

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Mark Noland, on February 16, 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. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Derek J. Harvey (D)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)
Rep. Sara Novak (D)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Rynalea Whiteman Pena (D)
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

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 251, 2/8/2021; SB 129, 2/8/2021; SB 132, 2/10/2021

08:33:54 Rep. Whiteman Pena joined the meeting.

HEARING ON SB 129

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:34:26 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 129, Generally revise alcohol laws relating to department investigations.

[EXHIBIT\(buh32a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

08:39:09 Neil Peterson, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)

08:43:47 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

08:46:16 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association (MRA); Montana Restaurant Association (MTRA)

08:46:41 Rhonda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association (MCMOA)

08:48:27 Brad Longcake, Montana Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association (MPMCSA)

08:50:22 Pat Noonan, Montana Beer and Wine Distributors Association (MBWDA)

08:50:29 Rep. Curdy left the meeting.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

08:51:08 Becky Schlauch, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:51:35 Rep. Marshall

08:51:53 Brad Longcake, MPMCSA

08:52:04 Vice Chair Buttrey

08:52:52 Neil Peterson, GIA

08:53:25 Vice Chair Buttrey

08:54:01 Becky Schlauch, DOR

Closing by Sponsor:

08:54:37 Sen. Hertz

HEARING ON SB 132

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:56:03 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 132, Require accommodations to employer-mandated vaccinations to be uniformly offered.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

08:59:00 Frank Cote, Sisters Charity of Leavenworth (SCL); Providence Health and Services

09:01:39 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:03:12 Rep. Gist
09:03:40 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic
09:04:27 Rep. Galloway
09:06:29 Frank Cote, SCL; Providence Health and Services
09:07:49 Rep. Duram
09:08:19 Frank Cote, SCL; Providence Health and Services
09:08:38 Rep. Marshall
09:09:09 Sen. K. Regier

Closing by Sponsor:

09:09:18 Sen. K. Regier

HEARING ON HB 251**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:13:10 Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R), opened the hearing on HB 251, Implement right-to-work.
09:17:42 Rep. Curdy joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:18:15 Greg Mourad, National Right To Work Committee (NRTWC)
09:22:45 Randy Pope, Montana Citizen for Right To Work (MCRTW)
09:26:07 Dylan Dean, Young Americans for Liberty (YAL)
09:27:46 David Herbst, Americans for Prosperity Montana
09:32:14 Randy Herbst, self
09:33:33 Ed Halland, self
09:38:27 Mike Ames, Agri Industries
09:48:23 Donna Elford, self
09:50:15 Janae Weber, self
09:52:20 Rep. Skees
09:55:38 F. Vincent Vernuccio, Mackinac Center for Public Policy (MCP)
10:01:51 David Dellinger, self

[EXHIBIT\(buh32a02\)](#)

10:01:50 Rep. Olsen joined the meeting.
10:05:48 Dave Kesler, self

[EXHIBIT\(buh32a03\)](#)**Opponents' Testimony:**

10:10:14 Al Ekblad, Montana American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)
10:15:10 James Holbrook, State Conference Electrical Workers; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 206
10:16:51 Rep. Anderson joined the meeting.
10:17:01 Vice Chair Sullivan joined the meeting.
10:18:49 Kim Rickard-Smeltzer, Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) Local 1686
10:24:21 Scott Dunlap, United Steelworkers (USW) Local 11-0001
10:28:46 David Hoffman, NorthWestern Energy (NWE)

10:29:51 Heather McDowell, Sibanye-Stillwater

EXHIBIT(buh32a04)

10:32:31 John Forkan, Montana State Building and Construction Trades Council;
International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 82

10:35:27 Curtis Schomer, United Steelworkers (USW) Local 11-0001

10:36:42 Erin Foley, International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 2

10:37:06 Justin McEwen, International Union of Bricklayers and Allied Craft workers
Local 1

10:38:34 Amanda Curtis, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

10:40:05 Mick Wonnacott, Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA)
Local 1686

10:41:50 Carter Marsh, Montana State Council of Professional Firefighters (MSCOPFF)

