

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

**Call to Order:** Chair Mark Noland, on January 21, 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. 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. Andrea Olsen (D)  
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)  
Rep. Rynalea Whiteman Pena (D)  
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Neil Duram (R)  
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)  
Rep. Sara Novak (D)

**Members Absent:** None

##### **Staff Present:**

Jordee Bomgardner, Committee Secretary  
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch  
Cara Grewell, 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 157, 1/13/2021

**HEARING ON HB 157****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:34:27 Rep. Ron Marshall (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 157, Generally revise alcohol laws for licensing, brewery shared space.

08:35:19 Rep. Harvey

**Proponents' Testimony:**

08:43:22 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

**[EXHIBIT\(buh14a01\)](#)**

08:45:43 Matt Leow, Montana Brewers Association (MBA)

08:50:26 E.J. Redding, Montana Beer and Wine Distributors Association (MBWDA)

08:51:52 Ethan Kohoutek, Montana Brewers Association (MBA)

08:53:26 Jim Harris, Montana Distillers Guild

**[EXHIBIT\(buh14a02\)](#)**

08:56:47 Mark Lewis, Liquor Store Owners Association of Montana (LSOAM)

08:57:03 Rep. Novak joined the meeting.

08:59:18 Melissa Lewis, Molson Coors Beverage Company

09:01:19 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)

09:03:17 Cara Grewell, Remote Meeting Coordinator (RMC)

09:03:27 Chad Ouellette, Liquor Store Owners Association of Montana (LSOAM)

09:04:28 Sam Hoffmann, Red Loge Ales, Last Chance Cider

**[EXHIBIT\(buh14a03\)](#)**

09:05:59 Kristi Blazer, Montana Beer and Wine Distributors Association (MBWDA)

**[EXHIBIT\(buh14a04\)](#)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

09:10:20 Steve Swanson, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:12:45 Vice Chair Buttrey

09:13:22 Jim Harris, Montana Distillers Guild

09:13:32 Chair Noland

09:13:36 Jim Harris, Montana Distillers Guild

09:14:02 Vice Chair Buttrey

09:15:08 Rep. Marshall

09:15:28 Vice Chair Buttrey

09:15:46 Rep. Harvey

09:16:39 Vice Chair Buttrey

09:16:58 Matt Leow, MBA

09:18:25 Vice Chair Buttrey

09:18:57 Matt Leow, MBA

09:19:47 Rep. Loge

09:21:51 Rep. Harvey

09:22:00 Chair Noland  
09:22:36 Matt Leow, MBA  
09:23:12 Rep. Loge  
09:23:46 Matt Leow, MBA  
09:24:46 Rep. Loge  
09:24:58 Vice Chair Buttrey  
09:25:38 Matt Leow, MBA  
09:27:18 Rep. Curdy  
09:28:07 Steve Swanson, DOR  
09:29:07 Rep. Curdy  
09:29:29 Steve Swanson, DOR  
09:30:35 Chair Noland  
09:31:01 John Iverson, MTA  
09:32:25 Chair Noland  
09:32:53 Rep. Loge

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:33:14 Rep. Marshall  
  
09:34:36 Rep. Harvey  
09:37:09 Chair Noland  
09:37:27 Rep. Harvey  
09:39:08 Vice Chair Buttrey  
09:39:59 Chair Noland  
09:40:09 Rep. Loge  
09:40:55 Chair Noland  
09:41:43 Rep. Harvey  
09:42:10 Chair Noland  
09:44:03 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
09:44:58 Chair Noland  
09:45:47 Rep. Galloway  
09:46:18 Rep. Funk  
09:46:57 Chair Noland

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 09:47:04

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Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([buh14aad.pdf](#))