

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Ryan Osmundson, on March 29, 2021 at 9:00 AM, in Room 317
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Ryan Osmundson, Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Cuffe, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Janet Ellis, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Sen. Pat Flowers (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. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D) (later joined in the meeting room)

Members Excused: None

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 2, 3/23/2021

09:01:19 Chair Osmundson

HEARING ON HB 2

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:02:39 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB2, General Appropriations Act.

09:06:02 Amy Carlson, legislative fiscal analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

09:07:41 Kurt Alme, budget director, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

Section A - General Government

09:13:52 Rep. Dan Bartel (R), HD 29, opened on Section A

Legislative Branch

09:17:42 Susan Fox, director, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

09:26:01 Ms. Carlson, LFD

09:26:20 Angus Maciver, director, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

Public Comment: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:28:46 Sen. Glimm

09:29:24 Ms. Fox, LSD

09:32:01 Sen. Glimm

09:32:14 Ms. Fox

09:33:53 Sen. Jacobson

09:34:23 Mr. Maciver, LAD

09:36:04 Sen. Jacobson

09:36:24 Mr. Maciver

09:37:58 Sen. Cuffe

09:38:11 Ms. Fox

09:39:52 Sen. Cuffe

Montana Consumer Counsel

09:41:38 Rep. Bartel

09:42:56 Bob Nelson, Montana Consumer Counsel

Public Comment: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Office of the Governor

09:44:07 Rep. Bartel

09:46:19 Amy Sassano, deputy budget director, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

Public Comment: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Commissioner of Political Practices

09:47:55 Rep. Bartel

09:49:35 Jeff Mangan, Commissioner of Political Practices

Public Comment: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

State Auditor's Office

09:50:41 Rep. Bartel

09:52:18 Troy Downing, Montana State Auditor, Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance

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Public Comment: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Department of Revenue

09:58:56 Rep. Bartel

10:01:22 Brendan Beatty, director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Public Comment: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:02:42 Sen. Flowers

10:03:38 Mr. Beatty, DOR

10:04:01 Ms. Kristen Barber, DOR

10:05:20 Sen. Flowers

10:05:44 Ms. Barber

10:05:53 Sen. Flowers

10:06:14 Ms. Barber

10:07:05 Sen. Jacobson

10:08:32 Ms. Barber

10:09:55 Sen. Jacobson

10:10:12 Ms. Barber

10:10:17 Sen. Ellis

10:10:58 Mr. Beatty

10:11:15 Becky Schlaugh, DOR

10:12:10 Sen. Ellis

10:13:01 Mr. Beatty

10:13:29 Sen. Ellis

10:14:14 Mr. Beatty

10:15:00 Lee Baerlocher, DOR

10:16:09 Sen. Ellis

Department of Administration

10:18:07 Rep. Bartel

10:21:00 Misty Ann Giles, director, Department of Administration (DOA)

Public Comment: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Department of Commerce

10:23:45 Rep. Bartel

10:26:05 Adam Schafer, deputy director, Department of Commerce

Public Comment:

10:28:40 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living Services, Inc.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Department of Labor & Industry

10:30:00 Rep. Bartel

10:32:21 Laurie Esau, commissioner, Department of Labor of Industry (DLI)

Public Comment: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:33:39 Sen. Flowers

10:33:57 Ms. Esau, DLI

10:34:26 Sen. Flowers

10:34:56 Ms. Esau

10:35:09 Sen. Cuffe

10:35:44 Ms. Essau

10:36:16 Sen. Cuffe

10:36:34 Ms. Esau

10:36:59 Sen. Lang

10:37:40 Ms. Esau

10:39:27 Sen. Lang

10:39:31 Ms. Esau

10:39:44 Sen. Lang

10:39:47 Natalie Smitham, DLI

Public Comment: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses continued:

10:40:30 Sen. Ellis

10:40:53 Ms. Esau

10:41:02 Chair Osmundson

10:41:21 Ms. Esau

10:41:41 Sen. Ankney

10:42:43 Ms. Esau

Department of Military Affairs

10:43:34 Rep. Bartel

10:45:28 Major General J. Peter Hronek, director, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

Public Comment:

10:48:50 Sarah Piper, Montana Federation of Public Employees

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:50:48 Sen. Lang

10:51:46 Trent Gibson, Montana Youth Challenge

10:52:12 Sen. Ellis

10:52:26 Mr. Hronek, DMA

10:54:19 Rep. Bartel

10:55:08 Chair Osmundson

10:55:18 Recess

10:09:13 Reconvene

Section B - Public Health and Human Services

11:10:01 Rep. Matt Regier, HD4, opened on Section B.

Department of Public Health & Human Services

Disability Employment and Transition

11:14:05 Adam Meier, director, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Public Comment:

11:17:32 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living Services, Inc.

11:20:15 Lauren Caldwell, Montana Federation of Public Employees

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:25:58 Sen. Flowers

11:26:10 Mr. Meier, DPHHS

11:26:28 Sen. Flowers

11:26:44 Mr. Meier

11:26:59 Sen. Flowers

11:27:06 Mr. Meier

Human and Community Services

11:27:51 Rep. Regier

11:30:37 Mr. Meier

Public Comment:

11:33:57 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:35:03 Sen. McNally
 11:35:26 Mr. Meier
 11:36:23 Sen. McNally
 11:36:27 Mr. Meier
 11:36:47 Sen. Cuffe
 11:37:22 Rep. Regier
 11:38:23 Sen. Cuffe
 11:38:38 Rep. Regier
 11:39:21 Sen. Ellis
 11:39:55 Rep. Regier
 11:40:52 Sen. Ellis
 11:41:31 Rep. Regier
 11:42:29 Sen. Jacobson
 11:42:47 Rep. Regier
 11:43:02 Sen. Lynch
 11:43:39 Mr. Meier
 11:45:02 Sen. Lynch
 11:45:36 Mr. Meier

Child and Family Services Division

11:46:26 Rep. Regier
 11:48:01 Mr. Meier

Public Comment:

11:51:05 Beth Breneman, Disability Rights of Montana

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Director's Office

11:52:04 Rep. Regier
 11:53:08 Mr. Meier

Public Comment: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:54:43 Rep. Lynch
 11:54:55 Mr. Meier
 11:55:52 Sen. Boldman
 11:56:21 Mr. Meier

Child Support Enforcement Division

11:57:23 Rep. Regier
 11:58:02 Mr. Meier

Public Comment: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Business and Financial Services Division:

11:58:50 Rep. Regier

11:59:18 Mr. Meier

12:00:35 Chair Osmundson

12:01:05 Recess

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Recess: 12:01 P.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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