

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON SENATE BILL 319

Call to Order: Chair Greg Hertz, on April 27, 2021 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Greg Hertz, Chair (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen, Chair (R)
Sen. Bryce Bennett (D)
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Rep. Kelly Kortum (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services
Jacelyn Sterling, Committee Secretary
Clara Bentler, 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: SB 319 Amended

Recommend adoption of the free conference committee report

EXECUTIVE ACTION

14:59:24 Chair Hertz

14:59:53 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 319 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(frs80sb0319a01\)](#)

15:00:48 Chair Hertz
15:00:55 Sen. Bennett

15:02:27 **Vote:** Motion carried 2-1 by roll call vote in the Senate with Sen. Bennet voting no. Motion carried 2-1 by roll call vote in the House with Rep. Kortum voting no.

15:03:00 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 319 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(frs80sb0319a02\)](#)

15:04:13 Rep. Kortum
15:04:32 Sen. Fitzpatrick
15:05:00 Sen. Bennett
15:06:50 Sen. Fitzpatrick
15:07:35 Sen. Bennett
15:08:39 Chair Hertz

15:09:14 **Vote:** Motion carried 2-1 by roll call vote in the Senate with Sen. Bennet voting no. Motion carried 2-1 by roll call vote in the House with Rep. Kortum voting no.

15:09:43 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 319 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(frs80sb0319a03\)](#)

15:09:56 Chair Hertz
15:09:58 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division

15:10:38 **Vote:** Motion carried 2-1 by roll call vote in the Senate with Sen. Bennet voting no. Motion carried by 2-1 roll call vote in the House with Rep. Kortum voting no.

15:11:07 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 319 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(frs80sb0319a04\)](#)

15:11:29 Chair Hertz
15:12:55 Sen. Bennett
15:13:34 Chair Hertz
15:14:14 Sen. Fitzpatrick

15:15:17 **Vote:** Motion carried 2-1 by roll call vote in the Senate with Sen. Bennet voting no. Motion carried 2-1 by roll call vote in the House with Rep. Kortum voting no.

15:15:49 Chair Hertz

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: 3:15 PM

Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([frs80sb0319aad.pdf](#))