

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Scott Sales, on January 21, 2015 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 303
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Scott Sales, Chair (R)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Robyn Driscoll (D)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Mary Sheehy Moe (D)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Kris Hansen (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julianne Burkhardt, Legislative Branch
Pam Schindler, Committee Secretary

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:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 55, 1/12/2015
SB 59-Do Pass, SB 61-Do Pass As Amended,
SB 139-Do Pass

HEARING ON SB 55**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:23:15 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB 55, Revise traumatic brain injury contribution on vehicle registration to opt-out.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:26:35 Ann Geiger, volunteer, vice president, Brain Injury Alliance (BIA), also for Julia Hammerquist-Hammond, survivor, traumatic brain injury

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a03\)](#)

00:38:18 Char Gatlin, self, survivor, traumatic brain injury

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a04\)](#)

00:44:55 Ariana Del Negro, self, spouse of Char Gatlin

[EXHIBIT\(jus13a05\)](#)

00:51:03 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

Opponents' Testimony:

00:53:07 Ronda Wiggers, Montana County Treasurers Association (MCTA)

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:39 Sen. Fielder

00:56:07 Ms. Wiggers, MCTA

00:56:36 Sen. Fielder

00:56:50 Ms. Geiger, BIA

00:57:24 Sen. Fielder

00:57:39 Sen. Hamlett

01:01:27 Sen. Sands

01:02:30 Mr. Gatlin

01:07:04 Chairman Sales

01:07:50 Ms. Wiggers

01:10:40 Chairman Sales

01:10:43 Sen. Hamlett

01:14:57 Chairman Sales

01:15:17 Ms. Wiggers

Closing by Sponsor:

01:15:43 Sen. Hamlett
01:17:42 Brief Recess
01:33:43 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 59

01:34:21 **Motion:** Sen. Driscoll moved that **SB 59 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:35:28 Sen. Vincent
01:35:58 Sen. Swandal
01:37:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Hansen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 61

01:37:38 **Motion:** Sen. Driscoll moved that **SB 61 DO PASS.**

01:38:27 **Motion:** Sen. Driscoll moved that **SB 61 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(jus13a06\)](#)

Discussion:

01:40:22 Jullianne Burkhardt, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:40:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hansen voted by proxy.
01:41:04 **Motion:** Sen. Driscoll moved that **SB 61 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:41:17 Sen. Fielder
01:41:38 Ms. Burkhardt, LSD
01:42:47 Sen. Vincent
01:43:19 Sen. Swandal
01:43:57 Sen. Vincent
01:44:28 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hansen voted by proxy.

Discussion:

01:45:13 Sen. Swandal
01:45:32 Sen. Driscoll
01:45:55 Chairman Sales

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 139

01:46:21 **Motion:** Sen. Sands moved that **SB 139 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:47:13 Sen. Hinkle

01:47:27 Mary (Marty) Phippen, Montana Association of Clerks of District Court (MACDC)

01:48:14 Sen. Swandal

01:48:31 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hansen voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:26 A.M.

Pam Schindler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jus13aad.pdf](#))