

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Steve Fitzpatrick, on March 30, 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. Terry Gauthier (R)
Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)
Sen. Mark Sweeney (D)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

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

Members Excused:

Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)

Members Absent: None

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

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: SB 395, 3/26/2021; SB 396, 3/26/2021

HEARING ON SB 396

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:01:02 Sen. Brian Hoven (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 396, Generally revise boiler licensing laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:06:25 Stuart Doggett, Montana Lodging and Hospitality Association
 09:07:06 Eric Copeland, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:11:10 Sen. Small
 09:11:32 Mr. Copeland, DLI
 09:11:52 Sen. Small
 09:12:03 Mr. Copeland
 09:12:32 Sen. Gauthier
 09:12:51 Mr. Copeland
 09:13:14 Sen. Boland
 09:13:47 Mr. Copeland
 09:14:21 Sen. Boland
 09:14:33 Mr. Copeland

Closing by Sponsor:

09:15:56 Sen. Hoven

 09:16:37 Recess
 09:18:16 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 395

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:18:23 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 395, Montana Pharmacy Benefit Manager Oversight Act.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:21:16 Troy Downing, Montana state auditor; Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI)
 09:26:32 Jackie Jones, CSI
 09:33:30 E.J. Redding, Montana Family Pharmacies
 09:34:25 Clifford Josh Morris, citizen
 09:38:50 Charlie Brereton, health care policy advisor, Governor Gianforte
 09:40:36 Mike Etchemendy, Montana Pharmacy Association
 09:42:32 Mike Matovich, president, Montana Family Pharmacies
 09:46:06 Trevor Daer, citizen
 09:50:20 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)
 09:52:11 Stuart Doggett, Montana Pharmacy Association

09:53:13 Jennifer Hensley, PacificSource Health Plans

09:55:10 Stephanie Chosa, oneHealth

EXHIBIT(bus62a01)

09:58:49 Al Olszewski, citizen

Opponents' Testimony:

09:59:46 Ethan Heverly, Montana State Fund

EXHIBIT(bus62a02)

10:00:53 Jon Metropoulos, Pharmaceutical Care Management Association

10:03:41 Greg VanHorssen, Prime Therapeutics

10:06:52 Bruce Spencer, Cigna Express Scripts

10:10:57 Brian Thompson, CVS Health

10:12:01 John Doran, Blue Cross Blue Shield Montana (BCBSMT)

10:14:41 Sean Slanger, American Health Insurance Plans

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:15:51 Sen. Gillespie

10:17:21 Mr. Daer, citizen

10:18:21 Sen. Small

10:18:56 Ms. Anderson, MPCA

10:21:24 Sen. Small

10:21:29 Ms. Anderson

10:22:21 Chair Fitzpatrick

10:22:37 Ms. Jones, CSI

10:24:08 Chair Fitzpatrick

10:24:17 Ms. Jones

10:25:08 Chair Fitzpatrick

10:25:17 Ms. Jones

10:29:08 Chair Fitzpatrick

10:29:15 Ms. Jones

10:30:44 Sen. Gauthier

10:31:06 Ms. Jones

10:32:04 Sen. Gauthier

10:32:17 Ms. Jones

10:33:40 Sen. Gauthier

10:33:46 Ms. Jones

10:34:15 Sen. Gauthier

10:34:29 Ms. Jones

10:34:45 Sen. Gauthier

10:34:57 Ms. Jones

10:36:24 Sen. Small

10:36:52 Ms. Jones

10:37:45 Sen. Pope

10:38:43 Mr. Doran, BCBSMT

10:40:00 Sen. Pope

10:40:47 Mr. Doran

10:43:54 Sen. Pope
10:45:19 Ms. Jones
10:49:40 Sen. Pope
10:50:18 Ms. Jones
10:51:44 Chair Fitzpatrick
10:51:45 Sen. Hertz

Closing by Sponsor:

10:51:57 Sen. Hertz

10:53:35 Chair Fitzpatrick

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:53 A.M.

Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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