

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

**Call to Order:** Chair Ryan Osmundson, on April 20, 2021 at 9:31 A.M., in Room 317  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present in the Meeting 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)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary  
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch  
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 340, 4/19/2021; HB 663, 4/19/2021  
Executive Action: HB 4 Be Concurred In As Amended; HB 21 Be Tabled; HB 188 Be  
Concurred In As Amended; HB 330 Be Concurred In As  
Amended; HB 357 Be Concurred In As Amended

09:31:44 Chair Osmundson

**HEARING ON HB 340**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:32:52 Rep. Wylie Galt (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on HB340, Revise the MEDIA Act film tax credits.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:33:37 Dustin De Young, Freestone Development

[EXHIBIT\(fcs75a01\)](#)

09:35:16 Sen. McNally joined the meeting.

09:40:05 Brad Longcake, Montana Film Coalition

[EXHIBIT\(fcs75a02\)](#)

09:42:44 Jessie Luther, Motion Picture Association of America; Enterprise Holdings, Inc.

09:43:35 Sen. Welborn joined the meeting.

09:45:52 Brian Thompson, Montana Chamber of Commerce

09:44:51 Sen. Salomon joined the meeting.

09:44:36 Jeff Karinja, Worldwide Entertainment Studios

09:47:39 Stuart Doggett, Montana Hospitality and Lodging Association

09:48:20 Jennifer Durban, union set decorator, Livingston

[EXHIBIT\(fcs75a03\)](#)

09:50:19 Coryander Friend, union production designer, Bozeman

**Additional Testimony Provided**

[EXHIBIT\(fcs75a04\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:52:38 Rose Bender, Montana Budget and Policy Center

[EXHIBIT\(fcs75a05\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:**

09:54:13 Allison Whitmer, Department of Commerce (COM)

[EXHIBIT\(fcs75a06\)](#)

09:54:27 Lee Baerlocher, Department of Revenue (DOR)

09:54:50 Ed Caplis, DOR

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:55:02 Sen. Ellis

09:55:47 Rep. Galt

09:56:23 Sen. Ellis  
09:57:27 Rep. Galt  
09:58:06 Sen. Welborn  
09:59:56 Rep. Galt  
10:00:59 Sen. Flowers  
10:01:36 Ms. Whitmer, COM  
10:03:53 Sen. Keenan  
10:04:51 Rep. Galt  
10:05:22 Sen. Keenan  
10:05:37 Rep. Galt  
10:06:04 Sen. Flowers  
10:06:41 Mr. De Young, Freestone Development  
10:07:57 Sen. Cuffe  
10:08:43 Rep. Galt  
10:09:09 Sen. Cuffe  
10:09:38 Rep. Galt  
10:10:15 Sen. Lang  
10:10:43 Mr. Baerlocher, DOR  
10:11:48 Sen. Lang  
10:12:08 Mr. Baerlocher  
10:12:15 Chair Osmundson  
10:12:21 Mr. Baerlocher  
10:12:50 Sen. Ellis  
10:13:09 Mr. Baerlocher

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:13:49 Rep. Galt  
  
10:15:24 Chair Osmundson

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 4**

10:16:17 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 4 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:16:52 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **HB 4 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT(fcs75a07)**

**Discussion:**

10:17:07 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
10:17:52 Sen. Keenan  
10:18:32 Chair Osmundson  
10:19:17 Sen. Keenan  
10:19:26 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD  
  
10:20:14 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Sen. Keenan voting no. Sen. Jacobson voted by proxy.  
  
10:20:40 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 4 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Sen. Keenan voting no. Sen. Jacobson voted by proxy. Sen. Osmundson will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 21**

10:21:16 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 21 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

10:21:36 Chair Osmundson

10:22:07 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Lang made a substitute motion that **HB 21 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 11-8 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. Lynch, Sen. McNally, Sen. Morigeau and Sen. Salomon voting no. Sen. Jacobson voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 188**

10:23:26 Motion: Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 188 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:23:42 **Motion:** Sen. Lynch moved that **HB 188 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(fcs75a08)**

**Discussion:**

10:24:09 Sen. Glimm

10:26:11 Sen. Jacobson joined the meeting.

10:26:37 Sen. Jacobson

10:27:43 Sen. Flowers

10:28:36 Sen. Lynch

10:28:53 Chair Osmundson

10:28:56 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-12 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. Lynch, Sen. McNally and Sen. Morigeau voting aye.

10:29:55 **Motion:** Sen. Morigeau moved that **HB 188 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(fcs75a09)**

**Discussion:**

10:32:33 Sen. Glimm

10:32:43 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-12 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson, Sen. Lynch, Sen. McNally and Sen. Morigeau voting aye.

10:33:38 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 188 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** 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 will carry the bill.

10:35:14 Sen. Howard and Sen. Glimm left the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 330**

10:35:59 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 330 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:36:08 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **HB 330 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Glimm and Sen. Howard voted by proxy. **EXHIBIT(fcs75a10)**

Sen. Boldman and Sen. McNally left the meeting.

10:37:06 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 330 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Boldman, Sen. Glimm, Sen. Howard and Sen. McNally voted by proxy. Sen. Osmundson will carry the bill.

Sen. Boldman entered the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 357**

10:37:54 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 357 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:38:13 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **HB 357 BE AMENDED EXHIBIT(fcs75a11)**

**Discussion:**

10:38:31 Megan Moore, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

10:39:47 Sen. Flowers

10:40:26 Ms. Moore, LSD

10:41:10 Chair Osmundson

10:41:18 Sen. Ellis

10:42:10 Ms. Moore

10:43:11 Sen. Ellis

10:43:40 Chair Osmundson

10:44:03 Sen. Flowers

10:44:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Glimm, Sen. Howard and Sen. McNally voted by proxy.

10:44:49 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 357 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Glimm, Sen. Howard and Sen. McNally voted by proxy. Sen. Osmundson will carry the bill.

10:45:35 Chair Osmundson

**HEARING ON HB 663****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:47:28 Rep. Brandon Ler (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB663, Generally revising school funding to increase GTB and lower property taxes.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

10:48:34 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association; also speaking on behalf of Montana Association of School Business Officials; Montana Quality Education Coalition; Montana Rural Education Association; School Administrators of Montana

**Additional Testimony Received:**

[EXHIBIT\(fcs75a12\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

10:52:44 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:53:24 Sen. Keenan  
10:54:03 Chair Osmundson  
10:54:09 Sen. Keenan  
10:54:23 Rep. Ler  
10:54:48 Sen. Keenan  
10:54:59 Rep. Ler  
10:55:10 Sen. Ellis  
10:55:46 Sen. Jacobson  
10:56:17 Sen. Lang  
10:56:34 Chair Osmundson  
10:56:48 Rep. Ler  
10:56:51 Sen. Lang  
10:57:07 Rep. Ler  
10:57:55 Sen. Jacobson  
10:58:07 Rep. Ler  
10:58:27 Sen. Jacobson  
10:59:10 Rep. Ler  
11:00:05 Chair Osmundson  
11:00:21 Rep. Ler

**Closing by Sponsor:**

11:00:55 Rep. Ler  
  
11:01:07 Chair Osmundson  
11:01:15 Sen. Ellis  
11:01:29 Chair Osmundson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:01 A.M.

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([fcs75aad.pdf](#))**