner  
09:55:21 Rep. Keane  
09:55:49 Amy Sassano, OBPP  
09:57:11 Chair Jones

09:57:16 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hamilton moved that **SB 191 AMENDMENT 191.2.1 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED** to reflect "may" instead of "must" in Section 2(b). Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Patelis, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

09:58:58 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Jones moved that **SB 191 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried 23-1 by voice vote with Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Patelis, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

09:59:00 Chair Jones  
10:00:19 Rep. Keane

10:01:04 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **SB 191 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Patelis, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy. Rep. Holmlund will carry the bill.

**HEARING ON SB 247****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:02:00 Sen. Ellie Boldman (D), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 247, Generally revise alcohol state property/ post-secondary education.

**Proponents:** None

**Opponents:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:05:19 Rep. Boldman

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 247**

10:05:23 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **SB 247 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 20-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Moore, Rep. M. Regier, Rep. Tschida and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Holmlund, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. M. Regier, Rep. Tschida and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy. Rep. Patelis will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 279**

10:07:50 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 279 DO PASS**.

10:08:10 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 279 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried 16-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keane, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Moore, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Patelis, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

**EXHIBIT(aph63a02)**

10:08:39 Joe Triem, LFD

10:10:07 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 279 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 17-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keane, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Patelis, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 678**

10:13:23 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 678 DO PASS**.

10:13:30 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bartel moved that **HB 678 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Patelis, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

**EXHIBIT(aph63a03)**

10:15:06 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bartel moved that **HB 678 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Patelis, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

**EXHIBIT(aph63a04)**

10:16:33 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 678 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Patelis, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 629**

10:17:05 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 629 DO PASS**.

10:17:39 **Motion:** Rep. Jones moved that **HB 629 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED** to add construction, natural resources, mining, agriculture, forestry, manufacturing, transportation, utilities and outdoor recreation to the list of business structures.

10:19:58 Recess

10:30:51 Reconvened

**Discussion:**

10:30:59 Chair Jones

10:32:26 Rep. Bedey

10:32:43 Joe Triem, LFD

10:33:08 Rep. Bedey

10:33:33 Chair Jones

10:33:42 Rep. Bedey

10:33:47 Julie Johnson, LFD

10:34:25 Rep. Windy Boy

10:35:14 Chair Jones

10:35:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Caferro, Rep. Garner, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Patelis, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

10:35:56 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 629 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Caferro, Rep. Garner, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Patelis, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 623**

10:36:33 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 623 DO PASS**.

10:36:55 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 623 BE AMENDED**.

- 10:37:23 Without objection, Rep. Holmlund **withdrew the BE AMENDED motion.**
- 10:37:57 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 623 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 16-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Garner, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keane, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting no. Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Patelis, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.
- 10:40:32 Chair Jones

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:40:54

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Jamie Bonilla, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([aph63aad.pdf](#))**