

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

**Call to Order:** Chair Mark Noland, on April 27, 2021 at 12:05 P.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. Moffie Funk (D)  
Rep. Steven Galloway (R)  
Rep. Steve Gist (R)  
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)  
Rep. Derek J. Harvey (D)  
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)  
Rep. Sara Novak (D)  
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)  
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

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

Rep. Edward Buttrey, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)  
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)  
Rep. Rynalea Whiteman Pena (D)

**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: SJ 35, 4/27/2021

Executive Action: SJ 31, SJ 35

**HEARING ON SJ 35****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

12:06:57 Sen. Chris Friedel (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SJ 35, Interim study of DPHHS procurement practices.

12:07:02 Rep. Fitzgerald left the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

12:08:37 Rep. Galloway

12:09:38 Chair Noland

**Closing by Sponsor:**

12:10:45 Sen. Friedel

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 35**

12:11:23 **Motion:** Rep. Sullivan moved that **SJ 35 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

12:11:40 Rep. Duram

12:12:28 Vice Chair Sullivan

12:13:07 Rep. Galloway

12:14:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. Loge, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Whiteman Pena voted by proxy. Rep. Galloway will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 31**

12:14:36 **Motion:** Rep. Sullivan moved that **SJ 31 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**

**Discussion:**

12:14:49 Chair Noland

12:15:07 Rep. Funk

12:15:21 Chair Noland

12:15:27 Jameson Walker, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

12:15:35 Rep. Whiteman Pena joined the meeting.

12:15:48 Chair Noland

12:15:52 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-2 by voice vote with Rep. Gist and Rep. Gunderson voting no.

12:16:03 Chair Noland

12:16:22 **Motion:** Rep. Harvey moved that **SJ 31 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

12:16:40 Rep. Seekins-Crowe

12:17:05 Rep. Anderson left the meeting.

12:17:42 Rep. Duram

12:18:23 **Vote:** Motion carried 19-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Duram voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Anderson, Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. Loge and Rep. Olsen voted by proxy. Rep. Seekins-Crowe will carry the bill.

12:19:38 Rep. Whiteman Pena

12:20:07 Chair Noland

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:21:01

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Jordee Bomgardner, Secretary

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