

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Ryan Osmundson, on February 2, 2021 at 3:20 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. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Tom Jacobson (D)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (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)

Members Excused:

Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Sen. Carl Glimm (R)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 21, 2/26/2020; SB 72, 2/26/2020

Executive Action: HB 96 Be Concurred In; HB 62 Be Concurred In

15:20:22 Chair Osmundson

Sen. Lang entered the meeting and Sen. Smith left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 96

15:22:55 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **HB 96 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 16-0 by voice vote. Sen. McNally and Sen. Morigeau voted by proxy. Sen. Bogner, Sen. Glimm and Sen. C. Smith were excused. Sen. Small will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 62

15:23:43 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **HB 62 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 16-0 by voice vote. Sen. McNally and Sen. Morigeau voted by proxy. Sen. Bogner, Sen. Glimm and Sen. C. Smith were excused. Sen. Cuffe will carry the bill.

HEARING ON SB 72

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:24:42 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB72, Revise school laws related to participation in extracurricular activities.

15:26:35 Chair Osmundson

15:26:50 Katherine Anderson, remote meeting coordinator (RMC)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:26:58 Dianne Burke, executive director, Montana Quality Education Coalition

15:28:55 Chair Osmundson

15:29:06 Ms. Anderson, RMC

15:29:14 Emily Dean, director of advocacy, Montana School Boards Association

15:30:06 Dennis Parman, executive director, Montana Rural Education Association

Additional Testimony Recieved:

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Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:31:49 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:32:18 Sen. Jacobson

15:33:10 Sen. Regier

15:35:20 Sen. Jacobson

15:35:29 Sen. Lang

15:35:41 Chair Osmundson

15:36:21 Sen. Regier

15:36:37 Chair Osmundson
15:36:47 Sen. Ellis
15:37:20 Sen. Regier
15:37:42 Chair Osmundson
15:38:02 Sen. Regier

Closing by Sponsor:

15:38:32 Sen. Regier

HEARING ON HB 21**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:38:54 Rep. Dave Fern (R), HD 39, opened the hearing on HB21, Authorize funding for the multifamily coal trust home loan program.

15:41:13 Sen. Morigeau joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:43:32 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association
15:44:57 Andrea Davis, Montana Housing Coalition; executive director, Homeward
15:48:35 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living Services
15:50:09 Mike Nugent, chair, Governmental Affairs, Montana Association of Realtors
15:50:48 Adrienne Bombelles, policy analyst, Montana Budget and Policy Center
15:52:42 Chris Puyear, Montana Housing Coalition
15:54:57 Shane Scanlon, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce

Additional Testimony Received:

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Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

15:55:52 Cheryl Cohen, executive director, Montana Board of Housing
15:56:28 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
15:56:35 Dan Villa, executive director, Montana Board of Investments

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:57:02 Sen. Cuffe
15:57:55 Mr. Villa
16:01:14 Sen. Cuffe
16:01:17 Mr. Villa
16:01:22 Sen. Lynch
16:01:43 Rep. Fern
16:02:20 Sen. Glimm
16:02:35 Rep. Fern
16:02:37 Sen. Glimm
16:02:44 Rep. Fern
16:03:25 Chair Osmundson
16:03:34 Rep. Fern
16:03:53 Ms. Davis

16:04:47 Chair Osmundson

16:05:26 Mr. Villa

Closing by Sponsor:

16:07:10 Rep. Fern

16:09:05 Chair Osmundson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:09 P.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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