

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE BILL 637

Call to Order: Chair Bob Brown, on April 28, 2021 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Bob Brown, Chair (R)
Rep. Seth Berglee, Chair (R)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)
Rep. Tyson T. Running Wolf (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lauren de Paepe, Committee Secretary
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch
Heather Vande-Sandt, 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 637 - Amend Further

Recommend adoption of the Free Conference Committee report

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 637

08:00:43 Chair Brown

08:01:08 **Motion:** Rep. Berglee moved that **HB 637 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(frs81hb0637a01\)](#)

Discussion:

08:01:17 Rep. Berglee

08:03:11 Sen. Flowers

08:03:50 Rep. Berglee

08:04:15 **Vote:** Motion carried 2-1 by roll call vote in the Senate with Sen. Flowers voting no. Motion carried 2-1 in the House with Rep. Running Wolf voting no.

08:04:57 **Motion:** Rep. Berglee moved that **HB 637 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

08:05:07 **Motion:** Sen. Flowers moved that **HB 637 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(frs81hb0637a02\)](#)

Discussion:

08:05:26 Sen. Flowers

08:08:06 Rep. Loge

08:08:29 Sen. Hinebauch

08:08:56 Rep. Berglee

08:10:51 Rep. Runningwolf

08:12:07 **Vote:** Motion failed 1-2 by roll call vote in the Senate with Sen. Flowers voting aye.

08:12:55 **Motion:** Rep. Berglee moved that **HB 637 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(frs81hb0637a03\)](#)

Discussion:

08:13:05 Rep. Berglee

08:13:42 Sen. Flowers

08:13:48 Chair Brown

08:16:05 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

08:16:15 Chair Brown

08:16:36 Sen. Hinebauch

08:16:48 Chair Brown

08:16:55 Rep. Berglee

08:17:14 Sen. Hinebauch

08:17:23 Ms. Stockwell, LSD

08:17:53 Chair Brown

08:17:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote in the Senate. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote in the House.

08:18:42 **Motion:** Rep. Berglee moved that **HB 637 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

08:18:51 **Motion:** Rep. Berglee moved that **HB 637 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(frs81hb0637a04\)](#)

Discussion:

08:19:01 Rep. Berglee
08:20:40 Ms. Stockwell
08:20:45 Rep. Berglee
08:21:13 Chair Brown
08:21:28 Ms. Stockwell
08:22:25 Sen. Flowers
08:23:49 Rep. Loge
08:25:06 Chair Brown
08:25:46 Sen. Hinebauch
08:26:25 Rep. Berglee
08:26:50 Ms. Stockwell
08:27:17 Chair Brown

08:27:20 **Vote:** Motion carried 2-1 by roll call vote in the Senate with Sen. Flowers voting no. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote in the House.

08:27:48 **Motion:** Rep. Berglee moved that **HB 637 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

08:27:55 **Motion:** Rep. Berglee moved that **HB 637 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(frs81hb0637a05\)](#)

Discussion:

08:28:05 Rep. Berglee
08:28:12 Ms. Stockwell
08:37:16 Rep. Runningwolf
08:37:31 Rep. Berglee
08:39:23 Rep. Runningwolf
08:40:40 Chair Brown
08:43:28 Rep. Loge
08:44:17 Chair Brown
08:44:55 Rep. Runningwolf
08:46:37 Sen. Flowers
08:46:54 Ms. Stockwell
08:47:26 Sen. Flowers
08:48:43 Rep. Berglee
08:48:45 Sen. Flowers

08:51:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 2-1 by roll call vote in the Senate with Sen. Flowers voting no. Motion carried 2-1 in the House with Rep. Running Wolf voting no.

08:52:27 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Berglee moved that **HB 637 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 2-1 by roll call vote in the Senate with Sen. Flowers voting no. Motion carried 2-1 in the House with Rep. Running Wolf voting no.

08:53:03 Rep. Berglee

08:54:34 Rep. Loge

08:55:12 Sen. Flowers

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: 8:56 AM

Lauren de Paepe, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([frs81hb0637aad.pdf](#))