

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Mark Noland, on March 9, 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)

Members Excused:

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Jordee Bomgardner, Committee Secretary
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch
Alex Colafrancesco, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 525, 3/1/2021; HB 609, 3/1/2021; SB 108, 3/1/2021; SB 144, 3/1/2021

HEARING ON SB 144**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:31:50 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 144, Remove term limits for board of real estate appraisers.

08:32:51 Rep. Zolnikov joined the meeting.

08:33:02 Recess

08:36:10 Reconvened

08:36:11 Sen. Fitzpatrick

Opponents' Testimony:

08:39:04 Darwin Ernst, self
[EXHIBIT\(buh47a01\)](#)

08:40:48 Jeff Buszmann, self
[EXHIBIT\(buh47a02\)](#)

08:43:27 Terry Rohrer, self
[EXHIBIT\(buh47a03\)](#)

08:50:45 Roald Aageson, Montana Chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers (ASFMRA)
[EXHIBIT\(buh47a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

08:52:37 Peter Fontana, Montana Board of Real Estate Appraisers of the Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI); The Appraisal Foundation

08:57:04 Tom Stevens, self

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

08:59:42 Rep. Gist

09:00:10 Roald, Aageson, ASFMRA

09:00:36 Peter Fontana, DLI; The Appraisal Foundation

09:01:03 Rep. Gist

09:01:24 Peter Fontana, DLI; The Appraisal Foundation

09:01:50 Rep. Loge

09:02:09 Peter Fontana, DLI; The Appraisal Foundation

09:02:38 Rep. Loge

09:02:45 Sen. Fitzpatrick

09:03:32 Rep. Olsen

09:03:52 Chair Noland

09:04:02 Rep. Olsen

09:04:59 Peter Fontana, DLI; The Appraisal Foundation

09:06:25 Rep. Galloway

09:07:08 Terry Rohrer, self

09:08:52 Rep. Harvey
09:09:41 Peter Fontana, DLI; The Appraisal Foundation
09:12:22 Rep. Marshall
09:12:50 Darwin Ernst, self
09:14:35 Rep. Marshall
09:15:14 Peter Fontana, DLI; The Appraisal Foundation

Closing by Sponsor:

09:16:04 Sen. Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON HB 525**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:18:46 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 525, Generally revise laws related to alcohol concession agreements.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:22:29 Jessie Luther, Hospitality Development Association of Montana (HDAM)

[EXHIBIT\(buh47a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh47a06\)](#)

09:26:15 Rep. Seekins-Crowe left the meeting.
09:32:38 Mike Hope, Rocking R Bar; Hospitality Development Association of Montana (HDAM)
09:36:16 Dax Cetraro, Rialto Bar
09:38:57 Blane Woodfin, Blue Collar Restaurant Group (BCRG); Hospitality Development Association (HDAM); Montana Restaurant Association (MRA)
09:41:36 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)
09:44:55 Rep. Gunderson left the meeting.
09:50:13 Cory Lawrence, Armory Hotel-Bozeman; Back Street Enterprises; Hospitality Development Association of Montana (HDAM)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

09:53:41 Becky Schlauch, Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:54:10 Rep. Curdy
09:56:07 Becky Schlauch, DLI
09:56:14 Chair Noland
09:56:19 Rep. Curdy
09:56:32 Rep. Marshall
09:57:16 Rep. Galloway left the meeting.
09:57:26 Rep. Buttrey
09:57:54 Rep. Marshall
09:58:04 Rep. Buttrey
09:58:23 Jessie Luther, HDAM
10:00:24 Rep. Olsen
10:04:03 Becky Schlauch, DLI

10:05:04 Vice Chair Sullivan
10:05:48 Jessie Luther, HDAM
10:06:42 Rep. Harvey
10:07:27 Dax Cetraro, Rialto Bar
10:09:18 Rep. Olsen
10:09:49 Jessie Luther, HDAM
10:10:44 Chair Noland
10:11:35 Rep. Buttrey

Closing by Sponsor:

10:13:34 Rep. Buttrey

HEARING ON SB 108

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:17:16 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 108, Authorize elected official approval of city/county health board rules.

10:17:47 Vice Chair Buttrey left the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:23:00 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)
10:27:13 Commissioner Don Jones, Yellowstone County
10:28:34 Rep. Galloway joined the meeting.
10:30:50 Commissioner John Ostlund, Yellowstone County

Opponents' Testimony:

10:32:54 Kristin Page-Nei, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (ACSCAN)
10:36:16 Dr. Cora Neumann, Montana Public Health Association (MPHA)
10:40:03 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
10:40:56 Dr. Lori Byron, Montana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (MTAAP)

EXHIBIT(buh47a07)

10:41:43 Emily Coyle, Montana Association of Health Care Purchasers (MAHCP)
10:44:05 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:46:03 Rep. Harvey
10:48:48 Commissioner Jones, Yellowstone County
10:50:14 Vice Chair Sullivan
10:51:05 Commissioner Jones, Yellowstone County
10:51:35 Sen. Kary
10:52:15 Rep. Galloway
10:52:47 John Iverson, MTA
10:53:23 Rep. Marshall
10:54:25 Commissioner Ostlund, Yellowstone County
10:55:07 Rep. Gist

10:55:53 Sen. Kary
10:57:03 Rep. Curdy
10:58:01 John Iverson, MTA
10:59:24 Rep. Curdy
10:59:33 Vice Chair Buttrey joined the meeting.
11:00:02 John Iverson, MTA
11:00:52 Vice Chair Sullivan
11:01:38 Sen. Kary
11:02:56 Rep. Harvey
11:04:53 Sen. Kary
11:06:25 Rep. Marshall
11:07:05 Sen. Kary
11:07:43 Chair Noland
11:08:15 Dr. Neumann, MPHA

Closing by Sponsor:

11:08:52 Sen. Kary

HEARING ON HB 609**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

11:12:55 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 609, Provide for a donation-funded state indigent funeral account.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:12:30 Vice Chair Sullivan left the meeting.
11:16:36 Vice Chair Buttrey
11:17:46 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
11:18:29 Vice Chair Buttrey
11:19:06 Rep. Olsen
11:19:55 Rep. Kerns

Closing by Sponsor:

11:21:42 Rep. Kerns

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:22:26

Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh47aad.pdf](#))