

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Wendy McKamey, on March 31, 2021 at 8:00 AM, 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. Tyson T. Running Wolf (D)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)  
Rep. Kathy Whitman (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** John Bergoffen, Committee Secretary  
Coleen Street, Remote Meeting Coordinator  
Pad McCracken, Legislative Branch

**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: HB 689, 3/30/2021; HB 699, 3/30/2021; HJ 28, 3/30/2021  
Executive Action: HB 651, HB 689, HB 699, HJ 28.

08:03:07 Rep. Walsh assumed the chair  
08:03:24 Chair Walsh

### **HEARING ON HB 689**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:04:05 Rep. Julie Dooling (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 689, Generally revise campaign finance and campaign practice laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

#### **Informational Testimony:**

08:07:20 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:07:41 Rep. Custer  
08:08:00 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP  
08:08:37 Rep. Hayman  
08:09:07 Rep. Dooling  
08:09:28 Rep. Hayman  
08:09:55 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP  
08:11:31 Rep. Hayman  
08:11:55 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP  
08:12:30 Rep. Hayman  
08:12:42 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP  
08:13:22 Rep. Putnam  
08:13:53 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP  
08:14:02 Rep. Reksten  
08:14:33 Rep. Frazer joined the meeting  
08:14:41 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP  
08:15:14 Rep. Reksten  
08:15:42 Rep. Dooling  
08:16:24 Rep. Reksten  
08:16:47 Rep. Dooling  
08:17:30 Rep. Custer  
08:18:36 Rep. Dooling  
08:18:54 Rep. Kortum  
08:19:25 Pad McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
08:19:56 Rep. Kortum  
08:20:05 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP  
08:20:26 Rep. Kortum  
08:20:46 Rep. Dooling  
08:21:21 Rep. Karjala  
08:21:49 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP  
08:22:25 Rep. Dooling  
08:22:55 Rep. Karjala  
08:23:08 Rep. Custer

08:24:19 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP  
08:25:14 Rep. Custer  
08:26:07 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP  
08:26:43 Rep. Hill  
08:27:34 Rep. Dooling  
08:28:15 Rep. Smith  
08:28:50 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP  
08:29:17 Rep. Smith  
08:29:31 Commissioner Jeff Mangan, COPP  
08:29:51 Rep. Kortum  
08:30:18 Rep. Dooling  
08:30:43 Rep. Kortum  
08:30:59 Pad McCracken, LSD

**Closing by Sponsor:**

08:31:52 Rep. Dooling

**HEARING ON HB 699****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:32:41 Rep. Wendy McKamey (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HB 699, Revising state policy regarding boycotts of Israel.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

08:36:37 Ed Brown, self

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[EXHIBIT\(sth63a02\)](#)

08:44:43 Gerald Weismann, self

08:50:32 Sam Redfern, self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

08:54:17 Rep. Stafman

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:01:04 Rep. Reksten

09:01:15 Rep. Stafman

**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:02:27 Dan Villa, Montana Board of Investments

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:06:06 Rabbi Chaim Bruk, self

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

09:13:56 Rep. Greef

09:14:24 Dan Villa, Montana Board of Investments

09:16:06 Rep. Reksten

09:17:25 Rep. McKamey  
09:21:00 Rep. Dooling  
09:21:49 Dan Villa, Montana Board of Investments  
09:24:15 Rep. Dooling  
09:24:26 Dan Villa, Montana Board of Investments  
09:25:00 Rep. Custer  
09:26:24 Dan Villa, Montana Board of Investments  
09:27:18 Rep. Custer  
09:27:37 Dan Villa, Montana Board of Investments  
09:28:33 Chair Walsh  
09:29:02 Rep. McKamey  
09:31:21 Chair Walsh  
09:31:46 Rep. McKamey  
09:32:28 Rep. Putnam  
09:32:46 Dan Villa, Montana Board of Investments  
09:34:07 Rep. Bertoglio  
09:34:24 Dan Villa, Montana Board of Investments

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:35:25 Rep. McKamey  
  
09:38:03 Recess  
09:48:33 Reconvened

**HEARING ON HJ 28****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:48:45 Rep. Ed Hill (R), HD 28, opened the hearing on HJ 28, Request interim study of combining school with primary or general elections.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:50:16 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerk and Recorders (MACR)

