

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Joshua Kassmier, on January 19, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Joshua Kassmier, Chair (R)
Rep. Julie Dooling, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Brandon Ler (R)
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Marty Malone (R)
Rep. Rynalea Whiteman Pena (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Jacquelynn Bomgardner, Committee Secretary
Corina Hach, Legislative Branch
Rachael Foe, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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 142, 1/12/2021

15:01:15 Vice Chair Dooling assumed the Chair

HEARING ON HB 142

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:47 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 142, Generally revise hemp laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:03:52 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
15:05:26 Zach Coccoli, Montana Department of Agriculture (AGR)
15:06:02 Cort Jensen, Montana Department of Agriculture (AGR)
15:09:10 Rachel Prevost, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)
15:10:00 Christy Clark, Montana Department of Agriculture (AGR)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:11:04 Rep. Beard
15:11:46 Cort Jensen, AGR
15:13:09 Vice Chair Olsen
15:14:33 Cort Jensen, AGR
15:20:38 Vice Chair Olsen
15:21:00 Chair Dooling
15:21:52 Cort Jensen, AGR

15:22:05 Rep. Malone joined the meeting.

15:26:48 Chair Dooling
15:27:22 Cort Jensen, AGR
15:27:43 Rep. Marshall
15:30:40 Cort Jensen, AGR

Closing by Sponsor:

15:31:40 Rep. Kassmier

15:32:33 Rep. Kassmier assumed the Chair

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:32:55

Jacquelynn Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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