10:44:17 Debbie Ball-Giop, self

10:47:13 Vice Chair Buttrey

10:47:34 Tim Stockman, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local
532; United Steelworkers (USW) Local 11-0001

10:48:54 John Johnson, International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) Local 400

10:49:26 Marshall Buescher, United Steelworkers (USW) Local 11-0001

10:51:45 Brian Rigby, Ironworkers (IW) Local 732

EXHIBIT(buh32a05)

10:52:39 Jim Wonnacott, Ironworkers (IW) Local 732

EXHIBIT(buh32a06)

10:54:20 Brian Riggs, Montana Steel Erectors Association; Sowles Steel Erectors

EXHIBIT(buh32a07)

10:55:29 Tom Tanner, self

10:56:18 Patrick Ranger, Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA)
Local 1686

10:57:32 David Englund, International Brotherhood of Boilermakers Local 11

EXHIBIT(buh32a08)

11:00:56 Clint Penny, International Brotherhood of Boilermakers Local 11

11:01:23 Kane O'Neill, Montana Carpenters Union Local 82

11:03:19 Mario Martinez, Northwest Carpenters Union; Montana Carpenters Union
Local 82

11:04:30 Forest Fox, Ironworkers (IW) Local 732

11:04:45 Josh Moore, Ironworkers (IW) Local 732

11:04:55 Josh Cox, International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation
(SMART) Local 103

11:05:21 Jacob Vigness, Ironworkers (IW) Local 732

11:05:35 Mark Carpenter, self

11:05:49 Nic Fellows, Ironworkers (IW) Local 732

11:06:17 Patrick Ulano, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 233

11:06:45 Xavier Ulano, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 233

11:07:20 Derek Hitt, Montana Carpenters Union
Local 82

11:08:46 Eric Anderson, Montana Nurses Association (MNA); International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 190

11:09:26 Nathan Ehrlick, Ironworkers (IW) Local 732

11:10:36 Steve Klippenes, International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and Transportation (SMART) Local 103

11:10:49 Kelly Sandefer, Ironworkers (IW) Local 732

11:11:02 Timothy Johnson, Ironworkers (IW) Local 732

11:11:16 Henry Brown, Ironworkers (IW) Local 732

11:11:27 Bill Olson, Ironworkers (IW) Local 732

11:11:54 Kevin Summers, Ironworkers (IW) Local 732

11:12:09 Tina Summers, Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA) Local 155

11:12:31 Leevi Wilson, Ironworkers (IW) Local 732

11:12:42 Kevin Redmond, Ironworkers (IW) Local 732

11:12:57 Nicolai B Cocergine, United food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW)

11:13:38 Seth Bergan, Ironworkers (IW) Local 732

11:13:50 David Segna, Ironworkers (IW) Local 732

11:14:03 Allan Elkshoulder, Ironworkers (IW) Local 732

11:14:25 Richard Matiska, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 233

11:14:42 Paul Peterson, Ironworkers (IW) Local 732

11:14:56 Greg Ferguson, Ironworkers (IW) Local 732

11:15:12 Arron Ralph, International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 2

11:15:35 Jack McBroom, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Local 233

11:16:27 Andrew Racki, United Steelworkers (USW) Local 11-443

EXHIBIT(buh32a09)

11:17:10 Jacquie Helt, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 775

11:17:57 Clementre Arciga, self

11:18:29 John Kesler, United Steelworkers (USW), 11-470

EXHIBIT(buh32a10)

11:19:09 Laurie Little Dog, self

11:20:27 Rep. Seekins-Crowe left the meeting.

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:20:10 Rep. Duram

11:20:36 Rep. C. Hinkle

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11:21:35 Randy Pope, MCRTW

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11:32:42 Vincent Vernuscio, MCPP
11:32:57 Rep. Gunderson
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Closing by Sponsor:

11:55:16 Rep. C. Hinkle

12:00:21 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
12:02:28 Chair Noland
12:03:23 Vice Chair Buttrey
12:03:34 Chair Noland
12:04:33 Rep. Curdy
12:04:44 Chair Noland

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:05:52

Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh32aad.pdf](#))