

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey, on January 20, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)
Sen. Elsie Arntzen, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dee Brown (R)
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R) (entered after roll call)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D) (entered after roll call)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 77, 1/8/2015; SB 79, 1/8/2015; SB 81, 1/8/2015; SB 119,
1/10/2015

Executive Action: SB 36, SB 98

HEARING ON SB 77

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:04:14 Sen. Debby Barrett (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SB 77. Revise laws related to board of medical examiners.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:11 Mary Ann Guggenheim, member, Board of Medical Examiners
[EXHIBIT\(bus12a01\)](#)

00:10:48 Ian Marquand, executive officer, Board of Medical Examiners
[EXHIBIT\(bus12a02\)](#)

00:14:09 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

00:15:11 Kiely Keane, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

00:17:43 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

00:19:09 Mike Foster, Catholic Hospitals in Montana; also representing Mona Jamison, Montana Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association (MAPTA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:21:16 Sen. Brown

00:21:36 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:21:58 Chairman Buttrey

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:06 Sen. Barrett

[EXHIBIT\(bus12a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus12a04\)](#)

00:22:30 Sen. Smith entered the hearing.

HEARING ON SB 79

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:22:48 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 79. Clarify the definition of "fees commensurate with costs".

Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:03 Todd Younkin, administrator, Business Standards Division, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

[EXHIBIT\(bus12a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus12a06\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus12a07\)](#)

00:34:24 Kim Moog, specialized services administrator, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

00:37:39 Margaret Morgan, Montana Independent Electrical Contractors (MIEC), Montana Electrical Board (MEB)

00:38:58 Robin Cunningham, Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana (FOAM), Board of Outfitters

00:39:27 Holly Franz, Montana Society of Certified Public Accountants (MSCPA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:40:05 Sen. Brown

00:40:48 Todd Younkin, DLI

00:41:17 Sen. Brown

00:42:43 Ms. Moog, DLI

00:43:05 Chairman Buttrey

00:43:37 Mr. Younkin (redirect)

00:43:48 Chairman Buttrey

00:44:11 Judy Bovington, Department of Labor (DLI)

00:44:48 Sen. Brown

00:45:33 Sen. Facey

00:46:15 Sen. Arntzen

00:47:52 Ms. Bovington, DLI (redirect)

00:48:03 Ms. Moog

Closing by Sponsor:

00:48:27 Sen. Facey

HEARING ON SB 81

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:49:26 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 81. Revise membership of certain licensing boards.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:50:27 Judy Bovington, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

[EXHIBIT\(bus12a08\)](#)

00:52:45 Heather O'Hara, registered nurse, president, Board of Nursing

00:54:03 Vicky Byrd, Montana Nurses Association (MNA)

00:54:53 Casey Blumenthal, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

00:56:05 Pat Goodover, chair, Board of Realty Regulations

00:57:09 Robin Cunningham, Board of Outfitters

[EXHIBIT\(bus12a09\)](#)

00:58:38 Jean Johnson, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

00:59:09 Russell Parks, Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana (FOAM)

00:59:28 Joe Perry, dryland farmer, Conrad, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:02:35 Cynthia Gustafson, executive officer, Board of Nursing

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:03:07 Sen. Arntzen

01:05:00 Ms. Gustafson, Board of Nursing

01:05:14 Sen. Arntzen

01:05:40 Mr. Cunningham, Board of Outfitters

01:08:06 Sen. Arntzen

01:08:11 Ms. Johnson, MOGA

01:09:07 Sen. Connell

01:11:04 Ms. Johnson

01:11:36 Sen. Connell

01:12:21 Mr. Cunningham

01:13:21 Sen. Connell

01:14:26 Mr. Perry, MSA

Closing by Sponsor:

01:15:14 Sen. Facey

[EXHIBIT\(bus12a10\)](#)

01:16:22 Recess

01:21:04 Reconvene: Sen. Facey did not return to the hearing

HEARING ON SB 119

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:21:10 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 119. Clarify eligible voters in certain local government elections.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:22:16 Harold Blattie, executive director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
EXHIBIT(bus12a11)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:26:43 Sen. Brown
01:27:09 Mr. Blattie, MACo
01:27:47 Sen. Connell
01:28:16 Mr. Blattie

Closing by Sponsor:

01:28:45 Sen. Kary

Committee Business:

01:29:07 Chairman Buttrey
01:29:26 Sen. Vance
01:29:53 Mr. Walker, LFD

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 35

01:30:26 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 35 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:30:39 Sen. Arntzen
01:30:45 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:31:46 Sen. Brown
01:32:16 Chairman Buttrey
01:33:15 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy
01:35:57 Chairman Buttrey
01:36:13 Sen. Stewart-Peregoy

01:36:23 Without objection, Sen. Arntzen withdrew her DO PASS motion.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 36

01:36:38 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 36 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:36:50 Mr. Walker, LSD
01:37:57 Sen. Brown
01:38:42 Sen. Arntzen
01:39:33 Chairman Buttrey
01:39:53 Sen. Connell
01:40:38 Mr. Walker
01:42:19 Chairman Buttrey
01:42:33 Sen. Arntzen
01:42:57 Mr. Walker
01:43:18 Sen. Brown
01:43:39 Sen. Connell
01:44:45 Mr. Walker

01:45:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Facey was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 98

01:45:54 **Motion:** Sen. Arntzen moved that **SB 98 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:46:06 Mr. Walker
[EXHIBIT\(bus12a12\)](#)

01:48:10 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **SB 98 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Facey was excused.

Discussion:

01:49:39 Mr. Walker
01:49:56 Chairman Buttrey
01:50:00 Sen. Brown
01:50:10 Chairman Buttrey
[EXHIBIT\(bus12a13\)](#)

01:50:29 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **SB 98 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Facey was excused.

01:50:46 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **SB 98 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:51:04 Sen. Connell

01:51:26 Chairman Buttrey

01:51:31 Sen. Brown

01:53:15 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote with Sen. Smith voting no. Sen. Facey was excused.

Committee Business:

01:53:50 Chairman Buttrey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:51 AM

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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EXHIBIT([bus12aad.pdf](#))