

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

**Call to Order:** Chair Mark Noland, on February 25, 2021 at 07:42 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)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Kim Abbott (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

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**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 284, 2/17/2021; HB 378, 2/17/2021; HB 411, 2/17/2021;  
HB 413, 2/17/2021; HB 453, 2/17/2021; HB 510, 2/19/2021;  
HB 511, 2/19/2021; HB 593, 2/23/2021; HB 600, 2/23/2021;  
HJ 20, 2/24/2021

Executive Action: HB 121, HB 122, HB 168, HB 230, HB 236, HB 289, HB 437,  
HB 440, HB 490, HJ 20

07:44:08 Rep. Olsen  
07:45:12 Chair Noland  
07:46:30 Rep. Olsen

#### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 289**

07:47:03 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 289 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Whiteman Pena and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

#### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 437**

07:47:58 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 437 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Whiteman Pena and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

07:49:02 Vice Chair Buttrey  
07:51:23 Chair Noland

#### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 440**

07:51:36 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 440 DO PASS**.

07:51:55 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 440 BE AMENDED**.  
[EXHIBIT\(buh40a01\)](#)

#### **Discussion:**

07:52:58 Rep. Zolnikov joined the meeting.  
07:53:12 Rep. Olsen  
07:53:27 Vice Chair Buttrey

07:54:12 **Vote:** Motion carried 19-1 by voice vote with Rep. Olsen voting no. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Whiteman Pena voted by proxy.

07:54:38 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 440 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

#### **Discussion:**

07:54:50 Rep. Curdy

07:55:23 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. Funk, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Noland, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Sullivan and Rep. Whiteman Pena voting aye. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Whiteman Pena voted by proxy.

07:56:37 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 440 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 18-0 by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 490**

07:57:01 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 490 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

07:57:40 Rep. Harvey

07:58:00 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Funk, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Novak, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Sullivan and Rep. Whiteman Pena voting no. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Whiteman Pena voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 168**

07:59:05 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 168 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

07:59:20 Vice Chair Sullivan

07:59:37 Rep. Marshall

07:59:47 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Marshall made a substitute motion that **HB 168 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 17-1 by voice vote with Rep. Noland voting no.

08:00:27 Chair Noland

08:01:20 Vice Chair Sullivan

08:01:40 Rep. Whiteman Pena joined the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 230**

08:02:08 Chair Noland

08:04:07 Rep. Galloway

08:04:14 Chair Noland

08:04:22 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

08:05:04 Chair Noland

08:05:33 Vice Chair Buttrey

08:06:05 Chair Noland

08:06:19 Vice Chair Sullivan

08:06:46 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 230 DO PASS**.

08:07:07 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 230 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried 12-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Funk, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Novak, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Sullivan and Rep. Whiteman Pena voting no. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy.

**EXHIBIT(buh40a02)**

08:08:23 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 230 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 12-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Funk, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Novak, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Sullivan and Rep. Whiteman Pena voting no. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 122**

08:09:33 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 122 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 19-0 by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 121**

08:10:17 Chair Noland  
08:10:54 Vice Chair Butrey  
08:11:11 Jameson Walker, LSD  
08:11:51 Chair Noland  
08:11:56 Rep. Gunderson  
08:13:00 Chair Noland  
08:13:05 Vice Chair Buttrey  
08:14:59 Jameson Walker, LSD  
08:15:14 Chair Noland

08:15:23 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 121 DO PASS**.

08:15:30 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 121 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried 12-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Funk, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Novak, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Sullivan and Rep. Whiteman Pena voting no. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy.

**EXHIBIT(buh40a03)**

08:16:41 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 121 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

**Discussion:**

08:16:53 Rep. Curdy  
08:20:17 Rep. Olsen  
08:21:49 Rep. Seekins-Crowe  
08:22:41 Rep. Gunderson  
08:23:32 Chair Noland  
08:23:55 Rep. Harvey  
08:25:00 Chair Noland

08:25:09 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Funk, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Novak, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Sullivan and Rep. Whiteman Pena voting no. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 236**

08:26:06 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 236 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 19-0 by voice vote.

08:26:44 Chair Noland  
08:27:08 Jameson Walker, LSD  
08:27:28 Vice Chair Buttrey assumed the Chair.  
08:27:50 Rep. Olsen  
08:28:30 Chair Buttrey

**HEARING ON HJ 20****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:28:54 Rep. Mark Noland (R), HD 10, opened the hearing on HJ 20, Joint resolution to terminate the current declaration of emergency/disaster.

