

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Ryan Osmundson, on April 15, 2021 at 9:03 A.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. 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. Shane A. Morigeau (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)

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 46, 4/14/2021; HB 277, 4/14/2021; HB 92, 4/12/2021; HB 497, 4/14/2021; HB 578, 4/12/2021; HB 553, 4/14/2021
Executive Action: HB 46 Be Concurred In; HB 277 Be Concurred In; HB 92 Be Concurred In; HB 497 Be Concurred In; HB 528 Be Concurred In; HB 553 Be Concurred In; HB 115 Be Concurred In

09:03:45 Chair Osmundson

HEARING ON HB 46

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:05:32 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB46, Revise special education funding.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:07:14 Emily Dean, director of advocacy, Montana School Boards Association, Montana Public Education Center

09:08:41 Diane Fladmo, director of public policy, Montana Federation of Public Employees.

09:09:38 Kirk Miller, executive director, School Administrators of Montana

09:10:45 Dianne Burke, executive director, Montana Quality Education Coalition

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

09:12:00 Paul Taylor, Office of Public Instruction

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:12:28 Sen. Ellis

09:13:09 Rep. Bedey

Closing by Sponsor:

09:14:09 Rep. Bedey

HEARING ON HB 277

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:14:53 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB277, Provide for a state government performance and results act.

Proponents' Testimony: No

Opponents' Testimony: No

Informational Testimony: No

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:18:52 Sen. Ankney

09:19:18 Rep. Mercer

09:19:42 Chair Osmundson

09:19:57 Rep. Mercer

09:21:30 Sen. Ellis

09:22:27 Sen. Smith

09:22:44 Chair Osmundson

09:23:03 Sen. Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

09:23:19 Rep. Mercer

HEARING ON HB 92

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:23:37 Rep. Kathy Kelker (D), HD 47, opened the hearing on HB92, Establish compensation program for wrongfully convicted individuals.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:25:20 Patrick Webb, Americans For Prosperity Montana (AFP-MT)

09:28:54 Amy Sings In The Timber, Montana Innocence Project

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:32:50 Sen. Ellis
09:33:14 Rep. Kelker
09:35:22 Sen. Ellis
09:36:02 Rep. Kelker
09:36:13 Mr. Webb, AFP-MT
09:37:24 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
09:37:37 Chair Osmundson
09:37:45 Ms. Wilkinson, LFD
09:37:51 Chair Osmundson
09:37:57 Sen. Flowers
09:38:35 Rep. Kelker

09:38:48 Sen. Salomon joined the meeting.

09:39:45 Sen. Flowers
09:40:06 Rep. Kelker
09:40:53 Sen. Glimm
09:41:27 Rep. Kelker
09:42:44 Sen. Glimm
09:43:36 Rep. Kelker
09:44:07 Mr. Webb
09:44:39 SK Rossi, Montana Innocence Project

Closing by Sponsor:

09:46:13 Rep. Kelker

HEARING ON HB 497

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:49:03 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB497, Establish interim budget committees.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

09:52:38 Amy Carlson, legislative analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

09:54:23 Rep. Mercer

HEARING ON HB 578

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:55:32 Rep. Terry Moore (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB578, Revise laws related to commitment of defendants.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:57:07 Aimee Grmoljez, City of Billings

09:59:21 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana County Attorneys' Association, Montana Peace Officers Association

Sen. Boldman joined the meeting.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:01:12 Sen. Ellis

10:01:42 Rep. Moore

10:02:26 Sen. Lynch

10:02:52 Rep. Moore

Closing by Sponsor:

10:03:46 Rep. Moore

10:04:42 Recess

10:21:58 Reconvene

Sen. Morigeau joined the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 553

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:22:09 Sen. Lynch (D), SD 37 opened the hearing on HB553, Limit time of suspended sentences for felony convictions, for Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R), HD 52.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:23:45 Sen. Keenan
10:24:13 Sen. Lynch
10:24:20 Sen. Keenan
10:24:25 Sen. Lynch

Closing by Sponsor:

10:25:34 Sen. Lynch

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 46

10:27:14 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 46 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

10:27:41 Sen. Keenan
10:28:00 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
10:28:37 Sen. Salomon

10:29:10 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Salomon will carry the bill.

Sen. Boldman left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 92

10:29:29 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 92 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

10:29:50 Chair Osmundson

10:30:07 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Kary, Sen. Lang, Sen. Osmundson and Sen. C. Smith voting no. Sen. Boldman voted by proxy. Sen. Regier will carry the bill.

Sen. Boldman joined the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 277

10:31:24 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 277 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Bennett will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 497

10:31:39 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 497 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

10:31:55 Sen. Flowers

10:32:00 Chair Osmundson

10:32:26 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Osmundson will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 553

10:32:32 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 553 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Sands will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 578

10:33:16 **Motion:** Sen. Cuffe moved that **HB 578 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

10:34:09 Sen. McNally

10:34:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. McGillvray will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 115

10:34:32 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Howard moved that **HB 115 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE**. 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. Welborn voting no.

10:36:03 **Motion:** Sen. Howard moved that **HB 115 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

10:36:39 Sen. Keenan

10:36:42 Chair Osmundson

10:38:25 Sen. Keenan

10:38:29 Sen. Lynch

10:38:37 Sen. Morigeau

10:39:07 Chair Osmundson

10:39:21 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division

10:39:44 Chair Osmundson

10:39:48 **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. Howard will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:40 A.M.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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