

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Jason Small-R, on February 21, 2023 at 8:29 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. Christopher Pope (D)  
Sen. Walt Sales (R)  
Sen. Terry Vermeire (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R)  
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (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:

SB 310 02/14/2023

SB 340 02/16/2023

SB 371 02/16/2023

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON SB 371 - Generally revising the Montana Clean Indoor Air Act**

**Opening Statement:**

08:31:00 Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 371, Generally revising the Montana Clean Indoor Air Act.

**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

08:33:05 Richard Sargent, self

08:34:48 Liz Albers, American Heart Association (AHA)

08:37:31 Amanda Cahill, American Lung Association (ALA)

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08:38:43 Heather O'Hara, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

08:39:38 Scott Boulanger, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

08:40:21 Chris Hindoién, self

08:41:38 Lynne Foss, Montana American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), Bozeman Health

08:43:09 Beth Morrison, self

08:44:00 Charlie Moses, Parents Against Vaping e-cigarettes (PAVe)

08:45:51 Colette Kirchhoff, self

08:47:50 C.B. Pearson, self

08:49:26 Kristin Page-Nei, American Cancer Society- Cancer Action Network

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

08:52:49 Nicole Aune, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

08:53:08 Drenda Niemann, Lewis and Clark Public Health, and Confluence Health Alliance

**Questions from Committee:**

08:55:20 Sen. Bruce Gillespie  
08:57:00 Sen. Jeremy Trebas-R  
08:58:09 Vice Chair Mark Noland  
08:59:15 Sen. Jeremy Trebas-R  
09:01:40 Vice Chair Mark Noland  
09:01:53 Nicole Aune, DPHHS  
09:02:49 Sen. Christopher Pope  
09:04:37 Heather O'Hara, MHA

**Closing Statement:**

09:04:55 Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R), SD 26, closed the hearing on SB 371.

**HEARING ON SB 340 - Revise laws related to insurance coverage of insulin**

**Opening Statement:**

09:06:57 Chair Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SB 340, Revise laws related to insurance coverage of insulin.

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:07:48 Marci Butcher, Montana Association of Diabetes Care and Education Associates (MT ADCES)  
[EXHIBIT\(230221BUSa2\)](#)  
09:10:32 Jessie Fernandes, Diabetes Program, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)  
[EXHIBIT\(230221BUSa3\)](#)  
09:13:27 Alison Sharkey-Hines, self  
09:15:36 Carissa Kemp, American Diabetes Association (ADA)  
[EXHIBIT\(230221BUSa4\)](#)  
09:17:10 Heather O'Hara, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)  
09:18:18 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

09:19:35 Adrienne Cotton, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)  
Montnan

09:21:08 Margaret MacDonald, Big Sky 55 Plus

09:22:33 Steward Doggatt, Montana Pharmacy Association

09:23:00 Aimee Grmolez, Billings Clinic

09:23:15 Scott Bolanger, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

09:23:54 Katie Pipinich, Montana Diabetes Care and Education Specialists

09:24:50 Lynne Foss, Montana Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and Bozeman Health

09:26:29 Lauren Wilson, Montana Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

09:27:33 Karen Fairbrother, self

09:28:25 Ida Reighard, self

09:30:02 Adam Haight, Montana American Federation of Labor and Congress of  
Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

09:31:07 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

09:31:21 Sen. Jason Small-R

09:31:45 Sen. Walt Sales

09:32:20 Alison Sharkey-Hines

09:32:34 Sen. Christopher Pope

09:33:26 Sen. Jason Small-R

09:34:14 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

09:35:15 Carissa Kemp, ADA

09:35:51 Vice Chair Mark Noland  
09:36:12 Stacey Anderson, MPCA  
09:37:32 Sen. Christopher Pope  
09:38:16 Jessie Fernandis, DPHHS  
09:38:42 Marci Butcher, MT ADCES  
09:40:18 Sen. Christopher Pope  
09:40:48 Sen. Jason Small-R  
09:41:23 Marci Butcher, MT ADCES  
09:41:59 Lauren Wilson, AAP  
09:43:09 Vice Chair Mark Noland  
09:43:57 Carissa Kemp, ADA  
09:44:34 Sen. Bruce Gillespie  
09:45:07 Marci Butcher, MT ADCES

**Closing Statement:**

09:45:51 Chair Jason Small (R), SD 21, closed the hearing on SB 340.

**HEARING ON SB 310 - Revise presumptive occupational disease laws**

**Opening Statement:**

09:48:36 Chair Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SB 310, Revise presumptive occupational disease laws.

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:50:23 Joel Gaertig, Montana State Fireman's Association (MSFA)

09:55:39 Andy Ekblad, Montana State Council of Professional Firefighters (MSCPFF)

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10:01:13 Neil McMillan, International Association of Firefighters

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

10:08:51 Dave Maslowski, Montana State Council Professional Firefighters (MSCOPF)

10:09:20 Eric Strauss, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

**Questions from Committee:**

10:09:56 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

10:10:40 Eric Strauss, DLI

10:10:52 Sen. Walt Sales

10:11:16 Eric Strauss, DLI

10:11:40 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

10:11:51 Justice Jewison, Workers' Compensation, Montana State Fund (MSF)

10:12:10 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

10:15:09 Eric Strauss, DLI

10:15:48 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

10:18:00 Ethan Heverly, Montana State Fund (MSF)

10:18:20 Sen. Walt Sales

10:18:39 Ethan Heverly, MSF

10:19:06 Vice Chair Mark Noland

10:21:39 Joel Gaertig, MSFA

**Closing Statement:**

10:22:04 Chair Jason Small (R), SD 21, closed the hearing on SB 310.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:24:40

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Daisy Rhodes, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230221BUSaad\)](#)