

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Vice Chair Dee Brown, on April 3, 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. Jason D. Small (R)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)

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 626, 3/25/2019; HB 631, 3/25/2019

Executive Action: HB 376, HB 416, Be Concurred In
HB 579, Tabled

08:30:56 Chair Brown

HEARING ON HB 631

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:32:12 Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 631. Create public private partnership to help workers in targeted industries.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:37:00 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors' Association
08:38:21 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce
08:40:20 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association
08:41:30 Jessie Luther, Idaho Forest Group (owner of St. Regis Mill)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

08:42:44 Scott Eychner, administrator, Work Forces Division, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:43:11 Sen. Vuckovich
08:43:21 Rep. Dudik
08:46:23 Chair Brown
08:46:45 Rep. Dudik
08:47:17 Sen. Vuckovich
08:47:21 Mr. Eychner, DLI
08:49:01 Sen. Small
08:49:26 Mr. Eychner
08:50:00 Sen. Ellsworth
08:50:19 Mr. Eychner

Sen. Malek entered the hearing.

Sen. Fitzpatrick entered the hearing and assumed the role of Chair.

08:52:29 Sen. Ellsworth
08:53:45 Mr. Eychner
08:54:43 Sen. Ellsworth
08:55:25 Rep. Dudik
08:55:50 Sen. Brown
08:56:24 Rep. Dudik
08:56:50 Sen. Boland
08:57:31 Rep. Dudik

Closing by Sponsor:

08:57:59 Rep. Dudik
08:59:24 Chairman Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON HB 626

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:59:30 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D), HD 49, opened the hearing on HB 626.
Generally revise social worker licensing laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:01:31 Ann Truesdell, licensed clinical social worker, National Association of Social
Workers

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09:08:02 Kimberly Gardner, Board of Behavioral Health, Department of Labor and Industry
(DLI)
09:12:23 Jennifer Preble, licensed clinical social worker
09:14:03 Sydney Barry, policy advisor, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual
Violence

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:14:39 Sen. Brown
09:14:45 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter redirect
09:21:29 Ms. Gardner, DLI
09:22:02 Sen. Small
09:23:50 Ms. Gardner
09:23:57 Sen. Ellsworth
09:29:05 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

Closing by Sponsor:

09:29:15 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

09:31:29 Chairman Fitzpatrick

Committee Business:

09:32:02 Chairman Fitzpatrick

09:32:18 Recess
09:47:21 Reconvene

Sen. Vance did not return to the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 416

09:47:27 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 416 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

09:47:42 Sen. Boland
09:48:27 Sen. Brown

09:49:17 Sen. Ellsworth
09:50:31 Sen. Malek
09:52:20 Sen. Boland
09:53:24 Sen. Brown

09:53:45 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-3 by roll call vote with Sen. D. Brown, Sen. Ellsworth and Sen. Vance voting no. Sen. Gauthier and Sen. Vance voted by proxy. Sen. Lang will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 376

09:54:46 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 376 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

09:55:06 Sen. Boland
09:56:22 Sen. Brown
09:56:58 Sen. Boland
09:57:31 Sen. Ellsworth
09:57:53 Sen. Malek

09:58:17 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-2 by roll call vote with Sen. D. Brown and Sen. Vance voting no. Sen. Gauthier and Sen. Vance voted by proxy. Sen. Lang will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 579

09:59:13 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 579 BE CONCURRED IN.**

09:59:21 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 579 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(bus69a02)

Discussion:

09:59:35 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
10:00:35 Sen. Brown
10:01:05 Sen. Ellsworth

10:01:40 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. F. Smith voting no. Sen. Gauthier and Sen. Vance voted by proxy.

10:02:02 **Motion:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 579 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:02:23 Sen. Malek
10:03:31 Sen. Brown
10:04:12 Sen. Boland
10:06:01 Mr. Walker, LSD
10:06:36 Sen. Boland
10:06:51 Sen. Ellsworth

- 10:08:39 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Fitzpatrick, Sen. Gauthier, Sen. Small and Sen. F. Smith voting aye. Sen. Gauthier and Sen. Vance voted by proxy.
- 10:09:36 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. D. Brown moved that **HB 579 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 8-2 by voice vote with Sen. Ellsworth and Sen. Small voting no. Sen. Gauthier and Sen. Vance voted by proxy.
- 10:10:21 Chairman Fitzpatrick

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:10 AM

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus69aad.pdf](#))