

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

**Call to Order:** Chair Ryan Osmundson, on April 1, 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. Pat Flowers (D)  
Sen. Carl Glimm (R)  
Sen. Tom Jacobson (D)  
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)  
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)  
Sen. Mike Lang (R)  
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)  
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)  
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

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

Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)  
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)  
Sen. Mary McNally (D)

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

Sen. David Howard (R)  
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 67, 3/26/2021; HB 115, 3/26/2021; HB 131, 3/26/2021; HB 233, 3/26/2021; HB 330, 3/26/2021; HB 620, 3/26/2021

Executive Action: SB 232 Do Pass; SB 285 Do Pass; SB 323 Do Pass As Amended; SB 366 Do Pass; SB 383 Be Tabled

08:55:58 Chair Osmundson

**HEARING ON HB 67**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:02:46 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB67, Generally revise community college funding laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:06:01 Jane Karas, president, Flathead Valley Community College (FVCC)

**Additional Testimony Received:**

[EXHIBIT\(fcs64a01\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:07:03 Sen. Flowers  
09:07:25 Ms. Karas, FVCC  
09:09:49 Sen. Cuffe  
09:09:58 Ms. Karas  
09:12:25 Sen. Cuffe  
09:12:27 Ms. Karas  
09:12:39 Sen. Glimm  
09:12:57 Rep. Jones

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:13:32 Rep. Jones

**HEARING ON HB 330**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:14:20 Rep. Llew Jones (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB330, Generally revise laws related to budget stability and managing volatility.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs64a02\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

09:18:54 Amy Carlson, legislative fiscal analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:19:19 Sen. Ellis  
09:19:31 Rep. Jones  
09:20:52 Sen. Glimm

09:21:02 Rep. Jones  
09:21:21 Ms. Carlson, LFD  
09:21:25 Kris Wilkinson, LFD

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:21:52 Rep. Jones

**HEARING ON HB 131**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:23:09 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB131, Generally revise state cabin leasing laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

09:25:06 Brian Holling, bureau chief, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:25:30 Sen. Lang  
09:26:17 Mr. Holling, DNRC  
09:26:21 Sen. Keenan  
09:26:35 Rep. Bedey

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:26:52 Rep. Bedey

**HEARING ON HB 233**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:27:24 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB233, Revise funding for students with disabilities.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:30:15 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana  
09:32:20 June Hermanson, Montana Association for Rehabilitation  
09:34:24 Alexa Runnion, citizen  
09:35:24 Diane Fladmo, public policy director, Montana Federation of Public Employees  
09:36:33 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living Services, Inc.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs64a03\)](#)

**Additional Testimony Received:**

[EXHIBIT\(fcs64a04\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

09:38:28 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:38:48 Sen. Lang  
09:39:11 Mr. Taylor, OPI  
09:39:33 Sen. Cuffe  
09:39:51 Mr. Taylor

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:40:49 Rep. Anderson

**HEARING ON HB 620**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:43:30 Rep. Amy Regier (R), HD 6, opened the hearing on HB620, Revise Title X appropriation.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:44:36 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association  
09:45:51 Joe Russell, health official, Flathead County  
09:46:28 Jamie Palagi, Department of Public Health and Human Services

**Additional Testimony Received:**

[EXHIBIT\(fcs64a05\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:48:53 Rep. Regier

**HEARING ON HB 115**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:49:19 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB115, Increase penalties for 5th and subsequent DUI.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:51:13 Frank Thompson, Montana County Attorney's Association

**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:51:54 Sam Forstag, ACLU of Montana

[EXHIBIT\(fcs64a06\)](#)

09:53:17 Sen. Jacobson joined the meeting.

09:53:46 Zuri Moreno, Montana Budget and Policy Center  
 09:56:05 Patrick Webb, Americans for Prosperity Montana

09:57:13 Sen. Boldman left the meeting.

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:59:06 Sen. Glimm  
 09:59:22 Rep. Mercer  
 10:03:05 Sen. Morigeau  
 10:03:30 Rep. Mercer  
 10:09:18 Sen. Lynch  
 10:09:37 Rep. Mercer  
 10:12:20 Sen. Cuffe  
 10:12:45 Rep. Mercer

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:13:36 Rep. Mercer

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 232**

10:15:58 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **SB 232 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

10:16:17 Chair Osmundson  
 10:17:15 Sen. Welborn  
 10:17:34 Chair Osmundson  
 10:18:06 Sen. Lang  
 10:18:19 Chair Osmundson  
 10:18:40 Sen. Welborn  
 10:19:42 Chair Osmundson  
 10:20:01 Sen. Lynch

10:20:32 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Cuffe and Sen. C. Smith voting no. Sen. Boldman, Sen. Howard and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 285**

10:21:39 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **SB 285 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

10:21:56 Chair Osmundson  
 10:21:58 Sen. Ankney

10:22:37 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Boldman, Sen. Howard and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 323**

10:23:13 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **SB 323 DO PASS.**

10:23:37 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **SB 323 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(fcs64a07\)](#)

**Discussion:**

10:24:40 Chair Osmundson

10:25:08 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-3 by voice vote with Sen. Ankney, Sen. Flowers and Sen. Keenan voting no. Sen. Boldman, Sen. Howard and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

10:25:35 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **SB 323 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

10:25:46 Sen. Flowers

10:26:00 Sen. Ankney

10:26:25 Sen. Ellis

10:27:34 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. Lynch, Sen. McNally and Sen. Morigeau voting no. Sen. Boldman, Sen. Howard and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 336**

10:28:47 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **SB 336 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

10:28:59 Sen. Ankney

10:29:26 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Boldman, Sen. Howard and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 383**

10:29:50 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **SB 383 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

10:30:05 Sen. Keenan

10:32:40 Sen. Boldman joined the meeting.

10:38:53 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keenan moved that **SB 383 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Boldman, Sen. Howard and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

[EXHIBIT\(fcs64a08\)](#)

10:40:12 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **SB 383 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

**Discussion:**

10:40:20 Sen. Morigeau

10:41:25 Sen. Cuffe

10:41:37 Sen. Keenan

10:41:44 Sen. Cuffe

10:46:09 Sen. Keenan

10:47:20 Sen. Cuffe

10:47:25 Sen. Keenan

10:48:19 Sen. Glimm

10:48:56 Chair Osmundson

10:49:10 Sen. Keenan

10:49:14 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-10 by roll call vote with Sen. Bogner, Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Glimm, Sen. Howard, Sen. Kary, Sen. Keenan, Sen. Lang, Sen. Osmundson and Sen. C. Smith voting aye. Sen. Howard and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

10:50:26 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **SB 383 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 17-0 by voice vote. Sen. Howard and Sen. C. Smith were excused.

10:50:57 Chair Osmundson

10:51:05 Kris Wilkinson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:51 A.M.

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([fcs64aad.pdf](#))**