

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE

68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Jason Small-R, on February 08, 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. Mike Fox (D)
Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R)
Sen. Walt Sales (R)
Sen. Terry Vermeire (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (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 244 02/03/2023

SB 270 02/06/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SB 270 - Prohibit employee termination for legal social media posts

Opening Statement:

08:31:20 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 270, Prohibit employee termination for legal social media posts.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:34:09 Sen. Walt Sales

08:34:43 Sen. Keith Regier-R

08:35:51 Sen. Jason Small

Closing Statement:

08:36:25 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, closed the hearing on SB 270.

HEARING ON SB 244 - Revise laws related to internships in funeral homes

Opening Statement:

08:36:50 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 244, Revise laws related to internships in funeral homes.

Proponent Testimony:

08:41:47 Tyson Moore, Montana Funeral Directors Association (MFDA)

08:43:45 TJ Stevenson, President, Montana Funeral Directors Association (MFDA)

08:45:20 Chris Holt, Montana Funeral Directors Association (MFDA)

08:48:14 Brad Longcake, Montana Funeral Directors Association (MFDA)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:50:13 Quinlan O'Connor, Chief Legal Counsel, Montana Department of Labor & Industry (MDLI)

Questions from Committee:

08:50:43 Sen. Jason Small

08:50:44 Quinlan O'Connor, MDLI

08:51:10 Sen. Jason Small

08:51:21 Chris Holt, MFDA
08:52:00 Sen. Willis Curdy
08:54:03 TJ Stevenson, MFDA
08:54:34 Sen. Mark Noland
08:54:52 TJ Stevenson, MFDA
08:55:10 Sen. Jason Small
08:55:46 Tyson Moore, MFDA
08:56:17 Sen. Jason Small
08:56:29 Sen. Willis Curdy
08:57:44 TJ Stevenson, MFDA
08:58:26 Chris Holt, MFDA
09:00:26 Sen. Mike Fox
09:00:40 Chris Holt, MFDA
09:01:14 Sen. Mark Noland
09:02:04 Tyson Moore, MFDA

Closing Statement:

09:03:39 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, closed the hearing on SB 244.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:06:28

Daisy Rhodes, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230208BUSaad\)](#)