

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Joshua Kassmier, on January 21, 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. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)
Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Brandon Ler (R)
Rep. Marty Malone (R)
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Andrea Olsen, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Rynalea Whiteman Pena (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 174, 1/18/2021

HEARING ON HB 174**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:02:46 Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 174, Generally revise winery laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:08:22 Sen. Bogner

15:10:04 Larry Robertson, Winery Association of Montana (WAM)

[EXHIBIT\(agh14a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh14a02\)](#)

15:14:39 Brian McGuire, Winery Association of Montana (WAM)

15:16:16 Rep. Beard joined the meeting.

15:18:31 Rep. Whiteman Pena joined the meeting.

15:20:45 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

15:22:41 Thomas Campbell, self

[EXHIBIT\(agh14a03\)](#)

15:25:13 Christie Walsh, self

[EXHIBIT\(agh14a04\)](#)

15:28:04 Tom Eggensperger, self

[EXHIBIT\(agh14a05\)](#)

15:29:59 Bob Thaden, self

[EXHIBIT\(agh14a06\)](#)

15:34:12 Clint Peck, self

[EXHIBIT\(agh14a07\)](#)

15:39:31 Daniel Vogel, Winery Association of Montana (WAM)

[EXHIBIT\(agh14a08\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:44:49 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

15:53:57 Neil Peterson, Montana Gaming Industry Association (GIA)

15:56:07 E.J. Redding, Montana Beer and Wine Distributors Association (MBWDA)

15:57:19 Chad Ouellette, Liquor Store Owner Association of Montana (LSOAM)

15:58:32 Kristie Blazer, Montana Beer and Wine Distributors Association (MBWDA)

[EXHIBIT\(agh14a09\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

16:01:08 Becky Schlauch, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

16:01:37 Nick Gochis, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:02:30 Rep. Marshall
16:05:01 Nick Gochis, DOR
16:05:28 Becky Schlauch, DOR
16:05:47 Rep. McKamey
16:09:00 Brian McGuire, WAM
16:10:29 Rep. McKamey
16:12:44 Rep. Holmlund
16:13:26 Cori Hach, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
16:14:08 Rep. McKamey
16:14:39 Rep. Holmlund
16:14:50 Rep. Beard
16:16:17 Thomas Campbell, self
16:16:43 Rep. Curdy
16:20:00 Becky Schlauch, DOR
16:20:36 Rep. Malone
16:21:52 Nick Gochis, DOR
16:22:00 Rep. Malone
16:23:21 Rep. Holmlund
16:24:26 Rep. Walsh
16:27:53 Becky Schlauch, DOR
16:28:15 Rep. Marshall
16:29:03 Larry Robertson, WAM
16:29:39 Rep. Marshall
16:30:16 Becky Schlauch, DOR
16:30:32 Nick Gochis, DOR
16:32:03 Vice Chair Dooling
16:32:43 Nick Gochis, DOR
16:33:19 Vice Chair Dooling
16:33:31 Becky Schlauch, DOR
16:33:53 Rep. McKamey
16:34:34 Nick Gochis, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

16:35:34 Rep. Holmlund

16:38:17 Recess
16:46:55 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 93

16:47:14 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Dooling moved that **HB 93 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. C. Knudsen and Rep. Olsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 94

16:49:31 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Walsh moved that **HB 94 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. C. Knudsen and Rep. Olsen voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 142

16:50:25 **Motion:** Rep. Dooling moved that **HB 142 DO PASS.**

16:50:45 **Motion:** Rep. Sullivan moved that **HB 142 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(agh14a10)

Discussion:

16:51:17 Rep. Sullivan

16:51:51 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Curdy, Rep. Funk, Rep. Olsen, Rep. F. Smith, Rep. Sullivan and Rep. Whiteman Pena voting aye. Rep. C. Knudsen and Rep. Olsen voted by proxy.

16:53:46 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Dooling moved that **HB 142 DO PASS.** Motion carried 14-3 by voice vote with Rep. McKamey, Rep. Olsen and Rep. F. Smith voting no. Rep. C. Knudsen and Rep. Olsen voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:55:52

Jacquelynn Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([agh14aad.pdf](#))