

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

**Call to Order:** Chair Mark Noland, on March 14, 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. Willis Curdy (D)  
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. Andrea Olsen (D)  
Rep. Christopher Pope (D)  
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Edward Buttrey (R)  
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: SB 1, 2/28/2019; SB 119, 2/28/2019; SB 168, 2/28/2019; SB 182, 2/28/2019

08:32:52 Chair Noland

### **HEARING ON SB 1**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:34:44 Sen. Sue Malek (D), SD 46, opened the hearing on SB 1, Exempting lottery game parameters from MAPA.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

08:36:20 Angela Wong, Director, Montana State Lottery (MTL)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:39:09 Rep. Olsen

08:39:56 Director Wong, MTL

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

08:41:01 Sen. Malek

### **HEARING ON SB 119**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:41:42 Sen. Mark Blasdel (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 119, Allow access control systems for alcohol and gambling licensees.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

08:43:29 Mayme Folio, Self

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(buh52a01\)\*\*](#)

08:47:55 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(buh52a02\)\*\*](#)

08:54:40 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

08:56:29 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association (MCMOA)

08:58:47 Jerry Williams, Montana Police Protection Association (MPPA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

#### **Informational Testimony:**

09:00:49 Becky Schlauch, Department of Revenue (DOR)

09:01:25 Angela Nunn, Department of Justice (DOJ)

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:02:02 Rep. Gunderson

09:02:38 Sen. Blasdel

09:03:14 Rep. Loge

09:03:42 Sen. Blasdel

09:04:03 Neil Peterson, GIA  
09:04:37 Rep. Pope  
09:05:02 Neil Peterson, GIA  
09:05:18 Chair Noland  
09:05:42 Neil Peterson, GIA  
09:06:36 Chair Noland  
09:06:50 Neil Peterson, GIA  
09:07:37 Chair Noland  
09:08:29 Angela Nunn, DOJ  
09:09:20 Becky Schlauch, DOR  
09:09:51 Rep. Curdy  
09:10:28 Becky Schlauch, DOR  
09:10:41 Rep. Olsen  
09:11:43 Neil Peterson, GIA  
09:12:20 Rep. Olsen  
09:13:01 Neil Peterson, GIA  
09:13:40 Rep. Vinton  
09:14:12 Becky Schlauch, DOR

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:14:25 Sen. Blasdel

09:15:22 Chair Noland ceded gavel to Vice Chair Ricci.

**HEARING ON SB 168**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:15:49 Sen. Brian Hoven (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 168, Restrict certain initial employment applications regarding criminal history.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:18:35 Steve Cape, Montana Coalition for Safety and Justice (MTCUSJ)

09:20:36 Rep. Buttrey joined the meeting.

09:22:47 Aiden Myhre, Core Civic

**[EXHIBIT\(buh52a03\)](#)**

09:24:10 Mary Ann Wellbank, Self

**[EXHIBIT\(buh52a04\)](#)**

09:28:54 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association (MRA), Montana Restaurant Association (MTRA)

09:29:58 Rep. Schreiner, HD 26

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

09:31:17 Eric Strauss, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:32:13 Rep. Vinton

09:32:48 Steve Cape, MTCUSJ  
09:32:52 Rep. Vinton  
09:33:29 Steve Cape, MTCUSJ  
09:35:08 Rep. Curdy  
09:36:02 Sen. Hoven  
09:36:52 Rep. Pope  
09:38:13 Eric Strauss, DLI  
09:38:32 Rep. Pope  
09:38:51 Chair Ricci  
09:39:45 Sen. Hoven  
09:40:43 Rep. Olsen  
09:41:27 Brad Griffin, MRA, MTRA  
09:42:18 Rep. Noland  
09:42:51 Eric Strauss, DLI  
09:43:28 Rep. Noland

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:43:40 Sen. Brian Hoven  
  
09:46:32 Chair Ricci  
09:46:38 Sen. Hoven  
09:47:20 Chair Noland resumed the gavel.

