

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Mark Noland, on January 8, 2021 at 08:30 AM, in Room 172
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mark Noland, Chair (R)
Rep. Edward Buttrey, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Katie Sullivan, 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. Steven Galloway (R)
Rep. Steve Gist (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Derek J. Harvey (D)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)
Rep. Sara Novak (D)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)
Rep. Rynalea Whiteman Pena (D)
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Jordee Bomgardner, Committee Secretary
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch
Cara Grewell, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 19, 1/5/2021; HB 41, 1/5/2021; HB 63, 1/5/2021; HB 79,
1/5/2021
Executive Action: HB 19, HB 41, HB 63, HB 79

08:30:29 Chair Noland

HEARING ON HB 41

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:35:06 Rep. Moffie Funk (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 41, Generally revise securities laws.

08:36:53 Rep. Curdy

08:37:04 Chair Noland

Proponents' Testimony:

08:37:23 Lynne Egan, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI)
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Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

08:40:31 Rep. Funk

HEARING ON HB 63

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:41:20 Rep. Julie Dooling (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 63, Generally revise insurance laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:42:46 Bob Biskupiak, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI)

08:47:44 Bruce Spencer, Mountain Health Co-op (MHC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:00:53 Rep. Olsen

09:01:11 Bob Biskupiak, CSI

09:01:27 Rep. Olsen

09:02:36 Chair Noland

09:02:42 Rep. Olsen

09:02:49 Bob Biskupiak, CSI

09:03:11 Bruce Spencer, MHC

09:04:07 Rep. Olsen

09:05:34 Bruce Spencer, MHC

09:06:37 Rep. Olsen

09:07:26 Jameson Walker, Legislative Service Division (LSD)

09:09:11 Rep. Olsen
09:09:53 Chair Noland
09:10:11 Rep. Olsen
09:10:28 Chair Noland
09:11:00 Rep. Olsen
09:12:06 Bob Biskupiak, CSI
09:12:32 Rep. Olsen
09:13:43 Bob Biskupiak, CSI
09:14:25 Chair Noland

Closing by Sponsor:

09:14:42 Rep. Dooling

HEARING ON HB 19

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:20:00 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 19, Revise laws related to off-premises beer/wine licenses.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:23:45 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)
09:25:03 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)
09:26:17 Becky Schlauch, Department of Revenue (DOR)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

09:27:21 Rep. Buttrey

09:27:53 Rep. Duram assumed the Chair
09:28:20 Chair Duram
09:28:23 Vice Chair Sullivan
09:28:40 Chair Duram

HEARING ON HB 79

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:29:00 Rep. Mark Noland (R), HD 10, opened the hearing on HB 79, Revised definition of beer to include other fermented-style beverages.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:30:56 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)
09:31:36 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)
09:31:57 Pat Noonan, Montana Beer and Wine Distributors Association (MBWDA)
09:32:44 Becky Schlauch, Department of Revenue (DOR)

09:34:03 Matt Leow, Montana Brewers Association (MBA)
09:35:37 Mike Markovich, Summit Beverage, Montana Beer and Wine Distributors
Association (MBWDA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:37:39 Vice Chair Buttrey
09:38:02 Rep. Noland
09:38:19 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

Closing by Sponsor:

09:38:57 Rep. Noland

09:40:01 Rep. Noland assumed the Chair
09:40:40 Bruce Spencer, Mountain Health Co-op (MHC)
09:42:54 Rep. Olsen
09:43:25 Vice Chair Sullivan
09:43:38 Jameson Walker, LSD
09:45:43 Chair Noland
09:45:58 Jameson Walker, LSD
09:46:04 Chair Noland
09:46:18 Rep. Galloway
09:46:59 Chair Noland
09:47:20 Rep. Olsen
09:48:13 Chair Noland
09:49:23 Vice Chair Sullivan

09:49:29 Recessed
10:19:21 Reconvened

10:19:28 Chair Noland

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 41

10:19:48 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 41 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Funk and Rep. Gunderson voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 19

10:21:42 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 19 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Funk and Rep. Gunderson voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 79

- 10:22:42 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 79 DO PASS**.
- 10:22:55 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 79 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED TO CHANGE THE EFFECTIVE DATE TO "IMMEDIATELY UPON PASSAGE"**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Funk and Rep. Gunderson voted by proxy.
- 10:24:17 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 79 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Funk and Rep. Gunderson voted by proxy.
- 10:25:10 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
- 10:25:40 Chair Noland
- 10:25:52 Rep. Zolnikov
- 10:25:55 Chair Noland

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:26:12

Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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