

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones, on April 7, 2021 at 8:00 AM, in Room 102 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
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. 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. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Mary Caferro, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Kathy Sangray, Committee Secretary
Joe Triem, Legislative Branch
Anthony Flores 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: HB 670, HB 701, HB 707

Executive Action: HB 670, HB 701, HB 707, HB 704, HB 675

HEARING ON HB 701**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:02:59 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 701, Generally revise marijuana laws.

08:03:53 Rep. Caferro joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony: None**Opponents' Testimony:**

08:04:30 Jake Brown, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

08:06:08 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter joined the meeting.

08:06:13 Noah Marion, Montana Wilderness Association (MWA)

08:07:30 Kate Cholewa, Montana Cannabis Industry Association (MTCIA)

[EXHIBIT\(aph66a01\)](#)**Informational Testimony:**

08:09:43 Kristen Barbour, Department of Revenue (DOR)

08:10:12 Erica Johnston, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:10:41 Rep. Hamilton

08:11:08 Kate Cholewa, MTCIA

08:17:07 Rep. Mercer

08:24:07 Finn McMichael, Department of Revenue (DOR)

08:31:29 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

08:32:15 Kate Cholewa, MTCIA

08:32:55 Rep. Stewart Peregoy joined the meeting.

08:34:33 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

08:35:17 Rep. Hopkins

08:36:13 Rep. Patelis

08:36:53 Rep. Hopkins

08:43:25 Rep. Windy Boy

08:46:59 Rep. Hopkins

08:47:40 Rep. Hamilton

08:51:07 Rep. Hopkins

08:51:13 Finn McMichaels, DOR

08:51:43 Erica Johnston, DPHHS

08:53:09 Rep. Hamilton

08:53:20 Erica Johnston, DPHHS

08:54:32 Rep. Mercer

08:56:36 Rep. Hopkins

08:57:57 Rep. Caferro

08:58:43 Erica Johnston, DPHHS

08:59:51 Rep. Caferro

09:00:58 Finn McMichael, DOR

09:02:21 Rep. Caferro

09:03:19 Kate Cholewa, MTCIA

09:07:59 Rep. Caferro

09:08:59 Rep. Hopkins

09:11:13 Chair Jones

Closing by Sponsor:

09:11:42 Rep. Hopkins

HEARING ON HB 670

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:12:40 Rep. Derek Skees (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HB 670, Generally revise laws to implement recreational marijuana program.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

09:14:14 Jake Brown, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

09:14:36 Noah Marion, Montana Wilderness Association (MWA)

Informational Testimony:

09:15:13 Erica Johnston, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

09:15:42 Tracy Morano, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:16:10 Rep. Mercer

09:17:48 Finn McMichael, Department of Revenue (DOR)

09:21:38 Rep. Hamilton

09:22:24 Rep. Skees

Closing by Sponsor:

09:26:05 Rep. Skees

HEARING ON HB 707

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:26:20 Rep. Brad Tschida (R), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 707, Generally revise recreational marijuana laws.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

09:28:13 Jake Brown, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

09:28:31 Noah Marion, Montana Wilderness Association (MWA)

Informational Testimony:

09:29:08 Kristen Barbour, Department of Revenue (DOR)

09:29:38 Adam Anfinson, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:29:59 Rep. Mercer

09:30:20 Tracy Morano, Department of Revenue (DOR)

09:31:31 Finn McMichael, Department of Revenue (DOR)
09:32:27 Rep. Mercer
09:33:09 Finn McMichael, DOR
09:33:34 Rep. Hamilton
09:34:13 Rep. Tschida

Closing by Sponsor:

09:37:28 Rep. Tschida

09:38:09 Recessed
09:50:00 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 701

09:51:17 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 701 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

09:51:46 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
09:52:46 Chair Jones

09:53:39 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keane, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Moore, Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Stewart Peregoy voting no. Rep. Garner and Rep. Mercer voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 670

09:55:29 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 670 DO PASS.** 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. Garner and Rep. Mercer voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 707

09:57:02 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 707 DO PASS.** 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. Garner and Rep. Mercer voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 704

09:58:34 **Motion:** Rep. Patelis moved that **HB 704 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**

09:59:17 Chair Jones
10:00:21 Rep. Patelis

10:00:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keane, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Moore, Rep. M. Regier, Rep. Ricci and Rep. Tschida voting no.

10:06:05 **Motion:** Rep. Holmlund moved that **HB 704 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:06:07 Rep. Hamilton
10:06:54 Rep. Patelis
10:08:31 Chair Jones
10:09:13 Rep. Hamilton
10:09:25 Chair Jones
10:10:14 Rep. Hamilton
10:10:25 Chair Jones
10:11:20 Rep. Patelis
10:11:43 Rep. Ricci
10:11:55 Chair Jones
10:12:11 Rep. Caferro
10:12:26 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy

10:13:11 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Fuller, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Moore, Rep. M. Regier, Rep. Ricci, Rep. Tschida and Rep. Vinton voting no. Rep. Garner, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Mercer and Rep. Vinton voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 675

10:15:00 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Caferro moved that **HB 675 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.** Motion failed 9-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Holmlund, Rep. Keane, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Patelis, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Windy Boy voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:17:30

Kathy Sangray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([aph66aad.pdf](#))