

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Mark Noland, on March 30, 2021 at 08:00 AM, in Room 172 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mark Noland, 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. 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)
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Edward Buttrey, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Jordee Bomgardner, Committee Secretary
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch
Monte Cole, 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: SB 308, 3/23/2021; HB 668, 3/25/2021; HB 670, 3/25/2021;
HB 707, 3/29/2021

HEARING ON SB 308**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:04:17 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SB 308, Revise the Montana Building and Loan Associations Act.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:06:52 Jack Evans, Montana Division of Banking and Financial Institutions of the Department of Administration (DOA)
08:14:00 Rep. Welch
08:16:23 Vice Chair Buttrey joined the meeting.
08:18:57 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Bankers Association (MBA)
08:19:46 Chris Puyear, Montana Independent Banking Association (MIBA)
08:20:36 Phil Willett, Pioneer Federal Savings Loan

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:23:57 Rep. Galloway
08:24:21 Jack Evans, DOA
08:24:58 Rep. Galloway
08:25:22 Phil Willett, Pioneer Federal Savings Loan
08:26:03 Rep. Olsen
08:26:55 Sen. Welborn
08:27:00 Rep. Gunderson joined the meeting.
08:27:10 Jack Evans, DOA
08:29:10 Rep. Olsen
08:29:37 Jack Evans, DOA

Closing by Sponsor:

08:30:37 Sen. Welborn

08:31:55 Vice Chair Buttrey
08:32:03 Sen. Welborn
08:32:13 Chair Noland

HEARING ON HB 670**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:35:29 Rep. Derek Skees (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HB 670, Generally revise laws to implement recreational marijuana program.

[EXHIBIT\(buh62a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

08:42:30 Rep. M. Regier

[EXHIBIT\(buh62a02\)](#)

08:44:54 Antonette Lininger, Sacred Sun Farms

08:46:26 Kate Cholewa, Montana Cannabis Industry Association (MTCIA)
08:49:51 Barbie Turner, Alternative ReLeaf

Opponents' Testimony:

08:53:19 Coleen Smith, Youth Connections (YC)

[EXHIBIT\(buh62a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh62a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(buh62a05\)](#)

09:00:04 Jake Brown, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)
09:00:50 Ian Foley, Montana Department of Agriculture (AGR)
09:02:00 Ruben Castren, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)

Informational Testimony:

09:03:28 Derek Bell, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

09:03:51 Pepper Petersen, Montana Cannabis Guild

09:04:17 Becky Schlauch, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:04:45 Rep. Novak

09:05:25 Rep. Skees

[EXHIBIT\(buh62a06\)](#)

09:05:32 Rep. Novak

09:06:05 Rep. Skees

09:07:08 Rep. Gist

09:08:10 Rep. Skees

09:08:31 Rep. Gist

09:09:00 Coleen Smith, YC

[EXHIBIT\(buh62a07\)](#)

09:09:25 Rep. Marshall

09:10:21 Derek Bell, DOR

09:11:50 Rep. Marshall

09:12:17 Ruben Castren, MontPIRG

09:12:21 Rep. Marshall

09:13:01 Chair Noland

09:13:05 Ruben Castren, MontPIRG

09:13:08 Rep. Marshall

09:13:22 Rep. Curdy

09:14:45 Derek Bell, DOR

09:16:30 Rep. Gunderson

09:17:29 Rep. M. Regier

09:18:22 Rep. Olsen

09:22:07 Rep. Skees

09:23:10 Rep. Olsen

09:24:39 Rep. M. Regier

09:26:14 Rep. Olsen

09:27:28 Vice Chair Buttrey

09:27:34 Rep. Olsen

09:27:41 Rep. M. Regier
09:28:17 Vice Chair Sullivan
09:28:38 Rep. Zolnikov
09:30:15 Rep. Skees
09:30:23 Vice Chair Buttrey
09:30:29 Rep. Skees
09:30:44 Rep. Loge
09:31:27 Rep. Gunderson left the meeting.
09:33:15 Rep. M. Regier
09:33:35 Vice Chair Sullivan
09:34:10 Rep. Skees
09:34:25 Rep. M. Regier
09:36:21 Vice Chair Sullivan
09:36:59 Rep. Olsen
09:38:39 Rep. Skees
09:39:33 Rep. Olsen
09:39:45 Rep. Harvey
09:40:43 Pepper Petersen, Montana Cannabis Guild
09:42:25 Rep. Galloway
09:44:35 Jake Brown, MCV
09:44:51 Rep. Duram
09:47:57 Pepper Petersen, Montana Cannabis Guild
09:48:11 Rep. Seekins-Crowe
09:50:44 Rep. M. Regier
09:52:02 Rep. Gist
09:56:06 Derek Ball, DOR
09:56:32 Rep. Olsen
09:57:35 Rep. Skees
09:58:19 Rep. Duram
09:59:10 Derek Ball, DOR
09:59:18 Rep. Duram
10:00:02 Becky Schlauch, DOR
10:00:14 Rep. Galloway
10:01:25 Becky Schlauch, DOR
10:02:08 Derek Bell, DOR
10:02:59 Rep. Galloway
10:04:17 Rep. Skees
10:04:52 Rep. Galloway
10:05:39 Derek Bell, DOR
10:06:22 Rep. Galloway
10:06:29 Rep. Skees
10:07:09 Rep. Zolnikov
10:08:29 Rep. M. Regier
10:09:26 Rep. Marshall
10:10:12 Derek Bell, DOR
10:11:15 Kristan Barbour, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)
10:12:52 Rep. Gunderson joined the meeting.
10:13:01 Rep. Marshall
10:13:18 Kristan Barbour, DOR
10:13:39 Rep. Duram

