

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

**Call to Order:** Chair Steve Fitzpatrick, on March 20, 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

**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 547, 3/15/2019; HB 624, 3/15/2019; SB 327, 3/15/2019

08:30:18 Chairman Fitzpatrick

**HEARING ON SB 327**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:31:28 Sen. Albert Olszewski (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 327. Provide for licensing of genetic counselors.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

08:32:45 Betsy Smith, certified genetic counselor, Montana Genetics Counselor's Association (MGCA)

08:38:44 Jackie Jones, Montana Genetics Counselor's Association (MGCA)

**EXHIBIT(bus57a01)**

08:40:13 Corbin Schwanke, administrative director, Medical Genetics, Shodair Children's Hospital, Helena

08:42:21 Katie Mazurek, self

08:46:55 Jeanie Gracey, Cancer Support Community, Bozeman

**EXHIBIT(bus57a02)**

08:48:26 Katy Derzay, self

08:49:53 Jack Hensold, medical oncologist, Montana State Oncology Society, Bozeman

08:52:07 Jean Branscum, CEO, Montana Medical Association

08:53:55 Jessie Luther, Benefis Health System

08:54:29 Kali Wicks, Blue Cross Blue Shield Montana (BCBSMT)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

08:55:12 Todd Younkin, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:55:29 Sen. Brown

08:59:07 Ms. Smith, MGCA

09:00:32 Sen. Brown

09:00:41 Ms. Jones, MGCA

09:01:10 Chairman Fitzpatrick

09:04:34 Ms. Jones redirect

09:04:44 Ms. Smith

09:06:12 Chairman Fitzpatrick

09:06:19 Ms. Wicks, BCBSMT

09:07:05 Sen. Ellsworth

09:08:29 Ms. Smith

09:09:36 Sen. Ellsworth

09:11:03 Mr. Schwanke, Shodair

09:11:46 Sen. Gauthier

09:13:22 Ms. Smith

09:14:41 Sen. Small

09:19:00 Mr. Younkin, DLI

09:19:42 Chairman Fitzpatrick

09:19:59 Mr. Younkin  
09:21:10 Sen. Brown  
09:21:34 Ms. Branscum defer  
09:21:46 Ms. Smith  
09:22:45 Sen. Brown  
09:23:18 Ms. Smith  
09:23:55 Chairman Fitzpatrick  
09:24:14 Ms. Smith  
09:26:00 Sen. Smith  
09:26:48 Mr. Younkin

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:27:12 Sen. Olszewski  
  
09:31:35 Chairman Fitzpatrick

**HEARING ON HB 624**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:32:48 Rep. Terry Moore (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 624. Generally revise motor vehicle laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:33:52 Joann Loehr, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of Justice (DOJ)  
[EXHIBIT\(bus57a03\)](#)

09:37:23 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers Association  
09:38:24 Scott Reichner, Montana Auto Dealers Association  
09:39:15 Tracie Kenyon, president and CEO, Montana's Credit Unions  
09:39:53 Elaine Taylor, Motor Vehicle Software Corporation  
[EXHIBIT\(bus57a04\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:41:25 Sen. Brown  
09:43:45 Ms. Loehr, DOJ

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:44:17 Rep. Moore  
  
09:45:53 Chairman Fitzpatrick  
  
09:45:57 Recess  
09:47:40 Reconvene

**HEARING ON HB 547**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:47:44 Rep. Laurie Bishop (D), HD 60, opened the hearing on HB 547. Revise laws related to employee disclosure of wage information.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:52:34 Emilie Ritter Saunders, communication director, Department of Commerce, Governor's Equal Pay for Equal Work Task Force (DOC)

**EXHIBIT(bus57a05)**

09:54:27 Adam Haight, American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)

09:55:26 Michael Toppen, Montana Public Interest Research Group

**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:55:59 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

**Informational Testimony:**

10:02:36 Barb Wagner, chief economist, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:02:56 Sen. Brown  
10:03:05 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
10:04:00 Sen. Brown  
10:05:36 Ms. Ritter Saunders, DOC  
10:06:32 Sen. Brown  
10:08:04 Mr. Haight, AFL-CIO  
10:08:18 Sen. Brown  
10:08:36 Ms. Wagner, DLI  
10:09:30 Sen. Ellsworth  
10:14:12 Rep. Bishop  
10:15:00 Chairman Fitzpatrick  
10:18:34 Rep. Bishop  
10:19:11 Sen. Ellsworth  
10:19:21 Rep. Bishop  
10:20:15 Sen. Gauthier  
10:21:02 Ms. Ritter Saunders defer  
10:21:58 Rep. Bishop  
10:22:08 Sen. Malek  
10:22:51 Rep. Bishop  
10:23:25 Sen. Malek  
10:30:35 Mr. Mahlum, MCC  
10:31:40 Sen. Malek

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:32:21 Rep. Bishop

**EXHIBIT(bus57a06)**

**Committee Business:**

10:34:44 Chairman Fitzpatrick  
10:36:08 Mr. Walker, LSD  
10:36:32 Sen. Boland  
10:36:40 Mr. Walker

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:37 AM

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Linda Keim, Secretary

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**Additional Documents**

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**EXHIBIT([bus57aad.pdf](#))**