

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Mark Noland, on January 15, 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. 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. 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. Katie Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Rynalea Whiteman Pena (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 117, 1/12/2021

Executive Action: HB 64, HB 65, HB 66, HB 74, HB 76, HB 80

HEARING ON HB 117**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:34:50 Rep. Vince Ricci (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 117, Revising auto insurance laws related to claims history.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:36:03 Bob Biskupiak, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance
Office of the Montana State Auditor (CSI)

EXHIBIT(buh10a01)

08:40:39 John Iverson, Independent Insurance Agents of Montana (IIAMT)

Opponents' Testimony:

08:41:45 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company

08:48:42 Jon Metropoulos, Farmers Insurance

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:53:48 Rep. Gist
08:54:23 Bob Biskupiak, CSI
08:55:07 Rep. Marshall
08:55:42 Jon Metropoulos, Farmers Insurance
08:56:05 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company
08:56:34 Rep. Marshall
08:56:59 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company
08:57:57 Rep. Marshall
08:58:23 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company
08:59:49 Vice Chair Harvey
09:00:13 Bob Biskupiak, CSI
09:01:11 Rep. Loge
09:01:48 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company
09:03:23 Rep. Duram
09:04:00 Bob Biskupiak, CSI
09:04:53 Rep. Duram
09:05:10 Bob Biskupiak, CSI
09:06:02 Rep. Duram
09:06:45 Bob Biskupiak, CSI
09:07:40 Rep. Gist
09:08:22 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company
09:09:21 Vice Chair Sullivan
09:09:57 Chair Noland
09:10:25 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company
09:10:44 Chair Noland

Closing by Sponsor:

09:11:18 Rep. Ricci

09:12:39 Chair Noland
09:20:43 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
09:20:57 Chair Noland
09:21:12 Rep. Loge
09:22:05 Chair Noland

09:23:05 Recessed
10:00:40 Reconvened with Rep. Curdy excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 64

10:00:56 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 64 DO PASS**.

10:01:46 **Motion:** Rep. Olsen moved that **HB 64 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(buh10a02\)](#)

Discussion:

10:02:43 Rep. Olsen
10:04:36 Rep. Marshall
10:05:15 Chair Noland
10:05:31 Rep. Olsen
10:06:23 Rep. Marshall
10:06:41 Rep. Olsen
10:07:31 Rep. Duram

10:08:10 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Funk, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Novak, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Sullivan and Rep. Whiteman Pena voting aye. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Anderson, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Whiteman Pena voted by proxy.

10:10:13 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 64 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

10:10:37 Rep. Zolnikov
10:10:50 Vice Chair Sullivan
10:11:35 Rep. Galloway
10:12:15 Rep. Olsen

10:13:04 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-2 by voice vote with Rep. Olsen and Rep. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Anderson, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Whiteman Pena voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 65

10:14:02 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 65 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Anderson, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Whiteman Pena voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 66

10:15:11 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 66 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

10:15:34 Rep. Harvey

10:16:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Anderson, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Whiteman Pena voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 74

10:17:01 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 74 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Anderson, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Whiteman Pena voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 76

10:18:03 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 76 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

10:18:28 Rep. Harvey

10:19:06 Rep. Loge

10:19:34 Rep. Olsen

10:20:04 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Anderson, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Whiteman Pena voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 80

10:20:42 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 80 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

10:21:12 Rep. Seekins-Crowe

10:21:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Anderson, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Whiteman Pena voted by proxy.

10:22:09 Vice Chair Sullivan

10:22:21 Chair Noland

10:23:30 Jameson Walker, LSD

10:27:56 Rep. Olsen

10:28:28 Jameson Walker, LSD

10:29:20 Chair Noland

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:29:53

Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh10aad.pdf](#))