

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Mark Noland, on January 27, 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

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 130, 1/20/2021; HB 177, 1/21/2021; HB 198, 1/21/2021; HB 199, 1/21/2021; HB 213, 1/21/2021

HEARING ON HB 213

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:33:33 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 213, Revise apprenticeship rules.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:36:54 Adam Haight, Montana American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)
08:37:14 John Forkan, Montana State Building and Construction Trades Council; International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 2
08:38:05 Mick Wonnacott, Labors Local 1686
08:38:30 Riley McCauley, Carpenters Local 82
08:39:02 Rep. Gunderson
08:39:19 John Johnson, International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 400 (IUOE)
08:39:58 Margaret Morgan, Montana Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC)
08:41:27 Rep. Marshall left the meeting
08:43:29 Luke Hoffer, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 233 (IBEW)
08:43:52 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:44:46 Vice Chair Buttrey
08:45:22 Rep. Keane
08:46:23 Rep. Duram
08:46:45 Rep. Keane

Closing by Sponsor:

08:47:23 Rep. Keane

HEARING ON HB 130

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:48:10 Rep. David Bedey (R), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 130, Generally revise laws related to alternative project delivery contracts.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:53:51 Greg Jergeson, self
09:00:17 Tammi Fisher, self
[EXHIBIT\(buh18a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

09:05:34 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

Informational Testimony:

09:07:29 Jake Goettle, Montana Department of Transportation (MDT)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:08:11 Rep. Loge
09:08:56 Greg Jergeson, self
09:10:10 Chair Noland
09:14:41 Rep. Bedey
09:16:11 Rep. Loge
09:16:53 Tammi Fisher, self
09:17:06 Rep. Curdy
09:20:31 Tammi Fisher, self
09:22:13 Rep. Curdy
09:22:45 Vice Chair Sullivan
09:25:21 Greg Jergeson, self
09:26:40 Rep. Gist left the meeting.

Closing by Sponsor:

09:26:56 Rep. Bedey

09:31:36 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

HEARING ON HB 198**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:32:41 Rep. Derek Harvey (D), HD 74, opened the hearing on HB 198, Revise workers' compensation death benefit laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:35:53 John Iverson, Independent Insurance Agents of Montana (IIAMT)
09:37:02 Adam Haight, Montana American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)
09:37:25 Joel Worth, Montana Carpenters Local 82
09:37:57 John Forkan, Montana State Building and Construction Trades Council.
International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 2
09:38:45 Mick Wonnacott, Labors Local 1686
09:39:12 Dan Smith, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA), Montana Law Enforcement Museum (MLEM)
09:40:10 Rhonda Wiggers, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)
09:41:09 John Johnson, International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 400 (IUOE)
09:41:29 Eric Anderson, International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 190
09:42:13 Jack McBroom, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 233 (IBEW)
09:42:53 Carter Marsh, Montana State Firemen's Association (MSFA)
09:43:37 Jeremy Norby, self
09:45:28 Peter Strauss, Montana Self Insurers' Association (MSIA)

[EXHIBIT\(buh18a02\)](#)

09:45:56 Rep. Marshall joined the meeting.

09:46:40 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

Opponents' Testimony:

09:47:16 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Compensation Fund (MCCF); Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority (MMIA)

09:48:28 Bob Allum, self

EXHIBIT(buh18a03)

Informational Testimony:

09:55:28 Chris Puyear, Montana Funeral Directors Association (MFDA)

09:56:13 Eric Strauss, Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

09:56:51 Ethan Heverly, Montana State Fund (MSF)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:57:21 Rep. Galloway

09:58:13 Ethan Heverly, MSF

09:58:34 Eric Strauss, DLI

09:59:06 Rep. Galloway

09:59:25 Rep. Harvey

EXHIBIT(buh18a04)

10:01:04 Rep. Gunderson

10:03:46 Chris Puyear, MFDA

10:04:33 Rep. Olsen

10:05:48 John Iverson, IIAMT

10:06:15 Rep. Olsen

10:07:21 Jeremy Norby, self

10:08:45 Rep. Olsen

10:09:08 Bob Allum, self

10:10:07 Rep. Galloway

10:11:07 Eric Strauss, DLI

10:11:32 Rep. Galloway

10:13:27 Rep. Harvey

10:14:58 Vice Chair Buttrey

10:15:21 Rep. Harvey

10:15:44 Vice Chair Buttrey

10:16:26 Ethan Heverly, MSF

10:18:20 Rep. Gunderson

10:19:21 Rep. Harvey

10:19:52 Eric Strauss, DLI

10:22:20 Rep. Gunderson

10:22:37 Ethan Heverly, MSF

10:23:12 Rep. Gunderson

10:23:38 Ethan Heverly, DLI

Closing by Sponsor:

10:24:28 Rep. Harvey

HEARING ON HB 199**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:27:26 Rep. Derek Harvey (D), HD 74, opened the hearing on HB 199, Revise workers compensation laws relating to information and reopening of claims.

[EXHIBIT\(buh18a05\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

10:32:24 Steve Wade, Montana Contractors Compensation Fund (MCCF), Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority (MMIA)

10:32:55 Adam Hights, Montana American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)

10:33:20 John Forkan, Montana State Building and Construction Trades Council. International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 2

10:34:20 Carter Marsh, Montana State Firemen's Association (MSFA)

10:35:19 John Johnson, International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 400 (IUOE)

10:35:54 Eric Strauss, Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

10:37:50 Peter Strauss, Montana Self Insurers Association (MSIA)

[EXHIBIT\(buh18a06\)](#)

10:38:52 Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund (MSF)

[EXHIBIT\(buh18a07\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

10:40:04 Bob Allum, self

[EXHIBIT\(buh18a08\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

10:43:19 Ethan Heverly, Montana State Fund (MSF)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:43:49 Rep. Galloway

10:44:34 Bob Allum, self

10:45:12 Rep. Galloway

10:46:13 Kevin Braun, MSF

Closing by Sponsor:

10:46:37 Rep. Harvey

HEARING ON HB 177**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:48:14 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 177, Revise licensure requirements for professions under board of behavioral health.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:51:13 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

10:58:50 Janet Woodburn, Sapphire Community Health

[EXHIBIT\(buh18a09\)](#)

11:03:57 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

11:06:50 Lucy Richards, Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:07:18 Vice Chair Buttrey
11:07:41 Stacey Anderson, MPCA
11:08:03 Vice Chair Buttrey
11:08:15 Stacey Anderson, MPCA
11:08:53 Rep. Galloway
11:09:57 Vice Chair Buttrey
11:10:06 Rep. Garner

Closing by Sponsor:

11:10:36 Rep. Garner

11:12:02 Chair Noland
11:12:43 Rep. Olsen

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:13:54

Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh18aad.pdf](#))