

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE BILL 693

**Call to Order:** Chair Ryan Osmundson, on April 27, 2021 at 3:32 P.M., in Room 317  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Ryan Osmundson, Chair (R)  
Rep. Bill Mercer, Chair (R)  
Sen. David Howard (R)  
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)  
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Secretary  
Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Branch  
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch  
Coleen Street, Remote Meeting Coordinator

**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:**

Executive Action: HB 693

Recommended Adoption of the Free Conference Committee Report

15:32:02 Chair Osmundson

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 693**

15:32:25 **Motion:** Rep. Mercer moved that **HB 678 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(frs80hb0693a01)**

**Discussion:**

15:32:39 Rep. Mercer

15:33:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote in the Senate. Sen. Lynch voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote in the House.

15:34:11 **Motion:** Rep. Mercer moved that **HB 678 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(frs80hb0693a02)**

**Discussion:**

15:34:19 Rep. Mercer

15:35:11 Sen. Howard

15:35:22 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote in the Senate. Sen. Lynch voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote in the House.

15:35:33 **Motion:** Rep. Mercer moved that **HB 678 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(frs80hb0693a03)**

**Discussion:**

15:35:40 Rep. Mercer

15:37:51 Rep. Patelis

15:38:01 Sen. Howard

15:38:16 Rep. Mercer

15:38:46 Chair Osmundson

15:38:51 Sen. Howard

15:39:03 Rep. Mercer

15:39:56 Sen. Howard

15:40:05 Rep. Mercer

15:40:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote in the Senate. Sen. Lynch voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote in the House.

15:40:33 **Motion:** Rep. Kerr-Carpenter moved that **HB 678 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(frs80hb0693a04)**

**Discussion**

15:40:53 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

15:41:17 Rep. Mercer

15:41:37 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

15:41:57 Sen. Howard

15:42:40 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

- 15:42:43 Sen. Howard  
15:42:47 Chair Osmundson  
15:42:50 Sen. Howard  
15:43:05 Chair Osmundson  
15:43:36 Rep. Mercer  
15:44:11 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division
- 15:44:16 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote in the Senate. Sen. Lynch voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote in the House.
- 15:44:26 **Motion:** Rep. Mercer moved that **HB 678 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(frs80hb0693a05)**
- 15:44:45 **Motion:** Chair Osmundson moved a **CONCEPTUAL AMENDMENT** on page 10, line 22 to add "if allowable" after "or used for public safety radio communications."
- 15:45:04 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote in the Senate. Sen. Lynch voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote in the House.
- 15:45:22 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Mercer moved that **HB 693 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote in the Senate. Sen. Lynch voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote in the House.

Note: In lieu of motion, the signed committee report indicates that a majority of committee members in the House and in the Senate recommend that the free conference committee report be adopted.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:45 P.M.

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([frs80hb0693aad.pdf](#))