

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Mark Noland, on February 13, 2019 at 8:30 AM, in Room 172
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mark Noland, Chair (R)
Rep. Vince Ricci, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Edward Buttrey (R)
Rep. Neil Duram (R)
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Bruce Grubbs (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Derek J. Harvey (D)
Rep. Joel G. Krautter (R)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Secretary
Pat Murdo, Legislative Branch

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: HB 362, 2/4/2019; SB 94, 2/5/2019

08:30:12 Chair Noland

HEARING ON SB 94

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:32:44 Sen. Terry Gauthier (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 94, Provide signature authority for advanced practice registered nurses.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:34:52 Vicky Byrd, Montana Nurses Association (MNA)

[EXHIBIT\(buh30a01\)](#)

08:37:57 Heather O'Hara, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

08:38:50 Missy Poortenga, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

08:39:22 Adrienne Cotton, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

[EXHIBIT\(buh30a02\)](#)

08:41:06 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

08:41:48 Zoe Barnard, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPPHS)

08:42:36 Shane Scanlon, Kalispell Regional Healthcare (KRH)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

08:43:18 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:43:45 Rep. Vinton

08:44:11 Missy Poortenga, DLI

08:44:57 Chair Noland

08:45:12 Sen. Gauthier

Closing by Sponsor:

08:45:30 Sen. Gauthier

HEARING ON HB 362

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:48:14 Rep. Jim Hamilton (D), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB 362, Generally revise laws related to distilleries.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:53:42 Mike Grunow, Lolo Creek Steakhouse

08:56:28 Casey McGowan, Trailhead Spirits

[EXHIBIT\(buh30a03\)](#)

09:00:10 Tyrrell Hibbard, Gulch Distillers

[EXHIBIT\(buh30a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh30a05\)](#)

09:04:08 Dax VanFossen, Whistling Andy Distillery

09:08:52 Jim Harris, Bozeman Spirits Distillery

[EXHIBIT\(buh30a06\)](#)

09:14:05 Patrick Webb, Americans for Prosperity Montana (AFP-MT)

09:15:17 Troy Downing, Self

09:19:07 Philip Sullivan, Wildrye Distillery

09:27:16 Matt Grunow, Lolo Creek Distillery

09:29:00 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Distillers Guild (MDG)

[EXHIBIT\(buh30a07\)](#)

09:29:58 Robin Blazer, Willies Distillery

[EXHIBIT\(buh30a08\)](#)

09:43:43 Mary Pat Harris, Bozeman Spirits Distillery

Opponents' Testimony:

09:48:02 Brad Griffin, Montana Restaurant Association (MRA)

09:49:45 Chad Ouellette, Liquor Store Owners Association of Montana (LSOAM)

09:52:13 Mark Lewis, Montana Spirits and Wines

[EXHIBIT\(buh30a09\)](#)

09:53:17 Rep. Curdy joined the meeting.

09:58:16 Bob Miller, Liquor Store Owners Association of Montana (LSOAM)

10:00:51 Dax Cetraro, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

10:05:39 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

[EXHIBIT\(buh30a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh30a11\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh30a12\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

10:10:04 Becky Schlauch, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:10:33 Rep. Loge

10:10:57 Casey McGowan, Trailhead Spirits

10:11:41 Rep. Loge

10:11:44 Casey McGowan, Trailhead Spirits

10:11:59 Rep. Pope

10:13:16 Robin Blazer, Willies Distillery

10:16:25 Rep. Pope

10:17:12 Robin Blazer, Willies Distillery

10:17:50 Rep. Harvey

10:18:34 Becky Schlauch, DOR

10:18:45 Vice Chair Ricci

10:19:02 Casey McGowan, Trailhead Spirits

10:20:03 Vice Chair Ricci

10:20:32 Mark Lewis, Montana Spirits and Wines

10:20:41 Rep. Vinton

10:21:00 Abigail St. Lawrence, MDG
10:21:56 Rep. Vinton
10:22:05 Abigail St. Lawrence, MDG
10:22:24 Jim Harris, Bozeman Spirits Distillery
10:23:55 Rep. Sullivan
10:24:19 Jim Harris, Bozeman Spirits Distillery
10:24:48 Becky Schlauch, DOR
10:25:14 Chair Noland
10:25:31 Jim Harris, Bozeman Spirits Distillery
10:25:52 Chair Noland
10:25:55 Jim Harris, Bozeman Spirits Distillery
10:26:00 Chair Noland
10:26:08 Jim Harris, Bozeman Spirits Distillery
10:26:52 Chair Noland
10:26:54 Jim Harris, Bozeman Spirits Distillery
10:27:33 Chair Noland
10:27:44 Jim Harris, Bozeman Spirits Distillery
10:28:29 Chair Noland
10:28:54 Becky Schlauch, DOR
10:29:15 Chair Noland
10:29:17 Becky Schlauch, DOR
10:29:22 Chair Noland
10:29:26 Becky Schlauch, DOR
10:29:47 Steve Swanson, Department of Revenue (DOR)
10:30:34 Chair Noland
10:30:45 Steve Swanson, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

10:31:10 Rep. Jim Hamilton (D), HD 61

Committee Business:

10:36:50 Chair Noland

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:37:31

Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh30aad.pdf](#))