

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

**Call to Order:** Chair Mark Noland, on April 22, 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. 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. Katie Zolnikov (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)  
Rep. Rynalea Whiteman Pena (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: HJ 49, 4/21/2021

Executive Action: HJ 49

**HEARING ON HJ 49****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:32:10 Rep. Jane Gillette (R), 64, opened the hearing on HJ 49, Study benefits cliff in public assistance program.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:37:30 Chair Noland  
08:37:45 Rep. Seekins-Crowe  
08:38:21 Rep. Gillette  
08:40:10 Rep. Galloway  
08:41:28 Chair Noland  
08:43:20 Rep. Olsen  
08:44:49 Chair Noland  
08:44:58 Rep. Gillette  
08:45:30 Rep. Olsen  
08:46:36 Rep. Gillette  
08:47:02 Rep. Olsen  
08:47:09 Rep. Gist left the meeting.  
08:48:00 Rep. Anderson  
08:48:40 Rep. Seekins-Crowe

**Closing by Sponsor:**

08:51:21 Rep. Gillette  
  
08:53:08 Chair Noland  
08:54:14 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
  
08:54:31 Recess  
10:58:41 Reconvened with Rep. Gist and Rep. Fitzgerald present; Rep. Seekins-Crowe excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 49**

10:59:01 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HJ 49 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

10:59:29 Rep. Olsen  
11:00:07 Rep. Loge  
  
11:00:51 **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. Seekins-Crowe and Rep. Whiteman Pena voted by proxy.

11:01:55 Chair Noland  
11:02:39 Rep. Zolnikov  
11:02:47 Chair Noland

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:03:01

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Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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