08:30:00 Rep. Funk left the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None**Opponents' Testimony:**

08:31:33 Duane Preshinger, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)  
08:32:30 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)  
08:33:46 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)  
08:36:25 Jennifer Hensley, Pacific Source Health Plans  
08:37:25 John Doran, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana (BCBS)  
08:38:03 Glenn Opal, Governor's Office (GOV)

**Informational Testimony:**

08:39:13 Delila Bruno, Montana Disaster and Emergency Services (MTDES)  
08:39:30 Erica Johnston, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)  
08:39:47 Quinlan O'Connor, Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:40:10 Vice Chair Sullivan  
08:40:35 John Doran, BCBS  
08:41:13 Vice Chair Sullivan  
08:41:31 Erica Johnston, DPHHS  
08:42:16 Rep. Curdy  
08:42:41 Jean Branscum, MMA  
08:43:51 Rep. Harvey  
08:44:27 Glenn Opal, GOV  
08:44:37 Rep. Fitzgerald  
08:44:46 Vice Chair Sullivan  
08:45:13 Duane Preshinger, MHA  
08:45:34 Vice Chair Sullivan  
08:45:46 Delia Bruno, MTDES  
08:47:09 Rep. Marshall  
08:48:14 Glenn Opal, GOV  
08:48:45 Chair Buttrey  
08:48:59 John Doran, BCBS  
08:49:52 Chair Buttrey  
08:50:16 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI

**Closing by Sponsor:**

08:51:13 Rep. Noland  
  
08:54:48 Chair Buttrey  
08:54:50 Rep. Novak left the meeting.  
08:55:09 Rep. Galloway

08:55:13 Chair Buttrey  
 08:55:21 Rep. Noland assumed the Chair.

### EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 20

08:55:33 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 20 DO PASS.**

#### Discussion:

08:55:42 Rep. Harvey

08:56:03 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Harvey made a substitute motion that **HJ 20 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion failed 9-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. Funk, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Novak, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Sullivan and Rep. Whiteman Pena voting aye. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Funk, Rep. Novak and Rep. Whiteman Pena voted by proxy.

08:58:21 Vice Chair Sullivan  
 08:58:43 Rep. Marshall  
 08:59:14 Rep. Loge  
 08:59:37 Chair Noland  
 08:59:47 Rep. Duram  
 09:00:36 Rep. Olsen  
 09:02:01 Chair Noland  
 09:02:46 Rep. Olsen  
 09:02:50 Vice Chair Buttrey  
 09:03:00 Rep. Novak joined the meeting.  
 09:03:42 Rep. Galloway  
 09:05:56 Rep. Harvey left the meeting.  
 09:06:50 Vice Chair Buttrey

09:07:10 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HJ 20 DO PASS.** Motion carried 12-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Funk, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Novak, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Sullivan and Rep. Whiteman Pena voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Funk, Rep. Harvey and Rep. Whiteman Pena voted by proxy.

09:08:20 Rep. Olsen  
 09:08:48 Rep. Curdy  
 09:08:56 Chair Noland

### HEARING ON HB 511

#### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:09:28 Rep. Steve Gunderson (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HB 511, Generally revise laws relating to the Montana State Fund.

#### Proponents' Testimony:

09:10:08 Keith Brownfield, Victory Insurance  
 09:11:40 Vice Chair Sullivan left the meeting.  
 09:11:42 Nelly Nicol, Fair Montana  
 09:14:16 Charlotte Snyder, self

09:16:06 Vice Chair Buttrey  
 09:16:32 Lori Robinson, self  
 09:17:40 Jerry Driscoll, self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:18:15 Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund (MSF)  
 09:20:20 Bob Biskupiak, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Office of the Montana State Auditor (CSI)  
 09:20:36 Rep. Zolnikov left the meeting.  
 09:21:09 Ethan Heverly, Montana State Fund (MSF)  
 09:21:29 John Iverson, Independent Insurance Agents of Montana (IIAMT)  
 09:21:55 Dave Galt, Montana Chamber of Commerce  
 09:22:16 Rhonda Wiggers, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)  
 09:23:05 Adam Haight, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)  
 09:23:23 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)  
 09:23:54 Duane Williams, Motor Carriers of Montana (MCM)  
 09:24:50 Bruce Tutvedt, self

**EXHIBIT(buh40a04)**

09:25:55 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association (MLA)

**EXHIBIT(buh40a05)****EXHIBIT(buh40a06)**

09:27:02 Peter Strauss, Montana Self Insurers' Association (MSIA)

