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MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Mike Lang, on February 9, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Mike Lang, Chair (R)
Sen. Kenneth Bogner, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R)
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Sen. Walt Sales (R)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Susan Webber, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Olivia Hopkins, Committee Secretary
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch
Monte Cole, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 94, 2/3/2021; HB 142, 2/3/2021

Executive Action: HB 93, SB 131

15:00:47 Chair Lang

HEARING ON HB 142

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:05 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 142, Generally revise hemp laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:02:15 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

15:03:07 Rachel Prevost, Montana Farmers Union

15:03:45 Cort Jensen, Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA)

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15:05:41 Cindy Trimp, MDA

EXHIBIT(ags27a02)

15:06:14 Zach Coccoli, MDA

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:06:52 Sen. Hoven

15:07:13 Mr. Jensen, MDA

15:07:36 Sen. Hoven

15:08:32 Mr. Jensen

15:08:56 Sen. Salomon

15:09:45 Mr. Jensen

15:10:05 Ian Foley, MDA

15:11:03 Sen. Sales

15:11:29 Mr. Jensen

15:11:54 Sen. Sales

15:12:15 Sen. Bogner

15:12:47 Mr. Coccoli, MDA

15:13:02 Chair Lang

15:13:14 Sen. Hoven

15:13:42 Mr. Coccoli

15:13:53 Mr. Foley, MDA

15:14:38 Sen. Webber

15:15:41 Mr. Coccoli

15:16:01 Sen. Ellis

15:17:15 Mr. Coccoli

15:17:45 Sen. Hoven

15:18:20 Mr. Foley

15:19:18 Sen. Hoven

15:19:26 Mr. Foley

15:19:58 Chair Lang

15:20:26 Mr. Jensen

15:21:45 Chair Lang

Closing by Sponsor:

15:21:58 Rep. Kassmier

15:22:35 Chair Lang

HEARING ON HB 94

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:22:57 Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HB 94, Expand loan types in Montana Farmer Loan Repayment Assistance Program.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:25:34 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation, Montana Stockgrowers Association

15:26:27 Rachel Prevost, Montana Farmers Union

15:28:33 Zach Coccoli, Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:29:34 Sen. Hoven
15:30:11 Mr. Coccoli, MDA
15:30:32 Sen. Hoven
15:30:55 Mr. Coccoli
15:31:22 Chair Lang
15:31:30 Mr. Coccoli
15:31:52 Chair Lang
15:32:16 Mr. Coccoli
15:32:36 Chair Lang
15:33:04 Mr. Coccoli
15:33:44 Sen. O'Brien
15:34:01 Mr. Coccoli
15:34:39 Sen. Hoven
15:34:53 Mr. Coccoli
15:35:17 Sen. Hoven
15:35:27 Mr. Coccoli
15:35:39 Sen. Hoven
15:35:49 Mr. Coccoli
15:35:59 Sen. Osmundson
15:36:11 Mr. Coccoli
15:36:37 Cindy Trimp, MDA
15:37:06 Sen. Osmundson
15:37:18 Ms. Trimp, MDA
15:37:36 Sen. Bogner
15:38:07 Mr. Coccoli
15:38:10 Sen. Sales
15:38:28 Mr. Coccoli
15:39:04 Chair Lang

15:39:08 Mr. Coccoli
15:39:22 Sen. Sales
15:39:37 Mr. Coccoli
15:40:15 Rep. Walsh
15:41:45 Chair Lang
15:42:01 Rep. Walsh

Closing by Sponsor:

15:42:56 Rep. Walsh

15:43:16 Chair Lang

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 93

15:44:10 **Motion:** Sen. Bogner moved that **HB 93 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

15:44:46 Sen. Sales
15:45:05 Chair Lang

15:46:16 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Sales will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 131

15:46:42 **Motion:** Sen. Bogner moved that **SB 131 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:47:03 Chair Lang

15:47:22 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Bogner moved that **SB 131 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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Discussion:

15:48:16 Sen. Salomon

15:48:42 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Bogner moved that **SB 131 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:49:11 Chair Lang

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:49 P.M.

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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