

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Mark Noland, on March 19, 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. 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)
Rep. Derek J. Harvey (D)

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 275, 3/17/2021

Executive Action: SB 190, SB 217, SB 239, SB 301, SB 317
SB 345, SB 364, SB 367, HB 624

HEARING ON SB 275**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:31:50 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SB 275, Generally revise the board of outfitters and outfitting laws and enforcement.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:33:18 Mac Minard, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)
EXHIBIT(buh55a01)

08:42:15 Tyler Moss, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

08:46:56 John Way, self

08:50:34 Scott Vollmer, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA); Scott Vollmer Outfitting, LLC

EXHIBIT(buh55a02)

08:53:48 Mike Bias, Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana (FOAM)

08:55:13 Rep. Harvey joined the meeting.

08:57:03 Scott Boulanger, self

08:57:50 Chris Francis, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

Opponents' Testimony:

09:00:19 Eric Clewis, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

09:02:09 Eric Melson, Montana Chapter Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (BHA)

Informational Testimony:

09:03:59 Ron Jendro, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:04:21 Rep. Duram

09:05:05 Ron Jendro, FWP

09:07:02 Rep. Duram

09:07:11 Rep. Gist

09:07:20 Rep. Marshall

09:09:12 Mac Minard, MOGA

09:10:24 Rep. Loge

09:10:53 Scott Vollmer, MOGA; Scott Vollmer Outfitting, LLC

09:12:33 Rep. Gunderson

09:13:11 Mac Minard, MOGA

09:14:20 Rep. Gunderson

09:14:36 Ron Jendro, FWP

09:15:59 Rep. Gist

09:17:21 Ron Jendro, FWP

09:17:54 Vice Chair Buttrey

09:18:39 Mac Minard, MOGA

09:18:47 Vice Chair Sullivan

09:20:05 Ron Jendro, FWP

09:20:50 Vice Chair Sullivan

09:21:13 Ron Jendro, FWP

09:21:31 Chair Noland

09:21:36 Mac Minard, MOGA
09:23:57 Chair Noland
09:25:11 Sen. Welborn

Closing by Sponsor:

09:25:30 Sen. Welborn

09:29:14 Chair Noland
09:30:04 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

09:31:20 Recess
10:12:51 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 190

10:13:19 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 190 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 17-3 by voice vote with Rep. Marshall, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Whiteman Pena voting no. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Olsen voted by proxy. Rep. Zolnikov will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 217

10:15:03 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 217 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

10:15:32 Rep. Galloway

10:15:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Olsen voted by proxy. Rep. Galloway will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 239

10:16:20 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 239 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

10:16:51 Rep. Galloway

10:17:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Olsen voted by proxy. Rep. Zolnikov will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 301

10:17:43 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 301 BE CONCURRED IN**. 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. Olsen voted by proxy. Rep. Loge will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 317

- 10:19:15 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 317 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 10:19:42 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 317 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(buh55a03)
- 10:20:25 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Galloway made a substitute motion that **SB 317 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion failed 10-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Duram, Rep. Funk, Rep. Galloway, Rep. Novak, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Seekins-Crowe, Rep. Sullivan and Rep. Whiteman Pena voting aye. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Olsen voted by proxy.
- 10:22:06 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 317 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried 12-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Funk, Rep. Galloway, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Sullivan and Rep. Whiteman Pena voting no. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Olsen voted by proxy.
- 10:23:09 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 317 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 15-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Duram, Rep. Funk, Rep. Galloway, Rep. Seekins-Crowe and Rep. Whiteman Pena voting no. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Olsen voted by proxy. Rep. Buttrey will carry the bill.
- 10:24:25 Rep. Curdy left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 345

- 10:24:51 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 345 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried 19-1 by voice vote with Rep. Olsen voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Curdy and Rep. Olsen voted by proxy. Rep. Buttrey will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 364

- 10:25:56 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 364 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Curdy and Rep. Olsen voted by proxy. Rep. Noland will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 367

- 10:27:03 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 367 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 10:27:36 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 367 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(buh55a04)

Discussion:

- 10:28:12 Vice Chair Buttrey
- 10:28:31 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Curdy and Rep. Olsen voted by proxy.

10:28:51 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 367 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 14-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Funk, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Novak and Rep. Olsen voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Curdy and Rep. Olsen voted by proxy. Rep. Buttrey will carry the bill.

Committee Business:

10:30:17 Chair Noland
10:30:26 Rep. Funk
10:31:57 Chair Noland
10:32:00 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
10:32:35 Chair Noland

10:33:04 Brief Recess
10:36:39 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 624

10:36:54 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 624 DO PASS**.

10:37:25 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 624 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(buh55a05\)](#)

Discussion:

10:38:05 Rep. Duram
10:38:28 Vice Chair Buttrey
10:38:32 Rep. Duram

10:38:43 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Curdy and Rep. Olsen voted by proxy.

10:39:01 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 624 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

10:39:13 Rep. Duram
10:40:00 Rep. Galloway
10:40:45 Rep. Anderson
10:41:26 Rep. Funk
10:42:17 Rep. Gist
10:42:54 Rep. Loge
10:43:26 Rep. Seekins-Crowe
10:44:15 Chair Noland
10:46:25 Rep. Marshall
10:47:09 Rep. Gist

10:47:58 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Galloway, Rep. Marshall and Rep. Seekins-Crowe voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Curdy and Rep. Olsen voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:49:14

Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh55aad.pdf](#))