**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:28:37 Rep. Galloway  
 09:28:55 Peter Strauss, MSIA  
 09:29:17 Kevin Braun, MSF  
 09:29:34 Rep. Gist  
 09:30:25 Rhonda Wiggers, NFIB  
 09:31:05 Vice Chair Buttrey  
 09:31:30 Kevin Braun, MSF  
 09:32:00 Vice Chair Buttrey  
 09:32:04 Chair Noland  
 09:32:35 Kevin Braun, MSF  
 09:33:28 Rep. Galloway  
 09:34:17 Kevin Braun, MSF  
 09:34:41 Rep. Loge  
 09:35:55 Bob Biskupiak, CSI  
 09:36:03 Vice Chair Buttrey left the meeting.  
 09:36:05 Chair Noland  
 09:36:59 Ethan Heverly, MSF  
 09:38:09 Chair Noland  
 09:38:21 Ethan Haverly, MSF  
 09:39:35 Chair Noland  
 09:41:44 Kevin Braun, MSF

09:42:04 Rep. Galloway  
09:42:43 Kevin Braun, MSF

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:42:55 Rep. Gunderson

09:43:44 Rep. Olsen  
09:46:14 Rep. Dunwell

**HEARING ON HB 510**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:46:24 Rep. Steve Gunderson (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HB 510, Generally revise department of labor laws relating to certain board rules.

09:47:23 Rep. Harvey joined the meeting.  
09:48:34 Rep. Zolnikov joined the meeting.  
09:48:43 Vice Chair Buttrey joined the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:49:42 Rep. Loge  
09:50:53 Rep. Gunderson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:51:24 Rep. Gunderson

**HEARING ON HB 284**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:52:20 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 284, Provide living wage.

**[EXHIBIT\(buh40a07\)](#)**

09:56:29 Vice Chair Buttrey assumed the Chair.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:56:51 Rachel Schmidt, Associated Students of Montana State University (ASMSU)  
09:57:49 Jack Rinck, Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM)  
09:59:05 Don Lepinsky, self  
10:01:17 Amanda Curtis, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)  
10:02:45 Ekoo Beck, Montana Women Vote  
10:04:07 Mark Anderlik, self

**[EXHIBIT\(buh40a08\)](#)**

10:06:00 Rep. Noland assumed the Chair.

10:06:26 Robyn Morrison, self

**EXHIBIT(buh40a09)**

**Opponents' Testimony:**

10:08:40 Dave Galt, Montana Chamber of Commerce

10:10:01 Rhonda Wiggers, National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)

10:12:05 Dan Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:13:25 Rep. Marshall

10:14:31 Rep. Dunwell

10:15:05 Rep. Marshall

10:15:16 Rep. Gunderson

10:15:43 Rep. Dunwell

10:15:55 Rep. Gunderson

10:16:47 Rachel Schmidt, ASMSU

10:16:57 Rep. Duram

10:17:10 Vice Chair Sullivan joined the meeting.

10:17:43 Rep. Dunwell

10:17:55 Rep. Duram

10:18:05 Rep. Olsen

10:19:35 Mark Anderlik, self

10:20:53 Chair Noland

10:20:58 Mark Anderlik, self

10:21:06 Rep. Olsen

10:21:34 Rep. Dunwell

10:21:59 Chair Noland

10:22:13 Rep. Gunderson

10:24:01 Dave Galt, Montana Chamber of Commerce

10:24:09 Rep. Seekins-Crowe

10:24:34 Dan Brookes, Billings Chamber of Commerce

10:24:58 Rep. Marshall

10:25:15 Mark Anderlik, self

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:25:39 Rep. Dunwell

10:27:30 Rep. Novak left the meeting.

**HEARING ON HB 453**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:28:41 Rep. Steven Galloway (R), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 453, Revise insurance laws relating to telematics agreements.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

10:32:19 Bruce Spencer, Progressive Insurance; National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC)  
10:34:27 Joshua Zielaskiewicz, Progressive Insurance  
10:36:07 Rep. Gunderson left the meeting.  
10:37:00 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance  
10:37:23 Bob Biskupiak, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Office of the Montana State Auditor (CSI)  
10:37:59 Bruce Spencer, Progressive Insurance; NAMIC

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:39:24 Vice Chair Sullivan  
10:42:05 Bruce Spencer, Progressive Insurance; NAMIC  
10:42:26 Rep. Olsen  
10:45:35 Bob Biskupiak, CSI  
10:45:42 Rep. Loge  
10:46:13 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance  
10:46:57 Rep. Zolnikov  
10:47:04 Bruce Spencer, Progressive Insurance  
10:47:33 Vice Chair Buttrey  
10:47:50 Rep. Duram  
10:48:21 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance  
10:48:30 Rep. Anderson left the meeting.  
10:48:42 Rep. Curdy  
10:49:13 Bruce Spencer, Progressive Insurance

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:50:22 Rep. Galloway

**HEARING ON HB 600****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:51:47 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 81, opened the hearing on HB 600, Private sector hiring preference protection for spouses of military members.  
  
