

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Ryan Osmundson, on January 27, 2021 at 2:01 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Ryan Osmundson, Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Cuffe, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Carl Glimm (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Tom Jacobson (D)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Janet Ellis, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Taylor Tyson, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 110, 1/21/2021; SB 58, 1/21/2021; HB 62, 1/21/2021; HB 96, 1/21/2021;

Executive Action: SB 58, Do Pass; SB 110, Do Pass

14:01:08 Chair Osmundson
14:02:44 Vice Chair Cuffe assumed the chair.

HEARING ON SB 110

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

14:03:47 Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB110, Revise state employee and U-system health plan laws for temp state share holiday.

Proponents' Testimony:

14:05:03 Kurt Alme, budget director, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)
14:08:00 Tyler Trevor, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

Informational Testimony:

14:08:58 Amy Sassano, OBPP

Opponents' Testimony:

14:09:44 Larry Nielsen, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

14:11:45 Chair Osmundson
14:12:19 Sen. Osmundson assumed the chair

HEARING ON SB 58

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

14:12:55 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB58, Provide fund transfer for livestock losses.

Proponents' Testimony:

14:15:21 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association, (MSGA), Montana Cattlewomen
14:16:32 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation
14:17:32 George Edwards, executive director, Livestock Loss Board (LLB)

Additional Testimony received:

[**EXHIBIT\(fcs18a01\)**](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

14:20:17 Sen. Welborn
14:20:55 Sen. Cuffe
14:21:31 Mr. Edwards, LLB
14:21:54 Sen. Welborn

Closing by Sponsor:

14:22:12 Sen. Cuffe

14:23:43 Chair Osmundson

14:23:51 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs18a02\)](#)

14:24:15 Chair Osmundson

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 58

14:24:37 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **SB 58 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 110

14:25:11 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **SB 110 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

HEARING ON HB 62

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

14:25:56 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB62, Update water and wastewater revolving loan program.

Proponents' Testimony:

14:29:02 Steve Wade, Montana Rural Water Systems

14:30:09 Kelly Lynch, deputy director, Montana League of Cities and Towns, Montana Infrastructure Association

[EXHIBIT\(fcs18a03\)](#)

Additional testimony received:

[EXHIBIT\(fcs18a04\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

14:31:54 Kevin Smith, Water Quality Division, Department of Environmental Quality

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

14:33:19 Rep. Hopkins

14:34:26 Recess

14:36:43 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 96

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

14:37:08 Rep. Donavon Hawk (D), HD 76, opened the hearing on HB96, Align organ donor awareness fund with administering agency.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

14:39:34 Natalie Smitham, division administrator, Centralized Services Division, Department of Labor and Industry

[**EXHIBIT\(fcs18a05\)**](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

14:40:31 Sen. Glimm

Closing by Sponsor:

14:41:07 Rep. Hawk

Discussion:

14:41:35 Chair Osmundson

14:41:52 Sen. Boldman

14:42:23 Chair Osmundson

14:42:46 Sen. Ellis

14:43:19 Chair Osmundson

14:43:24 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 2:43 P.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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