

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

**Call to Order:** Chair Ryan Osmundson, on April 6, 2021 at 3:39 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. 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. Pat Flowers (D)  
Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Carl Glimm (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: SB 384, 4/6/2021; SB 388, 4/6/2021; SB 399 4/6/2021; SB 86,  
4/6/2021

Executive Action: SB 86 Do Pass; SB 384 Do Pass; SB 388 Do Pass; SB 399 Do Pass

**HEARING ON SB 384**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:39:24 Sen. John Esp (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB384, Revise laws related to Aquatic Invasive Species hydroelectric fee.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:40:21 Tom Ebzery, Avista

15:40:50 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:41:52 Sen. Ellis

15:42:54 Sen. Esp

15:43:25 Sen. Cuffe

15:45:41 Sen. Ellis

15:46:23 Sen. Cuffe

15:47:37 Sen. McNally joined the meeting.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:48:01 Sen. Esp

**HEARING ON SB 388**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:48:19 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB388, Provide for infrastructure through tax increment financing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:49:02 Mark Taylor, Hospitality and Development Association of Montana

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:49:47 Sen. Flowers

15:50:07 Sen. Hertz

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:51:13 Sen. Hertz

**HEARING ON SB 399**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:51:33 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB399, Generally revise and simplify income taxes.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:52:58 Rose Bender, Montana Budget and Policy Center

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:54:28 Sen. Greg Hertz

**HEARING ON SB 86**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:54:58 Sen. Duane Ankney (R), SD 20, opened the hearing on SB86, Generally revise obligations and conditions for property impacted by coal.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:56:29 Mark Baker, Puget Sound Energy

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:57:53 Sen. Ankney

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 86**

15:58:48 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **SB 86 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

15:59:09 Sen. Howard

15:59:35 Chair Osmundson

15:59:45 Sen. Ankney

15:59:59 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. McNally and Sen. Morigeau voting no. Sen. Glimm voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 384**

16:01:06 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **SB 384 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Glimm voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 388**

16:01:43 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **SB 388 DO PASS**. Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. Lynch, Sen. McNally, Sen. Morigeau and Sen. Welborn voting no. Sen. Glimm voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 399**

16:03:00 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **SB 399 DO PASS**. 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. Glimm voted by proxy.

16:04:07 Chair Osmundson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:04 P.M.

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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