10:52:44 Chair Noland left the meeting.  
10:52:51 Rep. Harvey assumed the Chair.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

10:54:26 Roger Hagan, Montana National Guard Association (MTNGA); Montana Department of the American Legion  
10:54:57 Rep. Zolnikov left the meeting.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:55:36 Rep. Caferro

10:56:47 Vice Chair Buttrey assumed the Chair.

### **HEARING ON HB 593**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:57:05 Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R), HD 43, opened the hearing on HB 593, Generally revise barbering and cosmetology laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

11:01:47 Scott Boulanger, Montana Association of Beauty Schools

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(buh40a10\)\*\*](#)

11:04:09 Charity McCullough, self

11:05:17 Nicole King, self

11:07:40 Jason Priest, self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

11:08:10 Hailey Chase, self

11:09:21 Esperanza Battrick, self

11:10:48 Lauren Hanson, Board of Barbers and Cosmetologists

11:14:05 Lauren Zachow, self

11:15:57 Chair Buttrey

**Informational Testimony:**

11:16:15 Lucy Richards, Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

11:16:45 Rep. Seekins-Crowe

### **HEARING ON HB 411**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

11:17:54 Rep. Andrea Olsen (D), HD 100, opened the hearing on HB 411, Revise business filing requirements at the Secretary of State's office.

11:21:49 Vice Chair Sullivan left the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

11:22:40 Kellee English, Secretary of State Office (SOS)  
11:25:13 Thaddeus Brinkman, self

**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

11:27:04 Rep. Gist  
11:27:24 Rep. Olsen  
11:28:15 Rep. Fitzgerald  
11:29:45 Kellee English, SOS  
11:29:56 Rep. Galloway  
11:30:16 Kellee English, SOS  
11:30:36 Rep. Marshall  
11:31:09 Kellee English, SOS  
11:31:33 Rep. Zolnikov joined the meeting.  
11:31:52 Rep. Duram  
11:32:37 Rep. Anderson joined the Meeting.  
11:32:56 Thaddeus Brinkman, self  
11:33:30 Rep. Duram  
11:33:34 Rep. Loge  
11:34:08 Kellee English, SOS  
11:35:06 Rep. Duram  
11:35:29 Kellee English, SOS  
11:35:50 Chair Buttrey  
11:35:59 Rep. Galloway  
  
11:36:05 Rep. Harvey left the meeting.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

11:36:34 Rep. Olsen  
  
11:39:34 Rep. Curdy

**HEARING ON HB 413****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

11:40:02 Rep. Andrea Olsen (D), HD 100, opened the hearing on HB 413, Revise insurance laws regarding uninsured, underinsured motorists.  
  
11:41:41 Rep. Novak joined the meeting.  
11:41:42 Rep. Fitzgerald left the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

11:43:25 Bob Biskupiak, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Office of the Montana State Auditor (CSI)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

11:45:14 Bruce Spencer, National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies (NAMIC)  
11:47:34 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

11:49:05 Chair Buttrey  
11:49:54 Bruce Spencer, NAMIC  
11:50:04 Rep. Duram  
11:50:29 Bruce Spencer, NAMIC  
11:50:42 Rep. Harvey joined the meeting.  
11:50:46 Chair Buttrey  
11:50:55 Bruce Spencer, NAMIC  
11:51:04 Rep. Duram  
11:51:25 Bruce Spencer, NAMIC

**Closing by Sponsor:**

11:51:41 Rep. Olsen

**HEARING ON HB 378**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

11:54:44 Rep. Mark Thane (D), HD 99, opened the hearing on HB 378, Create a mini-COBRA law for small employer health insurance plans.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

12:01:06 Jennifer Hensley, Pacific Source Health Plans  
12:01:39 Kali Wicks, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana (BCBS)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

12:01:58 Rep. Gist  
12:02:16 Rep. Thane  
12:02:25 Rep. Harvey  
12:02:51 Jennifer Hensley, Pacific Source Health Plans  
12:05:07 Rep. Duram  
12:05:52 Jennifer Hensley, Pacific Source Health Plans  
12:06:05 Rep. Anderson left the meeting.  
12:06:21 Vice Chair Sullivan joined the meeting.  
12:06:33 Chair Buttrey  
12:07:26 Rep. Thane  
12:07:45 Rep. Duram  
12:08:30 Jennifer Hensley, Pacific Source Health Plans  
12:08:47 Vice Chair Sullivan  
12:09:05 Kali Wicks, BCBS

**Closing by Sponsor:**

12:09:41 Rep. Thane  
  
12:10:21 Chair Buttrey

12:10:39 Rep. Thane  
12:10:56 Chair Buttrey  
12:11:11 Rep. Galloway  
12:11:29 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
12:11:45 Chair Buttrey

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:11:54

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Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([buh40aad.pdf](#))**