

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE

68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON (S) BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Jason Small-R, on January 03, 2023 at 8:30 AM, in 422

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Jason Small, Chair (R)
Sen. Willis Curdy, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Mark Noland, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Mike Fox (D)
Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)
Sen. Walt Sales (R)
Sen. Terry Vermeire (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R)

Staff Present: Daisy Rhodes, Secretary
Erin Sullivan, Attorney

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:

Hearing & Date Posted:

Executive Action:

Committee Discussion:

08:31:12 Sen. Jason Small
08:32:19 Sen. Bruce Gillespie
08:33:12 Sen. Walt Sales
08:34:32 Sen. Terry Vermeire
08:35:19 Sen. Christopher Pope
08:36:00 Sen. Jason Small
08:36:34 Sen. Mark Noland
08:38:02 Sen. Willis Curdy
08:39:15 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick
08:40:02 Sen. Mike Fox
08:40:42 Sen. Jason Small
08:40:55 Erin Sullivan
08:43:17 Daisy Rhodes
08:43:43 Loran Nelson

Committee Discussion:

08:44:13 Sen. Jason Small
08:47:49 Sen. Mark Noland left the meeting.
08:48:49 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick left the meeting.
08:51:42 **Motion:** Adopt the Committee Rules
08:51:42 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Committee Discussion:

08:52:05 Sen. Jason Small
08:52:20 Ethan Heverly, Montana State Fund (MSF)

08:53:02 Sen. Christopher Pope left the meeting.

08:54:00 Holly O'Dell Montana State Fund (MSF)

08:58:24 Ethan Heverly, MSF

09:04:09 Sen. Jason Small

09:04:26 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

09:04:39 Sen. Jason Small

09:05:02 Ethan Heverly, MSF

09:05:16 Sen. Jason Small

09:05:25 Sen. Walt Sales

09:05:48 Holly O'dell, MSF

09:08:43 Sen. Jason Small

09:08:46 Sen. Willis Curdy

09:08:50 Sen. Mark Noland joined the meeting.

09:09:17 Holly O'dell, MSF

09:13:19 Sen. Jason Small

09:13:21 Sen. Mark Noland

09:13:31 [EXHIBIT\(230103BUSa1\)](#)

09:14:07 Holly O'dell, MSF

09:16:26 Sen. Mark Noland

09:18:00 Holly O'dell, MSF

09:19:31 Sen. Jason Small

09:19:37 Ethan Heverly, MSF

09:20:33 Sen. Jason Small

09:20:52 Sen. Mark Noland

09:21:05	Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund
09:22:35	Sen. Mark Noland
09:22:57	Kevin Braun, MSF
09:23:34	Sen. Jason Small
09:23:55	Melanie Hall, Division of Banking and Financial Institutions (DBFI)
09:30:50	Sen. Jason Small
09:30:53	Sen. Bruce Gillespie
09:31:18	Melanie Hall, DBFI
09:33:44	Sen. Mark Noland
09:34:19	Melanie Hall, DBFI
09:35:15	Sen. Mark Noland
09:35:28	Melanie Hall, DBFI
09:37:06	Sen. Mark Noland
09:37:16	Melanie Hall, DBFI
09:37:59	Sen. Mark Noland
09:38:24	Melanie Hall, DBFI
09:39:48	Sen. Mark Noland
09:40:04	Melanie Hall, DBFI
09:41:06	Sen. Jason Small
09:41:09	Melanie Hall, DBFI
09:42:27	Sen. Mark Noland
09:44:01	Melanie Hall, DBFI
09:44:54	Sen. Mark Noland
09:45:16	Melanie Hall, DBFI

09:46:02 Sen. Mark Noland

09:46:08 Melanie Hall, DBFI

09:46:49 Sen. Jason Small

09:47:43 Brendan Beatty, Cannabis Control Division (CCD)

09:50:46 [EXHIBIT\(230103BUSa2\)](#)

09:51:24 Kristan Barbour, Cannabis Control Division (CCD)

10:15:27 Sen. Jason Small

10:16:34 Kristan Barbour, CCD

10:17:59 Sen. Mark Noland

10:18:51 Sen. Jason Small

10:18:54 Kristan Barbour, CCD

10:19:09 Sen. Jason Small

10:19:15 Kristan Barbour, CCD

10:19:25 Sen. Mark Noland

10:19:37 Kristan Barbour, CCD

10:20:12 Sen. Mark Noland

10:20:20 Sen. Jason Small

10:20:26 Kristan Barbour, CCD

10:20:44 Sen. Mark Noland

10:20:55 Kristan Barbour, CCD

10:21:34 Sen. Mark Noland

10:22:38 Kristan Barbour, CCD

10:23:25 Sen. Mark Noland

10:24:09 Sen. Willis Curdy

10:24:56 Kristan Barbour, CCD

10:26:14 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

10:27:01 Kristan Barbour, CCD

10:28:11 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

10:28:45 Kristan Barbour, CCD

10:29:19 Sen. Walt Sales

10:30:14 Kristan Barbour, CCD

10:31:04 Sen. Walt Sales

10:31:32 Sen. Mike Fox

10:31:40 Kristan Barbour, CCD

10:32:01 Sen. Willis Curdy

10:33:20 Kristan Barbour, CCD

10:35:23 Sen. Jason Small

10:35:33 Brendan Beatty, CCD

10:38:17 Sen. Jason Small

10:39:26 [EXHIBIT\(230103BUSa3\)](#)

10:40:05 Laurie Esau, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

10:46:00 Barb Wagner, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

10:47:31 [EXHIBIT\(230103BUSa4\)](#)

10:48:36 [EXHIBIT\(230103BUSa5\)](#)

10:56:15 Paul Martin, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

10:59:40 Eric Strauss, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

11:05:43 Laurie Esau, DLI

11:05:49 Sen. Mark Noland left the meeting.

11:05:51 Sen. Jason Small

11:06:07 Sen. Willis Curdy

11:06:56 Laurie Esau, DLI

11:07:03 Barb Wagner, DLI

11:08:19 Sen. Willis Curdy

11:09:01 Laurie Esau, DLI

11:09:08 Sen. Jason Small

11:10:27 Scott Osterman, Department of Commerce (DOC)

11:25:56 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

11:26:28 Scott Osterman, DOC

11:28:09 Sen. Walt Sales

11:28:30 Scott Osterman, DOC

11:29:49 Sen. Walt Sales

11:29:53 Sen. Jason Small

11:30:47 Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI)

11:31:44 [EXHIBIT\(230103BUSa6\)](#)

11:44:48 Bob Bisloupiak, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI)

11:46:16 Brett Olin, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI)

11:48:08 Frank Cote, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI)

11:49:06 Troy Downing, CSI

11:49:32 Sen. Jason Small

11:49:45 Frank Cote, CSI

11:49:56 Sen. Jason Small

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:50:42

Daisy Rhodes, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230103BUSaad\)](#)