

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

Call to Order: Chair Mark Noland, on April 1, 2021 at 9:00 A.M., 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)

Members Excused:

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

Executive Action: HB 668, HB 670, HB 704, HB 705, HB 707

09:05:00 Recess
09:19:20 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 668

09:19:32 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 668 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

09:19:42 Rep. Harvey

09:20:10 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Harvey made a substitute motion that **HB 668 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Funk, Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 704

09:21:37 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 704 DO PASS.**

09:21:48 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 704 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(buh64a01\)](#)

Discussion:

09:22:41 Rep. Olsen
09:22:51 Chair Noland
09:23:01 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
09:24:55 Rep. Anderson left the meeting
09:25:06 Rep. Olsen
09:25:39 Jameson Walker, LSD

09:26:32 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Anderson, Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Funk, Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

09:27:00 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 704 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

09:27:19 Rep. Loge
09:27:41 Chair Noland
09:28:23 Rep. Curdy

09:28:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Anderson, Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Funk, Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 705

09:29:21 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 705 DO PASS.**

09:29:37 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 705 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(buh64a02\)](#)

Discussion:

09:29:44 Rep. Duram

09:30:03 Chair Noland
09:30:18 Rep. Galloway
09:30:59 Rep. Loge
09:31:11 Jessie Luther, Hospitality Development Association of Montana (HDAM)
09:32:21 Jameson Walker, LSD
09:33:23 Chair Noland
09:33:31 Rep. Curdy
09:34:22 Chair Noland

09:34:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Anderson, Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Funk, Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

09:35:34 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 705 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

09:35:51 Rep. Marshall

09:36:53 Brief Recess
09:38:04 Reconvened

09:38:15 Rep. Galloway

09:38:45 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-2 by voice vote with Rep. Galloway and Rep. Olsen voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Anderson, Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Funk, Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

Committee Business

09:39:20 Chair Noland
09:40:35 Rep. Loge
09:40:45 Chair Noland
09:43:36 Vice Chair Sullivan
09:43:56 Rep. Olsen
09:44:22 Chair Noland
09:46:36 Rep. Galloway
09:46:40 Chair Noland
09:47:05 Rep. Duram
09:48:07 Chair Noland
09:50:21 Rep. Olsen
09:52:02 Chair Noland
09:53:39 Rep. Novak
09:54:09 Chair Noland
09:54:18 Rep. Curdy
09:54:40 Rep. Harvey
09:54:47 Rep. Marshall
09:56:13 Jameson Walker, LSD
09:56:20 Vice Chair Sullivan
09:57:21 Rep. Curdy
09:58:14 Chair Noland
09:58:35 Rep. Galloway

09:59:23 Rep. Gist
 10:00:22 Chair Noland
 10:00:44 Rep. Galloway
 10:00:51 Jameson Walker, LSD
 10:02:31 Chair Noland
 10:02:54 Rep. Marshall
 10:03:36 Chair Noland
 10:03:40 Rep. Galloway
 10:07:55 Chair Noland
 10:08:07 Jameson Walker, LSD
 10:08:29 Chair Noland
 10:09:00 Rep. Seekins-Crowe
 10:10:02 Rep. Anderson joined the meeting.
 10:10:14 Rep. Harvey
 10:13:12 Chair Noland
 10:14:31 Rep. Duram
 10:15:22 Rep. Seekins-Crowe
 10:16:51 Rep. Gist
 10:18:40 Rep. Novak
 10:19:09 Chair Noland

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 670

10:22:35 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 670 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:23:04 Rep. Galloway
 10:23:30 Rep. Anderson
 10:24:16 Rep. Gist
 10:24:44 Rep. Olsen

10:25:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Curdy, Rep. Duram, Rep. Funk, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Novak, Rep. Olsen, Rep. Sullivan and Rep. Whiteman Pena voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Funk, Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Whiteman Pena and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 707

10:26:59 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 707 DO PASS.**

10:27:21 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Galloway made a substitute motion that **HB 707 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:28:07 Jameson Walker, LSD
 10:28:51 Chair Noland
 10:29:03 Rep. Galloway
 10:29:18 Vice Chair Sullivan
 10:29:28 Rep. Novak
 10:29:48 Rep. Harvey

- 10:30:54 Rep. Marshall
10:31:00 Rep. Duram
10:31:28 Rep. Galloway
10:32:26 Jameson Walker, LSD
10:33:01 Rep. Duram
- 10:33:16 **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, Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Funk, Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Whiteman Pena and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.
- 10:34:23 **Motion:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 707 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
- Discussion:**
- 10:34:53 Rep. Marshall
10:35:54 Rep. Anderson
10:36:24 Vice Chair Sullivan
10:37:26 Rep. Curdy
10:38:25 Rep. Galloway
10:39:24 Rep. Duram
10:40:11 Rep. Marshall
10:41:10 Rep. Anderson
10:42:03 Rep. Gist
- 10:42:41 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-15 by roll call vote with Rep. Galloway, Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Marshall, Rep. Noland and Rep. Zolnikov voting aye. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Funk, Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.
- 10:43:56 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Duram moved that **HB 707 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Funk, Rep. Gunderson and Rep. Zolnikov voted by proxy.
- 10:44:22 Chair Noland
10:44:30 Jameson Walker, LSD

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:45:03

Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([buh64aad.pdf](#))