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MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION SELECT COMMITTEE ON MARIJUANA LAW

Call to Order: Chair Jason W. Ellsworth, on April 19, 2021 at 3:50 P.M., by Zoom Video Conference

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth, Chair (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Jason D. Small, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Sen. Chris Friedel (R)
Sen. Tom Jacobson (D)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Bob Brown (R)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Corina Hach, Legislative Branch
Megan Moore, Legislative Branch
Lauren de Paepe, Committee Secretary
Coleen Street, 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:

Discussion of amendments to HB 701.

Executive Action: HB 670 - Be Tabled; HB 655 - Be Amended

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 670

15:53:00 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **HB 670 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 7-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Bogner and Sen. Small voting no. Sen. Vance voted by proxy. Sen. Brown, Sen. Fitzpatrick and Sen. Howard were excused.

Committee Discussion on HB 701:

15:54:25 Chair Ellsworth
16:06:47 Sen. Jacobson
16:11:30 Chair Ellsworth
16:12:54 Sen. Friedel
16:13:11 Chair Ellsworth
16:13:18 Sen. Cohenour
16:16:54 Sen. Lynch
16:17:19 Sen. Bogner
16:18:18 Sen. Small
16:20:04 Sen. Cohenour
16:26:43 Chair Ellsworth
16:27:56 Sen. Friedel
16:28:17 Chair Ellsworth
16:31:25 Sen. Jacobson
16:32:11 Chair Ellsworth
16:32:21 Sen. Cohenour
16:32:31 Sen. Friedel
16:32:33 Chair Ellsworth

16:33:00 Sen. Lynch left the meeting.

16:33:10 Sen. Morigeau
16:33:36 Sen. Jacobson
16:34:09 Chair Ellsworth
16:34:53 Sen. Morigeau
16:35:57 Chair Ellsworth
16:36:41 Sen. Small
16:37:02 Cori Hach, Legislative Services Division
16:37:44 Chair Ellsworth
16:38:08 Sen. Cohenour
16:38:25 Sen. Morigeau
16:39:07 Sen. Friedel
16:40:31 Sen. Jacobson
16:40:46 Chair Ellsworth

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 655

16:41:08 Chair Ellsworth

16:42:25 **Motion:** Sen. Small moved that **HB 655 BE CONCURRED IN**.

16:42:57 **Motion:** Sen. Small moved that **HB 655 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(sms74a01)

Discussion:

16:43:27 Sen. Cohenour
16:43:59 Chair Ellsworth
16:44:03 Cori Hach, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
16:44:50 Chair Ellsworth

16:44:58 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-0 by roll call vote. Sen. Vance voted by proxy. Sen. Brown, Sen. Fitzpatrick, Sen. Howard and Sen. Lynch were excused.

16:46:26 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **HB 655 BE AMENDED CONCEPTUALLY.**

Discussion:

16:47:39 Chair Ellsworth
16:47:55 Sen. Cohenour
16:48:04 Sen. Small
16:48:49 Sen. Cohenour
16:50:52 Chair Ellsworth
16:50:57 Sen. Cohenour
16:51:18 Ms. Hach, LSD
16:51:38 Sen. Bogner
16:51:56 Chair Ellsworth
16:52:02 Sen. Friedel
16:53:27 Chair Ellsworth
17:01:11 Sen. Cohenour
17:01:37 Chair Ellsworth

17:01:54 Sen. Friedel left the meeting.

17:02:10 Sen. Cohenour
17:03:07 Chair Ellsworth
17:04:10 Megan Moore, LSD (Quorum was not present. No action was taken on the Be Amended motion.)
17:04:22 Sen. Jacobson
17:04:25 Chair Ellsworth
17:04:41 Ms. Moore
17:04:56 Sen. Jacobson
17:04:58 Chair Ellsworth

Committee Business:

17:05:20 Chair Ellsworth
17:05:53 Sen. Morigeau
17:05:58 Chair Ellsworth
17:06:19 Ms. Hach
17:06:29 Chair Ellsworth
17:07:14 Sen. Jacobson

17:07:15 Sen. Friedel entered the meeting.

17:07:18	Chair Ellsworth
17:08:07	Sen. Jacobson
17:08:48	Ms. Hach
17:09:34	Chair Ellsworth
17:10:13	Sen. Friedel
17:10:40	Chair Ellsworth

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:11 PM

Lauren de Paepe, Secretary

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EXHIBIT([sms74aad.pdf](#))