

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

**Call to Order:** Chair Mark Noland, on March 12, 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. 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. Steve Gunderson (R)  
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

**Members Absent:** None

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

Jordee Bomgardner, Committee Secretary  
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch  
Monte Cole, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 218, 3/9/2021; SB 247, 3/9/2021

Executive Action: HB 525, HB 609, SB 49, SB 144, SB 152, SB 156

**HEARING ON SB 218****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:34:21 Sen. Diane Sands (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 218, Revise requirements related to reports on the medical marijuana program.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:37:16 Rep. Gist  
08:37:36 Sen. Sands  
08:37:57 Rep. Marshall  
08:38:28 Sen. Sands

**Closing by Sponsor:**

08:39:29 Sen. Sands

**HEARING ON SB 247****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:40:08 Sen. Ellie Boldman (D), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 247, Generally revise alcohol state property/post-secondary education.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

08:47:54 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)  
08:50:25 Pat Noonan, Montana Beer and Wine Distributors Association (MBWDA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

08:51:48 Dacia English, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)  
08:52:12 Janelle Booth, Montana University System (MUS)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:52:40 Rep. Curdy  
08:53:14 Janelle Booth, MUS  
08:53:35 John Iverson, MTA  
08:54:06 Rep. Loge  
08:54:39 John Iverson, MTA  
08:55:03 Rep. Marshall  
08:56:28 Janelle Booth, MUS  
08:56:53 Rep. Olsen  
08:57:16 Vice Chair Buttrey left the meeting.  
09:01:08 John Iverson, MTA  
09:02:32 Rep. Gist  
09:04:29 Sen. Boldman

09:05:09 Rep. Fitzgerald  
09:05:16 Rep. Marshall  
09:06:10 John Iverson, MTA  
09:06:50 Chair Noland

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:07:06 Sen. Boldman  
  
09:09:00 Chair Noland  
09:10:06 Vice Chair Sullivan  
09:10:20 Rep. Harvey  
  
09:10:56 Recess  
10:12:01 Reconvened with Vice Chair Buttrey present.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 525**

10:12:33 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 525 DO PASS.**  
  
10:12:52 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 525 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(buh50a01)**

**Discussion:**

10:13:00 Vice Chair Buttrey  
10:15:36 Chair Noland  
10:15:53 Vice Chair Buttrey  
10:16:08 Vice Chair Sullivan  
10:16:26 Vice Chair Buttrey  
  
10:16:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.  
  
10:17:04 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 525 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

10:17:19 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
  
10:17:43 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 609**

10:18:20 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 609 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

10:18:32 Vice Chair Buttrey  
  
10:18:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 49**

10:19:29 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 49 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:20:02 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 49 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(buh50a02)**

**Discussion:**

10:20:13 Rep. Olsen

10:22:44 Rep. Zolnikov joined the meeting.

10:23:11 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Funk, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Novak, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Sullivan and Rep. Whiteman Pena voting aye. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Whiteman Pena voted by proxy.

10:24:15 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 49 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(buh50a03)**

**Discussion:**

10:24:46 Rep. Loge

10:25:02 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Gunderson voted by proxy.

10:25:19 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 49 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 15-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Sullivan and Rep. Whiteman Pena voting no. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Gunderson voted by proxy. Rep. Buttrey will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 144**

10:26:40 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 144 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

10:27:11 Rep. Olsen

10:28:06 Rep. Seekins-Crowe

10:28:20 Rep. Marshall

10:28:37 Rep. Galloway

10:29:00 **Vote:** Motion failed 2-18 by roll call vote with Rep. Marshall and Rep. Noland voting aye. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Gunderson voted by proxy.

10:29:56 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 144 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Gunderson voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 152**

10:30:23 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 152 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 18-2 by voice vote with Rep. Olsen and Rep. Zolnikov voting no. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Gunderson voted by proxy. Rep. Loge will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 156**

10:31:31 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 156 BE CONCURRED IN**.

10:31:57 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 156 BE AMENDED**.  
[EXHIBIT\(buh50a04\)](#)

**Discussion:**

10:32:20 Rep. Galloway  
10:32:42 Vice Chair Buttrey  
10:32:56 Rep. Zolnikov  
10:33:10 Rep. Galloway

10:33:42 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Gunderson voted by proxy.

10:34:00 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 156 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Gunderson voted by proxy. Rep. Zolnikov will carry the bill.

10:34:32 Chair Noland  
10:35:03 Jameson Walker, LSD

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:35:41

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Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([buh50aad.pdf](#))