

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

**Call to Order:** Chair Ryan Osmundson, on March 24, 2021 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 317 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. 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. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

##### **Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:**

Sen. Janet Ellis, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)  
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)  
Sen. Mary McNally (D)  
Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Sen. Pat Flowers (D)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)

##### **Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary  
Heather Vande-Sandt, Remote Meeting Coordinator  
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch

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##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 49, 3/18/2021; HB 36, 3/18/2021; HB 252, 3/18/2021; SB 383, 3/18/2021

Executive Action: HB 55 Be Concurred In; HB 66 Be Concurred In As Amended; HB 129 Be Concurred In

09:00:13 Chair Osmundson

### **HEARING ON HB 49**

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

09:02:12 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB49, Revise recording fees to support county and state land information accounts.

09:03:15 Sen. Ankney, Sen. Welborn and Sen. Glimm joined the meeting.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

09:04:31 Jennie Stapp, state librarian, Montana State Library

09:07:55 Peggy Trenk, Treasure State Resources Association; speaking on behalf of Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association and Julia Altemus, Montana Wood Products Association

09:09:10 Aidan Myhre, Weyerhaeuser

[EXHIBIT\(fcs58a01\)](#)

#### **Additional Testimony Received:**

[EXHIBIT\(fcs58a02\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

#### **Informational Testimony:**

09:10:24 Evan Hammer, digital library administrator, Montana State Library

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

09:10:53 Sen. Lang

09:11:31 Rep. Bedey

09:11:48 Sen. Cuffe

09:12:12 Rep. Bedey

c9:13:11 Sen. Cuffe

09:13:20 Rep. Bedey

09:14:11 Sen. Cuffe

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

09:14:52 Rep. Bedey

### **HEARING ON HB 36**

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

09:16:16 Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D), HD 42, opened the hearing on HB36, Establish missing persons response team training grant program.

19:22:24 Sen. Boldman left the meeting.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

09:24:58 Keaton Sunchild, political director, Western Native Voice

09:25:45 Daliyah KILLSBACK, deputy political director, Western Native Voice

09:26:58 Sam Forstag, ACLU Montana

09:27:25 Ellie Bundy, council member, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes Tribal Council; Montana Missing Indigenous Persons Task Force  
09:29:28 Sydney Barry, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence  
09:29:37 Sen. Welborn left the meeting.  
09:30:03 Iko'tsimiskimaki Beck, Indigenous Organizers Collective of Montana  
09:30:24 Janis Strout, president, Montana Chapter, National Organization for Women  
[EXHIBIT\(fcs58a03\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

09:33:06 Dana Toole, Special Services Bureau chief, Department of Justice (DOJ)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:33:40 Sen. Keenan  
09:34:20 Rep. Stewart Peregoy  
09:34:46 Sen. Lang  
09:35:19 Ms. Toole, DOJ

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:35:54 Rep. Stewart Peregoy

**HEARING ON HB 252**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:39:08 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB252, Non-refundable tax credit for employer-paid education of trade professions.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:40:57 Adam Schafer, Department of Commerce  
09:43:25 Mark Taylor, Idaho Forest Group  
09:43:53 Aidan Myhre, International Union of Painters and Trades

**Additional Testimony Received:**

[EXHIBIT\(fcs58a04\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

[EXHIBIT\(fcs58a05\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:**

09:44:40 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:45:17 Sen. Salomon

**HEARING ON SB 383****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:45:58 Sen. Bob Keenan (R), SD 5, opened the hearing on SB383, Establish temporary community benefit assessment for certain hospitals.

**[EXHIBIT\(fcs58a06\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:55:38 Aiden Myhre, Kalispell Regional Health Care

09:56:39 Duane Pressinger, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

09:58:54 Frank Cote, Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth; Providence Hospitals of Montana

09:59:25 Bill Warden, Bozeman Health; St. Peters Health

10:00:11 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:01:25 Sen. Howard

10:01:43 Sen. Keenan

10:02:33 Sen. Howard

10:02:58 Sen. Keenan

10:04:36 Sen. Salomon

10:04:50 Sen. Keenan

10:06:11 Sen. Salomon

10:06:56 Mr. Pressinger, MHA

10:08:06 Sen. Ellis

10:08:45 Sen. Keenan

10:09:17 Sen. Ellis

10:09:45 Sen. Keenan

10:11:21 Sen. McNally

10:12:12 Sen. Keenan

10:13:21 Sen. Cuffe

10:13:48 Sen. Keenan

10:15:12 Sen. Cuffe

10:15:29 Sen. Keenan

10:15:51 Sen. Cuffe

10:16:39 Sen. Lang

10:17:04 Mr. Pressinger

10:17:17 Sen. Lang

10:17:41 Mr. Pressinger

10:18:01 Sen. Salomon

10:18:33 Ms. Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

10:19:22 Sen. Boldman left the meeting.

10:20:45 Sen. Glimm

10:21:15 Mr. Pressinger

10:22:57 Sen. Glimm

10:23:46 Mr. Pressinger  
10:24:12 Sen. Glimm

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:24:26 Sen. Keenan

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 55**

10:27:09 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 55 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

10:27:42 Sen. Howard

10:27:52 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Sen. Howard voting no. Sen. Boldman, Sen. Flowers, Sen. C. Smith and Sen. Welborn voted by proxy. Sen. Friedel will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 66**

10:28:37 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 66 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

10:28:48 Sen. Glimm  
10:29:30 Chair Osmundson  
10:29:40 Sen. Glimm

10:29:45 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HB 66 BE AMENDED striking 4.5 percent and inserting 3 percent.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Boldman, Sen. Flowers, Sen. C. Smith and Sen. Welborn voted by proxy.

**EXHIBIT(fcs58a07)**

10:30:34 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 66 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Boldman, Sen. Flowers, Sen. C. Smith and Sen. Welborn voted by proxy. Sen. Glimm will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 129**

10:31:13 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 129 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 11-8 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. Keenan, Sen. Lynch, Sen. McNally and Sen. Morigeau voting no. Sen. Boldman, Sen. Flowers, Sen. C. Smith and Sen. Welborn voted by proxy. Sen. Hertz will carry the bill.

10:33:33 Chair Osmundson  
10:34:09 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division  
10:34:25 Sen. Ellis  
10:34:32 Chair Osmundson  
10:23:43 Sen. Ellis  
10:34:45 Chair Osmundson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:34 A.M.

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([fcs58aad.pdf](#))