

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE BILL 640

**Call to Order:** Chair Gordon Vance, on April 29, 2021 at 2:00 P.M., in Room 350 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. Gordon Vance, Chair (R)  
Rep. Mike Hopkins, Chair (R)  
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)  
Sen. Bob Brown (R)  
Rep. Sara Novak (D)  
Rep. Matt Regier (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Corina Hach, Legislative Branch  
Megan Moore, Legislative Branch  
Gwyn Schooler, Committee Secretary  
Jessica Tsias, 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 640 - Amended

Recommended Adoption of the Free Conference Committee Report

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON AMENDMENTS TO HB 640**

14:01:10 Rep. Hopkins

14:01:40 **Motion:** Chair Vance moved that **HB 640 DO PASS.**  
[EXHIBIT\(frs82hb0640a01\)](#)

14:01:50 **Motion:** Rep. Hopkins moved that **HB 640 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(frs82hb0640a02\)](#)

**Discussion:**

14:02:38 Rep. Hopkins

14:03:16 Rep. Novak

14:03:36 Rep. Hopkins

14:05:13 Sen. Boldman

14:05:50 Rep. Hopkins

14:07:02 Sen. Boldman

14:07:14 Rep. Hopkins

14:07:36 Sen. Boldman

14:07:48 Rep. Hopkins

14:07:58 Chair Vance

14:08:14 Sen. Boldman

14:08:31 Rep. Hopkins

14:08:52 Sen. Boldman

14:09:03 Rep. Hopkins

14:09:14 Rep. Novak

14:09:28 Rep. Hopkins

14:09:45 Sen. Brown

14:10:29 Rep. Hopkins

14:10:58 Sen. Brown

14:11:12 Rep. Hopkins

14:11:36 **Vote:** Motion failed 1-2 by roll call vote in the Senate with Sen. Vance voting aye.

**Discussion:**

14:12:17 Rep. Hopkins

14:12:28 Rep. Regier

14:12:50 Corina Hach, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

14:13:20 **Motion:** Rep. Regier moved that **HB 640 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(frs82hb0640a03\)](#)

**Discussion:**

14:13:34 Rep. Regier

14:13:50 Megan Moore, LSD

14:17:55 Rep. Regier

14:19:47 Sen. Boldman

14:20:34 Chair Vance

14:20:41 Rep. Hopkins

14:21:03 Chair Vance  
14:21:08 Sen. Boldman  
14:22:46 Rep. Regier  
14:23:23 Sen. Boldman  
14:24:26 Rep. Regier  
14:24:56 Sen. Boldman  
14:26:18 Rep. Novak  
14:28:01 Chair Vance  
14:28:09 Sen. Boldman  
14:29:15 Rep. Novak  
14:29:51 Rep. Regier  
14:30:07 Rep. Novak  
14:30:14 Rep. Hopkins  
14:30:18 Chair Vance

14:30:23 **Vote:** Motion carried 2-1 by roll call vote in the Senate with Sen. Boldman voting no. Motion carried 2-1 by roll call vote in the House with Rep. Novak voting no.

**Discussion:**

14:30:52 Rep. Hopkins

14:30:57 **Motion:** Rep. Hopkins moved that **HB 640 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(frs82hb0640a04)**

**Discussion:**

14:31:11 Rep. Hopkins  
14:31:35 Sen. Boldman  
14:32:35 Rep. Hopkins  
14:34:05 Chair Vance  
14:34:24 Sen. Boldman  
14:35:25 Chair Vance  
14:35:27 Sen. Boldman  
14:35:40 Rep. Hopkins

14:35:44 **Vote:** Motion failed 1-2 by roll call vote in the Senate with Sen. Vance voting aye.

14:36:18 Chair Vance  
14:36:28 Ms. Hach

14:36:36 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hopkins moved that **HB 640 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**  
Motion carried 2-1 by roll call vote in the Senate with Sen. Boldman voting no.  
Motion carried 2-1 by roll call vote in the House with Rep. Novak 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: 2:38 PM

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Gwyn Schooler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([frs82hb0640aad.pdf](#))