

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Art Wittich, on March 20, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Alan Doane (R)
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Rep. Albert Olszewski (R)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Art Wittich, Chair (R)
Rep. Stephanie Hess (R)
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch
Phoebe Williams, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 611, 3/16/2015; SB 66, 3/16/2015

HEARING ON HB 611**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:22 Rep. Rae Peppers (D), HD 41, opened the hearing on HB 611, Allow marijuana use for veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder.

00:02:40 Rep. Jacobson joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

00:07:03 Rep. Doc Moore, HD 92, Missoula

00:10:39 Tayln Lang, Montana Veterans

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[EXHIBIT\(huh58a10\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:16:35 Rep. Ricci

00:17:10 Tayln Lang, Montana Veterans

00:17:30 Rep. Ricci

00:18:20 Tayln Lange, Montana Veterans

00:19:41 Rep. Ricci

00:20:15 Tayln Lang, Montana Veterans

00:21:09 Rep. Doane

00:21:33 Rep. Moore

00:21:54 Rep. Doane

00:22:09 Rep. Moore

00:22:58 Rep. Wagoner

00:23:05 Tayln Lang, Montana Veterans

00:23:10 Rep. Wagoner

00:23:34 Tayln Lang, Montana Veterans

Closing by Sponsor:

00:23:55 Rep. Peppers

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HEARING ON SB 66**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:27:44 Sen. Diane Sands (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 66, Generally revise laws regarding alternative nicotine or vapor products.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:45 Sen. Elsie Arntzen, SD 27, Billings
00:32:11 Jon Bennion, Department of Justice (DOJ)
00:34:54 Mark Baker, NuMark
00:37:50 Ron Marshall, Freedom Vapes LLC

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[EXHIBIT\(huh58a14\)](#)

00:40:48 Luke Anderson, Vapor Store
00:42:45 Dr. William Gallea, Montana Medical Association (MMA)
00:43:17 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clininc
00:44:40 Erin McGowan, Association of Public Health Officials, and Public Health Officials Association
00:46:39 Steve York, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
00:48:50 EJ Redding, Reynolds America Incorporated
00:49:22 Jennifer Hensley, Gilligan's and Havannah's Tobacco Shops

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:50:08 Jim Mckeeon, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:50:39 Rep. Karjala
00:51:03 Jon Bennion, DOJ
00:52:18 Chairman Wagoner
00:52:55 Jon Bennion, DOJ
00:53:36 Rep. Berglee
00:53:49 Jon Bennion, DOJ
00:54:18 Mark Baker, NuMark
00:55:12 Rep. Berglee
00:55:21 Mark Baker, NuMark
00:57:12 Rep. Ricci
00:57:41 Jon Bennion, DOJ
00:58:05 Rep. Ricci
00:58:32 Jon Bennion, DOJ

Closing by Sponsor:

00:58:54 Sen. Sands
01:00:46 Chairman Wittich resumed the chair
01:01:15 Chairman Wittich

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 66

01:02:59 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Wagoner moved that **SB 66 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Harris and Rep. Hess voted by proxy. Rep. Ricci will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 8

01:04:09 **Motion:** Rep. Wagoner moved that **SB 8 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

01:04:34 Rep. Eck

01:04:55 Rep. Pease-Lopez

01:05:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Harris and Rep. Hess voted by proxy. Rep. Mandeville will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 48

01:05:44 **Motion:** Rep. Wagoner moved that **SB 48 BE CONCURRED IN**.

01:06:02 **Motion:** Rep. Hayman moved that **SB 48 BE AMENDED**.
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Discussion:

01:06:49 Rep. Hayman

01:07:42 Rep. Ricci

01:08:19 Jon Bennion, DOJ

01:09:30 Rep. Hayman

01:10:01 Chairman Wittich

01:10:52 Jon Bennion, DOJ

01:11:40 Rep. Olszewski

01:12:36 Rep. Pease Lopez

01:13:06 Rep. Olszewski

01:13:36 Rep. Doane

01:14:04 Jon Bennion, DOJ

01:14:42 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Harris and Rep. Hess voted by proxy.

01:15:03 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Wagoner moved that **SB 48 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Harris and Rep. Hess voted by proxy. Rep. Olszewski will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 149

01:15:54 **Motion:** Rep. Wagoner moved that **SB 149 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

01:16:28 Rep. Eck

01:16:59 Rep. Olszewski
01:18:43 Chairman Wittich

01:19:17 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Eck, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Hill, Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Pease-Lopez and Rep. Pierson voting no. Rep. Harris and Rep. Hess voted by proxy. Rep. Wagoner will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 509

01:20:43 **Motion:** Rep. Wagoner moved that **HB 509 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:21:17 Rep. Jacobson
01:21:44 Rep. Hill
01:22:14 Rep. Karjala
01:23:59 Rep. Pease-Lopez
01:24:19 Rep. Ricci

01:25:14 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Eck, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Hill, Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Pease-Lopez, Rep. Pierson and Rep. Redfield voting aye. Rep. Harris and Rep. Hess voted by proxy.

01:26:43 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Wagoner moved that **HB 509 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 13-2 by voice vote with Rep. Jacobson and Rep. Pease-Lopez voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 611

01:27:34 **Motion:** Rep. Wagoner moved that **HB 611 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:27:52 Rep. Wagoner
01:28:44 Rep. Hill
01:29:28 Rep. Ricci
01:30:26 Rep. Karjala
01:31:43 Rep. Pease Lopez
01:33:56 Rep. Berglee
01:34:32 Rep. Doane
01:35:25 Chairman Wittich

01:36:31 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Doane, Rep. Eck, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Hill, Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Pease-Lopez and Rep. Pierson voting aye. Rep. Harris and Rep. Hess voted by proxy.

01:37:34 Rep. Hill
01:38:15 Chairman Wittich

01:38:34 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Wagoner moved that **HB 611 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 10-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Eck, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Hill, Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Pease-Lopez and Rep. Pierson voting no. Rep. Harris and Rep. Hess voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:40:18

Phoebe Williams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh58aad.pdf](#))