

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 10, 2023 at 8:32 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. Walt Sales (R)
Sen. Terry Vermeire (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)

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:

SB 102 01/05/2023

SB 105 01/05/2023

SB 107 01/05/2023

Executive Action:

SB 21 DO PASS AS AMENDED

SB 35 DO PASS

SB 59 DO PASS AS AMENDED

SB 63 DO PASS AS AMENDED

SB 75 DO PASS AS AMENDED

SB 80 DO PASS

SB 102 DO PASS

HEARING ON SB 105 - Prohibit rent control of private property

Opening Statement:

08:33:18 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 105, Prohibit rent control of private property.

Proponent Testimony:

08:35:17 Charles Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana (UPOM)

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08:37:21 Sen. Walt Sales left the meeting.

08:37:51 Sam Sall, Montana Association of Relaters (MAR)

08:39:38 Sen. Jason Small left the meeting.

08:40:17 Sen. Jason Small joined the meeting.

08:40:27 John Sinrud, President, Montana Landlords Association

08:43:43 Cory Shaw, Executive Director, Montana Building Association

08:44:26 Patrick Webb, Americans for Prosperity-Montana

08:45:00 Sen. Walt Sales joined the meeting.

Opponent Testimony:

08:45:37 Thomas Jodoin, Deputy Director, Montana League of Cities and Towns

08:47:12 Mandy Gerth, self

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:51:16 Cheryl Cohen, Montana Housing

Questions from Committee:

08:51:46 Sen. Willis Curdy

08:55:52 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R

08:57:36 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

08:58:13 Cheryl Cohen, Montana Housing

Closing Statement:

08:59:28 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, closed the hearing on SB 105.

HEARING ON SB 107 - Revising laws relating to civil liability for injuries involving alcohol

Opening Statement:

09:00:40 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 107, Revising laws relating to civil liability for injuries involving alcohol.

Proponent Testimony:

09:09:15 John Hayes, self

09:12:56 Tom Heisler, self

09:15:01 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

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09:18:30 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association (MCMOA)

09:19:44 Shauna Helfert, Montana Gaming Association

09:20:12 Melissa Shannon, Liquor Store Owners Association

09:20:42 Jennifer Hensley, Montana Distillers Guild

09:21:53 Jessie Luther, Hospitality and Development Association of Montana (HDAM)

09:22:53 Katjana Stutzer, Montana Brewers Association (MBA)

09:23:57 Bill Warden, National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA)

09:24:34 Debra Pitassy, Montana Beer and Wine Distributers Association (MBWDA)

09:25:08 Scott Tuxbury, Tuxbury Consulting

Opponent Testimony:

09:29:03 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

09:44:39 Alexander Blewit, self

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:57:54 Sen. Bruce Gillespie
09:58:48 Al Smith, MTLA
10:02:33 Sen. Mark Noland
10:02:57 John Iverson, MTA
10:03:11 John Hayes
10:05:07 Sen. Mark Noland
10:05:25 Scott Tuxbury, Tuxbury Consulting
10:06:14 Sen. Jason Small
10:06:46 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R
10:08:27 Sen. Mark Noland
10:09:25 John Iverson, MTA
10:10:03 Sen. Jason Small
10:10:09 John Iverson, MTA
10:11:16 Sen. Jason Small

Closing Statement:

10:11:25 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, closed the hearing on SB 107.

HEARING ON SB 102 - Generally revising laws related to sports wagering sales agents' commissions

Opening Statement:

10:13:47 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 102, Generally revising laws related to sports wagering sales agents' commissions.

Proponent Testimony:

10:17:40 Scott Sales, Montana Lottery

10:21:30 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

10:22:37 Sen. Walt Sales
10:25:31 Scott Sales, Montana Lottery
10:27:36 Sen. Willis Curdy
10:27:51 Scott Sales, Montana Lottery
10:28:21 Sen. Willis Curdy
10:28:59 Sen. Mark Noland
10:29:34 Scott Sales, Montana Lottery

Closing Statement:

10:32:28 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, closed the hearing on SB 102.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 21 - Revise laws related to alcohol fingerprint requirements

10:58:12 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 21 DO PASS.**
10:58:57 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 21 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:36:12 Recessed
10:57:51 Reconvened
10:59:14 Sen. Mark Noland
10:59:54 Sen. Jason Small
11:00:00 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick left the meeting.
11:00:14 Sen. Willis Curdy
11:00:21 Sen. Walt Sales
11:00:27 Sen. Jason Small
10:58:57 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:01:12 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 21 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

11:01:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 35 - Repeal business and industrial development corporations

11:02:19 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 35 DO PASS.**

11:02:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 59 - Generally revise laws related to alcohol

11:03:52 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 59 DO PASS.**

11:04:03 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 59 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:04:21 Sen. Willis Curdy

11:04:50 Sen. Mark Noland

11:04:58 Sen. Willis Curdy

11:04:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:05:31 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 59 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

11:05:31 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 63 - Generally revise laws related to alcohol

11:06:20 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 63 DO PASS.**

11:06:28 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 63 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:06:48 Sen. Mark Noland

11:06:28 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:07:33 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 63 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

11:07:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 75 - Generally revise laws related to alcohol licenses

11:08:11 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 75 DO PASS.**

11:08:23 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 75 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:08:41 Sen. Mark Noland

11:08:23 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:09:39 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 75 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

11:09:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 80 - Authorize investment authority for retained interest

11:10:26 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 80 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

11:10:33 Sen. Mike Fox

11:10:26 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 102 - Generally revising laws related to sports wagering sales agents' commissions

11:11:21 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 102 DO PASS.**

11:11:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:12:58

Daisy Rhodes, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230110BUSaad\)](#)