

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE BILL 278

**Call to Order:** Chair Greg Hertz, on April 27, 2021 at 12:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present in the Committee Room:**

Sen. Greg Hertz, Chair (R)  
Rep. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)  
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)  
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)

**Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:**

Sen. Carlie Boland (D)  
Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Clara Bentler, Remote Meeting Coordinator  
Joe Carroll, Legislative Branch  
Gwyn Schooler, Committee Secretary  
Rachel Weiss, 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:**

Executive Action: SB 278 - Amended

Recommended Adoption of the Free Conference Committee Report

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HOUSE AMENDMENTS TO SB 278**

12:07:27 Chair Hertz

12:07:38 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 278 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(frs80sb0278a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(frs80sb0278a02\)](#)

**Discussion:**

12:07:59 Sen. Fitzpatrick

12:08:07 Chair Hertz

12:08:22 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 278 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED.**

12:08:59 Chair Hertz

12:09:07 Sen. Fitzpatrick

12:09:19 Chair Hertz

12:09:41 Rep. Farris-Olsen

12:10:00 Sen. Fitzpatrick

12:10:17 Rep. Farris-Olsen

12:10:32 Sen. Fitzpatrick

12:11:02 Rep. Farris-Olsen

12:11:20 Sen. Fitzpatrick

12:11:42 Rachel Weiss, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

12:12:05 Sen. Fitzpatrick

12:12:20 Chair Hertz

12:12:31 Ms. Weiss, LSD

12:12:40 Rep. Farris-Olsen

12:13:19 **Vote:** Motion carried 2-1 by roll call vote in the Senate with Sen. Boland voting no. Motion carried 2-1 by roll call vote in the House with Rep. Farris-Olsen voting no.

12:13:51 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 278 BE AMENDED WITH THE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED AMENDMENT.** Motion carried 2-1 by roll call vote in the Senate with Sen. Boland voting no. Motion carried 2-1 by roll call vote in the House with Rep. Farris-Olsen voting no.

12:14:48 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 278 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(frs80sb0278a03\)](#)

**Discussion:**

12:15:57 Rep. Berglee

12:16:02 Rep. Farris-Olsen

12:16:52 **Vote:** Motion passed 2-1 by roll call vote in the Senate with Sen. Boland voting no. Motion carried 2-1 by roll call vote in the House with Rep. Farris-Olsen voting no.

12:17:23      **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 278 BE AMENDED.**  
**[EXHIBIT\(frs80sb0278a04\)](#)**

12:18:36      **Vote:** Motion carried 2-1 by roll call vote in the Senate with Sen. Boland voting no. Motion carried 2-1 by roll call vote in the House with Rep. Farris-Olsen 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: 12:23 PM

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Gwyn Schooler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([frs80sb0278aad.pdf](#))**