

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE BILL 354

**Call to Order:** Chair Steve Hinebauch, on April 20, 2021 at 11:30 A.M., in Room 335 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Steve Hinebauch, Chair (R)  
Rep. Barry Usher, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)  
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Olivia Hopkins, Committee Secretary  
Anthony Flores, Remote Meeting Coordinator  
Joe Kolman, Legislative Division

**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:**

Executive Action:

SB 354 - Amended

Recommend Adoption of the Free Conference Committee Report

11:29:38 Chair Hinebauch

11:29:45 **Motion:** Rep. Usher moved that **SB 354 DO PASS.**

11:30:03 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 354 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(frs75sb0354a01\)](#)

**Discussion:**

11:30:26 Sen. Fitzpatrick

[EXHIBIT\(frs75sb0354a02\)](#)

11:31:03 Sen Hinebauch

11:31:09 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

11:31:50 Chair Hinebauch

11:31:57 Sen. Fitzpatrick

11:32:59 Mr. Kolman, LSD

11:33:07 Sen. Fitzpatrick

11:33:11 Mr. Kolman

11:33:13 Sen. Fitzpatrick

11:34:50 Sen. McClafferty

11:35:08 Chair Hinebauch

11:35:13 Sen. McClafferty

11:35:14 Sen. Fitzpatrick

11:35:24 Sen. McClafferty

11:35:37 Sen. Fitzpatrick

11:36:08 Sen. McClafferty

11:36:22 Sen. Fitzpatrick

11:36:34 Sen. McClafferty

11:36:53 Chair Hinebauch

11:37:07 Rep. Berglee

11:37:35 Sen. Fitzpatrick

11:37:46 Chair Hinebauch

11:37:51 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Usher made a substitute motion that **SB 354 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(frs75sb0354a03\)](#)

**Discussion:**

11:38:18 Sen. McClafferty

11:39:00 Mr. Kolman

11:39:31 Sen. McClafferty

11:40:24 Mr. Kolman

11:40:34 Sen. McClafferty

11:41:01 Mr. Kolman

11:44:36 Sen. McClafferty

11:45:08 Mr. Kolman

11:46:02 Chair Hinebauch

11:46:11 Sen. Fitzpatrick

11:48:38 Rep. Berglee

11:49:12 Sen. McClafferty  
11:49:16 Rep. Berglee  
11:49:36 Mr. Kolman

11:50:50 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried 2-1 by roll call vote in the Senate with Sen. McClafferty voting no. Substitute Motion carried 2-1 by roll call vote in the House with Rep. Bishop voting no.

11:51:31 **Motion:** Rep. Usher moved that **SB 354 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

11:51:46 Sen. McClafferty

11:52:12 **Vote:** Motion carried 2-1 by roll call vote in the Senate with Sen. McClafferty voting no. Motion carried 2-1 by roll call vote in the House with Rep. Bishop voting no.

Note: In lieu of motion, the signed committee report indicates that a majority of committee members in the House and in the Senate recommend that the free conference committee report be adopted.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:52 A.M.

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Olivia Hopkins, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([frs75sb0354aad.pdf](#))