**HEARING ON SB 182**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:47:27 Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 182, Revise definition of microdistillery relating to production.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:51:06 Robin Blazer, Montana Distillers Guild (MDG), Willie's Distillery  
[EXHIBIT\(buh52a05\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(buh52a06\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(buh52a07\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(buh52a08\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(buh52a09\)](#)

09:54:20 Rep. Krautter left the meeting.  
10:01:21 Jim Harris, Bozeman Spirits Distillery  
10:03:05 Jeff Droge, Dry Hills Distillery  
[EXHIBIT\(buh52a10\)](#)

10:04:36 Rep. Pierson joined the meeting.  
10:09:13 Brad Griffin, Montana Restaurant Association (MRA)  
10:10:10 Bob Miller, Montana Liquor Store Owners Association (LSOAM)  
10:10:53 Kristi Blazer, Montana Beer and Wine Distributors Association (MBWDA)  
10:11:50 Cary Hegreberg, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)  
10:15:22 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Distillers Guild (MDG)  
[EXHIBIT\(buh52a11\)](#)  
[EXHIBIT\(buh52a12\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

10:19:32 Becky Schlauch, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:19:53 Rep. Gunderson  
10:20:37 Robin Blazer, MDG, Willie's Distillery  
10:22:21 Rep. Gunderson  
10:22:22 Robin Blazer, MDG, Willie's Distillery  
10:22:42 Becky Schlauch, DOR  
10:23:27 Rep. Gunderson  
10:23:50 Becky Schlauch, DOR  
10:24:51 Rep. Olsen  
10:26:08 Becky Schlauch, DOR  
10:26:17 Rep. Olsen  
10:26:55 Becky Schlauch, DOR  
10:27:05 Rep. Olsen  
10:27:29 Becky Schlauch, DOR  
10:27:41 Rep. Pierson  
10:28:03 Abigail St. Lawrence, MDG  
10:28:16 Robin Blazer, MDG, Willie's Distillery  
10:29:03 Rep. Curdy  
10:29:45 Becky Schlauch, DOR  
10:29:58 Rep. Curdy  
10:30:06 Becky Schlauch, DOR  
10:30:10 Rep. Olsen  
10:31:47 Robin Blazer, MDG, Willie's Distillery  
10:32:54 Rep. Olsen  
10:33:16 Robin Blazer, MDG, Willie's Distillery  
10:35:15 Rep. Olsen  
10:35:47 Robin Blazer, MDG, Willie's Distillery  
10:37:11 Rep. Olsen  
10:37:23 Rep. Buttrey  
10:38:17 Cary Hegreberg, MCC  
10:38:43 Rep. Buttrey  
10:38:58 Robin Blazer, MDG, Willie's Distillery  
10:39:11 Rep. Buttrey  
10:39:15 Becky Schlauch, DOR  
10:39:34 Rep. Buttrey  
10:39:40 Becky Schlauch, DOR  
10:39:43 Rep. Buttrey  
10:40:07 Robin Blazer, MDG, Willie's Distillery  
10:40:41 Rep. Buttrey  
10:40:58 Robin Blazer, MDG, Willie's Distillery  
10:41:53 Rep. Duram  
10:42:14 Robin Blazer, MDG, Willie's Distillery  
10:42:37 Rep. Duram  
10:42:52 Robin Blazer, MDG, Willie's Distillery

10:42:56 Rep. Duram  
10:43:19 Robin Blazer, MDG, Willie's Distillery  
10:43:28 Rep. Duram  
10:43:48 Robin Blazer, MDG, Willie's Distillery  
10:43:54 Rep. Duram  
10:44:03 Robin Blazer, MDG, Willie's Distillery  
10:44:31 Rep. Duram  
10:44:41 Robin Blazer, MDG, Willie's Distillery  
10:45:44 Chair Noland  
10:46:02 Becky Schlauch, DOR  
10:46:28 Rep. Pope  
10:47:30 Rep. Krautter rejoined the meeting.  
10:47:45 Jim Harris, Bozeman Spirits Distillery  
10:48:28 Rep. Pope  
10:48:53 Jim Harris, Bozeman Spirits Distillery  
10:49:37 Rep. Pope  
10:49:47 Jim Harris, Bozeman Spirits Distillery  
10:50:49 Rep. Loge  
10:51:05 Becky Schlauch, DOR  
10:51:24 Chair Noland  
10:51:38 Robin Blazer, MDG, Willie's Distillery  
10:52:52 Chair Noland  
10:52:57 Robin Blazer, MDG, Willie's Distillery  
10:57:09 Chair Noland  
10:57:25 Becky Schlauch, DOR

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:58:05 Sen. Bogner

**Committee Business:**

10:58:55 Chair Noland  
11:01:52 Rep. Funk  
11:01:58 Chair Noland  
11:02:02 Pat Murdo, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:02:19

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Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([buh52aad.pdf](#))