10:15:39 Kristan Barbour, DOR
10:15:45 Chair Noland
10:15:54 Rep. Duram
10:16:10 Chair Noland
10:16:29 Rep. Galloway
10:18:03 Rep. Skees
10:18:33 Chair Noland
10:19:06 Derek Bell, DOR
10:20:32 Chair Noland
10:22:06 Rep. Galloway
10:22:50 Antonette Lininger, Sacred Sun Farms
10:26:11 Rep. Galloway
10:26:18 Chair Noland
10:26:35 Rep. Galloway
10:27:01 Kate Cholewa, MTCIA

Closing by Sponsor:

10:29:10 Rep. Skees

10:32:25 Chair Noland

HEARING ON HB 668**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:32:48 Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D), HD 42, opened the hearing on HB 668, Generally revise corporation laws regarding tribal entities.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:36:19 Aidrian Jawort, Montana Native Vote (MNV)
10:36:37 Chair Noland left the meeting and Vice Chair Buttrey assumed the Chair.
10:40:13 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)
10:40:43 Keaton Sunchild, Western Native Voice (WNV)
10:41:37 Dalyah Killsback, Western Native Voice (WNV)

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

10:42:58 Rep. Seekins-Crowe
10:43:37 Rep. Stewart Peregoy
10:43:57 Rep. Noland joined the meeting.
10:44:03 Rep. Seekins-Crowe
10:44:25 Rep. Galloway
10:44:50 Chair Buttrey
10:44:59 Rep. Duram
10:45:34 Jordan Thompson, CSKT
10:45:43 Chair Buttrey

Closing by Sponsor:

10:46:02 Rep. Stewart Peregoy

10:48:39 Rep. Noland assumed the Chair.

HEARING ON HB 707**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:49:12 Rep. Brad Tschida (R), HD 97, opened the hearing on HB 707, Generally revise recreational marijuana laws.

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

10:54:02 Pepper Petersen, Montana Cannabis Guild

10:57:55 Jake Brown, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

10:58:19 Kate Cholewa, Montana Cannabis Industry Association (MTCIA)

10:58:58 Rubin Castren, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)

10:59:25 Antonette Lininger, Sacred Sun Farms

Informational Testimony:

11:00:15 Derek Bell, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:00:48 Rep. Duram

11:02:07 Jake Brown, MCV

11:02:12 Rep. Marshall

11:03:16 Rep. Tschida

11:03:45 Rep. Gist

11:04:18 Derek Bell, DOR

11:04:32 Becky Schlauch, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

11:05:31 Rep. Gist

11:05:42 Becky Schlauch, DOR

11:05:51 Rep. Gist

11:06:02 Kristan Barbour, Montana Department of Revenue (DOR)

11:06:37 Rep. Seekins-Crowe

11:07:55 Rep. Tschida

11:09:52 Rep. Galloway

11:11:38 Derek Bell, DOR

11:12:36 Rep. Duram

11:16:39 Pepper Petersen, Montana Cannabis Guild

11:16:40 Chair Noland

11:16:48 Pepper Petersen, Montana Cannabis Guild

11:17:48 Rep. Duram

11:19:35 Pepper Petersen, Montana Cannabis Guild

11:19:48 Rep. Olsen

11:20:32 Chair Noland

11:20:38 Rep. Olsen

11:21:15 Jake Brown, MCV

11:23:23 Rep. Galloway

11:24:16 Rep. Tschida
11:24:40 Rep. Seekins-Crowe
11:27:44 Rep. Tschida
11:28:46 Rep. Marshall
11:30:03 Derek Bell, DOR
11:31:23 Rep. Marshall
11:32:23 Derek Bell, DOR
11:33:04 Rep. Galloway
11:33:37 Rep. Tschida
11:34:29 Rep. Galloway
11:35:04 Becky Schlauch, DOR
11:35:39 Derek Bell, DOR
11:36:09 Rep. Galloway
11:38:06 Derek Bell, DOR
11:38:47 Rep. Gist
11:42:32 Antonette Lininger, Sacred Sun Farms
11:43:01 Rep. Marshall
11:43:22 Antonette Lininger, Sacred Sun Farms

Closing by Sponsor:

11:43:56 Rep. Tschida

11:46:17 Chair Noland
11:46:43 Rep. Gunderson
11:46:50 Chair Noland

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:47:18

Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh62aad.pdf](#))