

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE BILL 648

**Call to Order:** Chair Duane Ankney, on April 27, 2021 at 12:08 P.M., in Room 350 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Duane Ankney, Chair (R)  
Rep. Joshua Kassmier, Chair (R)  
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)  
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Jim Keane (D)  
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jason Mohr, 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:**

Executive Action: HB 648 - Amend Further

Recommend adoption of the Free Conference Committee report

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 648**

12:08:55 Chair Ankney

12:09:06 **Motion:** Rep. Kassmier moved that **HB 648 BE AMENDED.**  
**[EXHIBIT\(frs80hb0648a01\)](#)**

**Discussion:**

12:09:27 Rep. Kassmier

12:09:38 Chair Ankney

12:09:53 Sen. Welborn

12:11:04 Chair Ankney

12:11:18 Rep. Fitzgerald

12:11:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote in the Senate. Sen. Lynch voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote in the House. Rep. Keane voted by proxy.

12:12:08 **Motion:** Rep. Kassmier moved that **HB 648 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

12:12:19 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kassmier moved that **HB 648 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote in the Senate. Sen. Lynch voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote in the House. Rep. Keane voted by proxy.

**[EXHIBIT\(frs80hb0648a02\)](#)**

12:13:33 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division

12:13:38 Chair Ankney

12:13:41 Rep. Fitzgerald

12:13:45 Chair Ankney

12:14:35 Rep. Kassmier

12:14:41 Chair Ankney

12:14:45 Sen. Welborn

12:14:57 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Kassmier moved that **HB 648 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote in the Senate. Sen. Lynch voted by proxy. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote in the House. Rep. Keane voted by proxy.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:15 PM

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Lauren de Paepe, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([frs80hb0648aad.pdf](#))**