

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Steve Fitzpatrick, on January 15, 2021 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick, Chair (R)
Sen. Gordon Vance, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)
Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)
Sen. Mark Sweeney (D)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Carlie Boland, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)
Sen. Mike Fox (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Olivia Hopkins, Committee Secretary
Clara Bentler, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch
Erin Sullivan, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 90, 1/12/2021; SB 97, 1/12/2021; SB 102, 1/12/2021

Executive Action: SB 65, SB 70

HEARING ON SB 90

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:00:51 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SB90, Revise psychology licensing laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:03:25 Matt Kunts, executive director, National Alliance on Mental Illness

09:06:19 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

[EXHIBIT\(bus10a01\)](#)

09:08:39 John Doran, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana

09:09:55 Pat Noonan, Behavioral Health Alliance

09:10:46 Sara Boilen, Montana Board of Psychologists

[EXHIBIT\(bus10a02\)](#)

09:14:45 Todd Younkin, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

[EXHIBIT\(bus10a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

[EXHIBIT\(bus10a04\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:16:53 Sen. Boland

09:17:45 Mrs. Anderson, MPCA

09:17:56 Sen. Boland

09:18:13 Mr. Younkin, DLI

09:18:20 Jeff Sealey, Montana Board of Psychologists (MTBP)

09:18:59 Sen. Boland

09:19:16 Mr. Sealey, MTBP

Closing by Sponsor:

09:19:57 Sen. Small

09:20:22 Sen. Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON SB 102

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:20:47 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SB102, Revise behavioral health licensing laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:24:33 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association

[EXHIBIT\(bus10a05\)](#)

09:26:47 Matt Kuntz, executive director, National Alliance on Mental Illness

09:28:17 Pat Noonan, Behavioral Health Alliance

09:29:10 Dr. Malcolm Horn, Rimrock Foundation

[EXHIBIT\(bus10a06\)](#)

09:30:45 Todd Younkin, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

[EXHIBIT\(bus10a07\)](#)

09:32:43 Ann Truesdell, National Association of Social Workers Montana

[EXHIBIT\(bus10a08\)](#)

Additional testimony received:

[EXHIBIT\(bus10a09\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

09:34:25 Lucy Richards, DLI

[EXHIBIT\(bus10a10\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

09:35:01 Sen. Small

09:35:25 Sen. Fitzpatrick

09:35:33 Sen. Vance assumed the duties of the chair.

09:35:34 Chair Vance

HEARING ON SB 97

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:35:40 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB97, Remove sunset provision of active supervision laws for professional boards.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:38:14 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association

[EXHIBIT\(bus10a11\)](#)

09:39:10 Matt Kuntz, executive director, National Alliance on Mental Illness

09:39:58 Todd Younkin, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

[EXHIBIT\(bus10a12\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

[EXHIBIT\(bus10a13\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:42:34 Sen. Pope

09:43:37 Mr. Younkin, DLI

09:44:37 Sen. Pope

Closing by Sponsor:

09:44:50 Sen. Fitzpatrick
 09:45:03 Chair Vance
 09:45:30 Sen. Fitzpatrick assumed the duties of the chair.
 09:45:31 Chair Fitzpatrick
 09:46:02 Recess
 10:01:37 Reconvene
 10:01:38 Sen. Ellsworth entered the meeting.
 10:01:38 Chair Fitzpatrick

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 65

10:02:00 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 65 DO PASS.**
 10:02:13 **Motion:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 65 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:02:16 Sen. Fitzpatrick
 10:02:53 Sen. Boland
 10:03:10 Sen. Fitzpatrick
 10:06:23 Sen. Sweeney
 10:06:42 Sen. Fitzpatrick
 10:06:54 Sen. Gillespie
 10:07:37 Sen. Pope
 10:08:38 Sen. Fitzpatrick
 10:09:13 Sen. Pope
 10:10:39 Sen. Fitzpatrick
 10:11:14 Sen. Boland
 10:12:43 Sen. Fitzpatrick
 10:13:29 Sen. Boland
 10:14:28 Sen. Fitzpatrick
 10:14:34 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Boland, Sen. Fox and Sen. Pope voting no.
 10:15:30 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 65 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 8-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Boland, Sen. Fox and Sen. Pope voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 70

10:16:34 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Vance moved that **SB 70 DO PASS.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
 10:17:03 Chair Fitzpatrick

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:17 A.M.

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus10aad.pdf](#))