

MINUTES
MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (H) STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Julie Dooling-R, on March 28, 2023 at 9:01 AM, in 455

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Julie Dooling, Chair (R)
Rep. Kelly Kortum, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bob Phalen, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Denise Baum (D)
Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R)
Rep. Tony Brockman (R)
Rep. Paul Green (R)
Rep. Gary Parry (R)
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R)
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)
Rep. Zack Wirth (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)
Rep. Tyson Running Wolf (D)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)

Staff Present: Heather Kellum, Secretary
Rebecca Power, Research Analyst

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

HB 880 03/23/2023

Executive Action:

HB 841 TO TABLE
HB 852 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 880 DO PASS

09:02:39 Rep. Walsh has arrived
09:03:22 Rep. Frazer has arrived
09:04:08 **Recessed**
09:31:24 Rep. Weatherwax has arrived
09:41:25 **Reconvened**
09:41:29 Vice Chair Phalen assumed the Chair

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 841 - Report on full-time equivalents

09:41:37 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kelly Kortum moved that **HB 841 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

09:41:46 Rep. Paul Green
09:42:23 Vice Chair Bob Phalen
09:42:25 Rep. Gary Parry
09:42:56 Rep. Linda Reksten
09:43:28 Rep. Ed Stafman
09:44:36 Rep. Tony Brockman
09:45:19 Rep. Denise Baum
09:46:40 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
09:47:01 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
09:48:36 Rep. Frank Smith
09:49:23 Rep. Gary Parry
09:49:49 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
09:50:41 Rep. Paul Green
11:45:02 **Vote:** Motion failed 10 - 8 by voice vote with Rep. Bertoglio, Rep. Dooling, Rep. Frazer, Rep. Parry, Rep. Phalen, Rep. Reksten, Rep. Sprunger, Rep. Wirth, voting yes.
Rep. Dooling, By Proxy

09:52:19 **Motion:** Rep. Gary Parry moved that **HB 841 TO TABLE.**

11:45:02 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 852 - Provide for recognition of family members of deceased veterans

09:53:26 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kelly Kortum moved that **HB 852 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

09:54:06 Vice Chair Kelly Kortum

09:54:09 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kelly Kortum moved that **HB 852 BE AMENDED.**

11:45:02 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:55:55 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kelly Kortum moved that **HB 852 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

09:56:08 Rep. Frank Smith

11:45:02 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:57:27 Rep. Yakawich has arrived

09:58:34 **Recessed**

10:52:22 **Reconvened**

HEARING ON HB 880 - Make the huckleberry the official state fruit of Montana

Opening Statement:

10:52:38 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R), HD 22, opened the hearing on HB 880, Make the huckleberry the official state fruit of Montana.

Proponent Testimony:

10:55:42 McKenna Belz, Vaughn Elementary School

10:56:59 Kaleb Broaddus, Vaughn Elementary School

10:58:08 Addie Brooks, Vaughn Elementary School

10:59:27 Adam Cottrell, Vaughn Elementary School

11:00:22 Hayle Davison, Vaughn Elementary School

11:01:25 Decklyn Edwards, Vaughn Elementary School
11:02:01 Graysen Edwards, Vaughn Elementary School
11:03:07 Hunter Engleman, Vaughn Elementary School
11:04:02 Echo Galloway, Vaughn Elementary School
11:04:58 Joey Hammond, Vaughn Elementary School
11:05:55 Chevrolet Hayes, Vaughn Elementary School
11:07:07 Justin Jerome, Vaughn Elementary School
11:08:07 Abbygael Melendez, Vaughn Elementary School
11:09:15 Tessie Miller, Vaughn Elementary School
11:10:13 Bella Redmond, Vaughn Elementary School
11:11:27 Illyria Rosipal, Vaughn Elementary School
11:12:23 Josephine Smith, Vaughn Elementary School
11:13:23 Brooklyn Webb, Vaughn Elementary School
11:14:07 Amy Brooks, Vaughn Elementary School

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

11:15:33 Rep. Steven Galloway, HD 24

Questions from Committee:

10:52:26 Rep. Dooling reassumed the Chair
11:16:11 Rep. Ed Stafman
11:19:28 Rep. Gary Parry
11:20:19 Rep. Paul Green
11:21:27 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
11:22:16 Rep. Marta Bertoglio

11:23:15 Rep. Denise Baum
11:24:25 Vice Chair Bob Phalen
11:26:04 Rep. Zack Wirth
11:26:34 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
11:27:38 Rep. Michael Yakawich
11:29:17 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
11:29:43 Rep. Gary Parry
11:33:18 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

Closing Statement:

11:30:20 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R), HD 22, closed the hearing on HB 880.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 880 - Make the huckleberry the official state fruit of Montana

11:35:53 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Phalen moved that **HB 880 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

11:36:02 Rep. Michael Yakawich
11:36:19 Rep. Ed Stafman
11:37:06 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger
11:37:33 Rep. Marta Bertoglio
11:37:50 Rep. Paul Green
11:38:19 Rep. Denise Baum
11:38:57 Chair Julie Dooling
11:45:02 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:40:35

Heather Kellum, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230328STHaad\)](#)