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MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Steve Fitzpatrick, on January 31, 2019 at 8:30 AM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick, Chair (R)
Sen. Dee Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Sue Malek, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Carlie Boland (D)
Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 68, 1/25/2019; HB 90, 1/25/2019; SB 168, 1/25/2019

Executive Action: SB 31, Tabled-No Hearing at Sponsor's Request

08:30:27 Chairman Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON SB 168

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:32:07 Sen. Brian Hoven (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 168. Restrict certain initial employment applications regarding criminal history.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:34:22 Steve Cape, Montana Coalition for Safety and Justice (MCSJ)

08:37:30 Sarah Howell, Montana Women Votes

08:38:07 Zuri Moreno, advocacy and policy assistant, American Civil Liberties Union

Opponents' Testimony:

08:39:19 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

08:41:49 Ronda Wiggers, Helena Chamber of Commerce

08:43:30 Mark Cadwallader, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Informational Testimony:

08:48:07 Brenda Nordlund, administrator, Unemployment Insurance Program, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

08:50:48 Eric Strauss, Employment Relations Division, Department of Labor and Industry

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:51:27 Sen. Ellsworth

08:56:14 Sen. Hoven

08:56:21 Sen. Small

08:57:21 Mr. Mahlum, MCC

08:58:41 Sen. Gauthier

09:00:48 Sen. Hoven

09:00:53 Sen. Malek

09:02:18 Mr. Cadwallader, DLI

09:03:45 Sen. Malek

09:04:30 Sen. Hoven

09:07:08 Sen. Gauthier

09:09:08 Ms. Nordlund, DLI

09:09:14 Sen. Brown

09:09:46 Ms. Nordlund

09:10:34 Chairman Fitzpatrick

09:23:40 Mr. Cape, MCSJ

09:24:09 Sen. Gauthier

09:26:22 Mr. Cape

09:28:13 Sen. Ellsworth

09:29:52 Sen. Hoven

09:30:01 Sen. Gauthier

09:30:42 Sen. Hoven

09:30:59 Sen. Boland

09:31:29 Sen. Hoven

09:33:00 Sen. Smith

09:33:55 Sen. Hoven

09:34:00 Sen. Brown
09:35:29 Mr. Cadwallader

Closing by Sponsor:

09:36:03 Sen. Hoven

09:37:45 Chairman Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON HB 68

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:39:12 Rep. Ray Shaw (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HB 68. Revise electrician licensing regarding nonrenewal to match other boards.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:41:25 Todd Younkin, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)
[EXHIBIT\(bus19a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:44:02 Sen. Brown
09:45:40 Mr. Younkin, DLI
09:46:11 Sen. Boland
09:47:20 Mr. Younkin

Closing by Sponsor:

09:47:38 Rep. Shaw

09:48:30 Chairman Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON HB 90

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:48:52 Rep. Steve Gunderson (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HB 90. Generally revise securities regulatory laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:51:26 Lynne Egan, deputy securities commissioner, Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, State Auditor (CSI)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:55:18 Sen. Brown
09:57:17 Ms. Egan, CSI

09:57:33 Sen. Malek
10:01:49 Ms. Egan
10:02:28 Sen. Gauthier
10:02:49 Ms. Egan
10:03:28 Sen. Boland
10:06:20 Ms. Egan
10:07:10 Sen. Malek
10:07:32 Ms. Egan

Closing by Sponsor:

10:08:42 Rep. Gunderson

10:09:22 Chairman Fitzpatrick

Sen. Vance was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 31

10:10:03 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **SB 31 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote of those present and voting.

EXHIBIT(bus19a02)

Committee Business:

10:11:29 Sen. Ellsworth
10:11:47 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division
10:12:01 Chairman Fitzpatrick
10:12:08 Sen. Brown
10:12:35 Chairman Fitzpatrick
10:12:52 Sen. Ellsworth
10:12:58 Chairman Fitzpatrick

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:13 AM

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus19aad.pdf](#))