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

09:54:36 Rep. Hayman  
09:56:07 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
09:57:55 Rep. Reksten  
09:58:52 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
10:00:18 Rep. Custer  
10:00:46 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
10:01:38 Rep. Custer  
10:02:20 Regina Plettenberg, MACR  
10:03:38 Chair Walsh  
10:04:09 Rep. Hill  
10:04:41 Chair Walsh  
10:05:18 Regina Plettenberg, MACR

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:07:11 Rep. Hill

10:08:51 Recess

10:27:11 Reconvened

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 651**10:27:30 **Motion:** Rep. Bertoglio moved that **HB 651 DO PASS.**10:27:59 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bertoglio moved that **HB 651 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried 18-0 by voice vote. Rep. Bishop was excused.**EXHIBIT(sth63a03)**10:29:50 **Motion:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 651 DO PASS AS AMENDED.****Discussion:**

10:30:02 Rep. Bertoglio

10:30:31 Rep. Hayman

10:30:46 Rep. Kortum

10:31:37 Rep. Hayman

10:32:35 Rep. Reksten

10:33:40 Rep. Putnam

10:35:07 Rep. Custer

10:36:36 Rep. McKamey

10:38:27 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Running Wolf, Rep. F. Smith and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Bishop voted by proxy.

10:40:06 Rep. McKamey

10:40:51 Pad McCracken, LSD

10:41:25 Rep. McKamey

10:41:51 Rep. Hayman

10:42:48 Rep. McKamey

10:43:16 Rep. Kortum

10:43:32 Rep. Reksten

10:44:08 Chair Walsh

10:44:36 Rep. Karjala

10:44:41 Chair Walsh

10:44:56 Recess

11:14:22 Reconvened with Rep. Greef and Rep. Putnam excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 689**11:14:43 **Motion:** Rep. Dooling moved that **HB 689 DO PASS.****Discussion:**

11:15:10 Rep. Hayman

11:16:21 Rep. McKamey  
11:17:08 Rep. Reksten  
11:18:09 Rep. Custer  
11:19:08 Rep. Dooling

11:19:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Running Wolf, Rep. F. Smith and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Bishop, Rep. Greef and Rep. Putnam voted by proxy.

#### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 699**

11:21:33 **Motion:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HB 699 DO PASS**.

#### **Discussion:**

11:21:53 Rep. Karjala  
11:24:04 Rep. McKamey  
11:25:16 Rep. Greef joined the meeting  
11:25:47 Rep. Hill  
11:26:37 Rep. Whitman  
11:27:09 Rep. Weatherwax  
11:27:54 Rep. Smith  
11:28:33 Rep. Custer

11:29:40 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-13 by roll call vote with Rep. Binkley, Rep. Dooling, Rep. Greef, Rep. McKamey, Rep. Walsh and Rep. Whitman voting aye. Rep. Bishop and Rep. Putnam voted by proxy.

11:31:29 Rep. Greef  
11:31:44 Rep. McKamey

11:31:59 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Greef moved that **HB 699 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 15-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Hayman, Rep. McKamey and Rep. Weatherwax voting no. Rep. Bishop and Rep. Putnam voted by proxy.

#### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 28**

11:33:50 **Motion:** Rep. Hill moved that **HJ 28 DO PASS**.

#### **Discussion:**

11:34:17 Rep. Kortum  
11:34:58 Rep. Bertoglio  
11:35:40 Rep. McKamey  
11:36:20 Rep. Custer  
11:38:27 Rep. Greef  
11:38:52 Rep. Hill  
11:39:33 Chair Walsh

11:40:56 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Binkley, Rep. Dooling, Rep. Frazer, Rep. Greef, Rep. Hill, Rep. Kortum and Rep. McKamey voting aye. Rep. Bishop and Rep. Putnam voted by proxy.

11:42:17 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. McKamey moved that **HJ 28 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 17-0 by voice vote. Rep. Bishop and Rep. Putnam were excused.

11:43:15 Chair McKamey resumed the chair.

11:45:16 Rep. Whitman

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:45:32

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John Bergoffen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([sth63aad.pdf](#))