

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Reconvened: Chair Ryan Osmundson, on March 29, 2021 at 2:00 P.M., in Room 317
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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. Ellie Boldman (D)
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. Shane A. Morigeau (D)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

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

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 & Date Posted: HB 2, 3/23/2021

15:09:06 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 2 - continued

HB2, General Appropriations Act.

Section B - Departement of Public Health and Human Services

Public Health and Safety Division

15:09:28 Rep. Regier

15:11:10 Adam Meier, director, Department of Public Health and Human Services
(DPHHS)

Public Comment: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Quality Assurance Division

15:12:02 Rep. Regier

15:12:52 Mr. Meier, DPHHS

Public Comment: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Technology Services Division

15:13:19 Rep. Regier

15:14:10 Mr. Meier

Public Comment: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

Developmental Services Division

15:14:45 Rep. Regier

15:18:29 Mr. Meier

15:26:15 Chair Osmundson

15:26:22 Mr. Meier

15:31:51 Rep. Regier

Public Comment:

15:33:44 Chair Osmundson

15:33:47 Sharyl Allen, deputy superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:36:28 Sen. Lynch

15:36:47 Rep. Regier

15:37:09 Sen. Lynch

15:37:20 Rep. Regier

15:37:43 Mr. Meier

15:37:58 Sen. Lynch
 15:38:27 Mr. Meier
 15:38:46 Sen. Jacobson
 15:38:58 Mr. Meier
 15:42:45 Sen. Jacobson
 15:42:54 Mr. Meier
 15:44:20 Sen. Keenan
 15:44:45 Sen. Lynch
 15:45:12 Mr. Meier
 15:46:36 Sen. Lynch
 15:46:40 Mr. Meier
 15:47:22 Sen. Lynch
 15:47:33 Sen. McNally
 15:48:07 Sen. Ellis
 15:49:00 Mr. Meier
 15:55:08 Sen. Ellis
 15:55:32 Mr. Meier
 15:56:58 Chair Osmundson
 15:57:19 Ms. Allen, OPI
 15:57:51 Rep. Regier

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Business and Financial Services Division

15:58:54 Rep. Regier
 16:02:22 Mr. Meier

Public Comment: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Public Comment:

16:03:00 Duane Pressinger, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)
 16:04:03 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Medicaid and Health Services Management

16:06:03 Rep. Regier
 16:07:39 Mr. Meier

Public Comment:

16:08:08 Wilmot Collins, Helena
 16:11:51 Nolasque Balitebya, citizen
 16:17:28 Eamon Fahey, deputy director, International Rescue Committee (IRC)
 16:22:14 Sam Forstag, ACLU Montana
 16:23:09 Emily Romrell, Billings
 16:27:30 Mary Poole, executive director, Soft Landing Missoula
 16:32:33 Shirley Lindburg, Missoula
 16:34:30 Shanti Johnson, Mountain Lion, Missoula

Additional Testimony Received:

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Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:37:27	Sen. Jacobson
16:37:40	Rep. Regier
16:39:01	Sen. Jacobson
16:39:06	Sen. Regier
16:39:21	Sen. Ellis
16:39:46	Mr. Meier
16:40:38	Sen. Ellis
16:40:50	Mr. Meier
16:41:42	Sen. Ellis
16:42:09	Mr. Fahey (IRC)
16:44:42	Sen. Boldman
16:44:55	Mr. Fahey
16:45:16	Sen. Boldman
16:45:21	Mr. Fahey
16:46:30	Sen. Boldman
16:46:57	Mr. Balitebya
16:50:23	Sen. Bogner
16:50:56	Mr. Fahey
16:52:12	Sen. Keenan
16:52:34	Mr. Meier
16:52:55	Sen. Keenan
16:53:57	Mr. Meier
16:54:25	Sen. Flowers
16:55:01	Mr. Meier
16:56:30	Sen. Flowers
16:56:49	Mr. Fahey
16:59:33	Recess
17:17:14	Reconvene

Operations Services Division

17:17:36	Rep. Regier
17:19:51	Mr. Meier

Public Comment: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Senior and Long Term Care Division

17:21:16	Rep. Regier
17:23:06	Mr. Meier

Public Comment:

17:24:18 Rose Hughes, executive director, Montana Health Care Association (MHCA)

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17:34:29 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)
17:38:37 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living Services, Inc.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

17:42:17 Sen. Lynch
17:42:35 Rep. Regier
17:42:42 Sen. Lynch
17:42:53 Rep. Regier

Early Childhood and Family Support Division

17:43:12 Rep. Regier
17:45:41 Mr. Meier

Public Comment:

17:46:11 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Advocates for Children (MAC)
17:49:35 Keith Newmeyer, citizen

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

17:50:53 Sen. Flowers
17:51:20 Ms. Gilbertson, MAC
17:52:42 Sen. Flowers
17:53:03 Ms. Gilbertson
17:54:01 Sen. Ellis
17:54:23 Ms. Gilbertson
17:56:30 Sen. Ellis
17:56:48 Ms. Gilbertson
17:57:08 Sen. Cuffe
17:57:39 Ms. Gilbertson
18:00:04 Sen. Cuffe
18:00:28 Ms. Gilbertson
18:01:17 Sen. Keenan

Addictive and Mental Disorders Division

18:08:17 Rep. Regier
18:10:17 Mr. Meier

Public Comment:

18:11:11 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

18:14:10 Rep. Regier
18:14:26 Chair Osmundson
18:15:24 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
18:15:29 Chair Osmundson

18:16:12 Recess

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Recess: 6:16 P.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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