

**MINUTES**  
**MONTANA SENATE**  
**68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**  
**COMMITTEE ON (S) BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Jason Small-R, on February 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. 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 223 01/31/2023

Executive Action:

SB 209 DO PASS AS AMENDED

**HEARING ON SB 223 - Establish requirements for insurance coverage of clinician-administered drugs**

**Opening Statement:**

08:31:08 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 223, Establish requirements for insurance coverage of clinician-administered drugs.

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:35:33 Logan Tinsen, Benefis Health System

[EXHIBIT\(230203BUSa1\)](#)

08:39:16 Josh Morris, self

08:42:13 Starla Blank, Director of Pharmacy, St. Peter's Health

08:44:13 Matthew Bowman, Director of Pharmacy, Barrett Hospital

08:46:34 Stuart Doggett, Montana Pharmacy Association (MPA)

08:47:21 Heather O'Hara, Vice President, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

08:49:09 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

08:51:16 Tracey Murrish, Billings Clinic

**Opponent Testimony:**

08:54:23 John Doran, Divisional Vice President of External Affairs, Blue Cross and Blue Shields of Montana (BCBSMT)

[EXHIBIT\(230203BUSa2\)](#)

09:01:19 Bruce Spencer, Cigna Express Scripts (Cigna), Mountain Health Coop (MHC)

09:05:05 Sean Slanger, America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)

[EXHIBIT\(230203BUSa3\)](#)

09:07:20 Alex Sommer, Prime Therapeutics

09:08:30 Madison Grady, Big Sky IV Care

09:10:48 Tonia Sorrell-Neal, Senior Director, Pharmaceutical Care Management Association (PCMA)

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

09:15:02 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

09:17:18 Alex Sommer, Prime Therapeutics

09:18:01 Sen. Terry Vermeire

09:19:01 Alex Sommer, Prime Therapeutics

09:19:35 Chair Jason Small

09:19:55 Tracey Murrish, Billings Clinic

09:21:06 Sen. Walt Sales

09:22:26 Madison Grady, Big Sky IV Care

09:22:58 Vice Chair Mark Noland

09:23:26 Madison Grady, Big Sky IV Care

09:23:46 Vice Chair Mark Noland

09:25:08 Heather O'Hara, MHA

09:26:22 Vice Chair Mark Noland

09:29:11 John Doran, BCBSMT

09:29:32 Vice Chair Mark Noland

09:29:47 Bruce Spencer, Cigna, MHC

09:31:14 Vice Chair Mark Noland

09:31:32 Chair Jason Small

09:31:57 John Doran, BCBSMT

09:33:08 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

09:37:16 Madison Grady, Big Sky IV Care  
09:37:21 Vice Chair Willis Curdy  
09:37:38 Logan Tinsen, Benefis Health System  
09:37:55 Josh Morris, self  
09:39:41 Vice Chair Mark Noland  
09:40:00 John Doran, BCBSMT  
09:41:17 Sen. Mike Fox  
09:41:38 Logan Tinsen, Benefis Health System  
09:43:07 Chair Jason Small  
09:43:16 John Doran, BCBSMT

**Closing Statement:**

09:44:21 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, closed the hearing on SB 223.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 209 - Revise laws relating to Montana distilleries**

09:50:42 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 209 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

09:50:58 Chair Jason Small  
09:52:10 Vice Chair Mark Noland  
09:54:38 Vice Chair Willis Curdy  
09:56:19 Sen. Terry Vermeire  
09:56:59 Sen. Bruce Gillespie  
09:57:28 Vice Chair Mark Noland  
09:57:51 Vice Chair Willis Curdy  
09:58:11 Vice Chair Mark Noland  
09:58:20 Vice Chair Willis Curdy  
09:58:53 Vice Chair Mark Noland  
09:59:47 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

09:50:42 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.

10:00:36 **Motion:** Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 209 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

10:00:42 Erin Sullivan

10:00:56 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

10:01:02 Chair Jason Small

10:00:36 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:02:27 **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 209 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

10:02:27 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:03:38

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Daisy Rhodes, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230203BUSaad\)](#)