

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Jason Small-R, on March 23, 2023 at 8:02 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)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R)  
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)  
Sen. Terry Vermeire (R)

**Staff Present:** Lynnette Sena, 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:

HB 379 03/17/2023  
HB 409 03/17/2023  
HB 505 03/17/2023  
HB 591 03/17/2023  
HB 615 03/17/2023  
HB 758 03/17/2023

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HB 379 - Revise laws related to pharmacy benefit managers**

**Opening Statement:**

08:03:37 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 379, Revise laws related to pharmacy benefit managers.

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:06:24 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

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08:09:54 Frank Cote, State Auditor's Office

08:11:47 Bruce Spencer, Cigna and Express Scripts

08:16:42 Stephanie Chosa, One Health

08:20:31 Tammy Cox, Southwest Montana Community Health Center (SWMCHC)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

08:25:47 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

08:26:27 Tammy Cox, SWMCHC

08:28:43 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

08:30:48 Stacey Anderson, MPCA

08:31:33 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

08:32:31 Frank Cote, State Auditor's Office

**Closing Statement:**

08:33:05 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, closed the hearing on HB 379.

**HEARING ON HB 591 - Implementing travel insurance model act**

**Opening Statement:**

08:34:50 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 591, Implementing travel insurance model act.

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:36:45 Reghan Worley, Commission of Security and Insurance (CSI)

08:37:57 Aimee Grmoljez, American Property and Casualty Insurance Association

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

08:39:14 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

08:40:31 Reghan Worley, CSI

**Closing Statement:**

08:42:08 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, closed the hearing on HB 591.

08:44:06 Sen. Vermeire has arrived

**HEARING ON HB 505 - Revise funeral insurance laws to increase minimum initial policy limit**

**Opening Statement:**

08:44:00 Rep. Nelly Nicol (R), HD 83, opened the hearing on HB 505, Revise funeral insurance laws to increase minimum initial policy limit.

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:44:43 Brad Longcake, Montana Funeral Director's Association

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

08:45:35 Frank Cote, State Auditor's Office (SAO)

**Questions from Committee:**

08:45:54 Sen. Walt Sales

08:45:59 Rep. Nelly Nicol-R

08:46:10 Vice Chair Mark Noland

08:46:44 Rep. Nelly Nicol-R

**Closing Statement:**

08:48:09 Rep. Nelly Nicol (R), HD 83, closed the hearing on HB 505.

**HEARING ON HB 758 - Require insurance coverage of continuous glucose monitoring supplies**

**Opening Statement:**

09:00:40 Rep. Fiona Nave (R), HD 57, opened the hearing on HB 758, Require insurance coverage of continuous glucose monitoring supplies.

**Discussion:**

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**Proponent Testimony:**

09:15:17 Tonya Fuhrmann, Montana Youth Diabetes Alliance(MYDA)

09:16:45 Scott Boulanger, American Diabetes Association (ADA) and the Montana Youth Diabetes Alliance (MYDA)

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09:18:24 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA), Montana Health Center and Urban Indian Organizations

09:20:50 Marci Butcher, Montana Association of Diabetes Care and Education

09:22:50 Lisa Ranes, Billings Clinic

**Opponent Testimony:**

09:25:22 John Doran, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana (BCBS)

09:29:30 Sean Slanger, America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:31:12 Carrissa Kemp, American Diabetes Association (ADA)

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

09:33:40 Frank Cote, State Auditor's Office (SAO)

**Questions from Committee:**

09:34:05 Chair Jason Small

09:34:13 Frank Cote, SAO

09:34:24 Chair Jason Small

09:46:00 John Doran, BCBS

09:46:56 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

09:47:37 Sean Slanger, AHIP

09:48:22 John Doran, BCBS

09:48:44 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

09:49:30 John Doran, BCBS

09:50:27 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

09:51:03 Tonya Fuhrmann, MYDA

09:51:49 Chair Jason Small

09:51:58 Lisa Ranes, Billings Clinic

09:54:05 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

09:55:57 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick joined the meeting.

09:56:01 Lisa Ranes, Billings Clinic

09:58:02 Sen. Mike Fox

09:58:28 John Doran, BCBS

09:59:02 Sen. Walt Sales

09:59:27 Lisa Ranes, Billings Clinic

10:00:08 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

10:00:23 Carissa Kemp American Diabetes Association

10:00:34 Vice Chair Mark Noland

10:01:37 Scott Boulanger, montana Diabeties

10:04:15 Vice Chair Mark Noland

10:04:52 John Doran, Blue Cross Blue Shield

**Closing Statement:**

10:05:53 Rep. Fiona Nave (R), HD 57, closed the hearing on HB 758.

**HEARING ON HB 615 - Generally revise liability insurance laws relating to real estate professionals**

**Opening Statement:**

10:16:17 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 615, Generally revise liability insurance laws relating to real estate professionals.

**Proponent Testimony:**

10:17:35 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Relators (MAR)

10:20:01 Jaymie Bowditch, Montana Association of Relators (MAR)

10:22:03 Mike Nugent, self

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

10:23:37 Eric Strauss, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

**Questions from Committee:**

10:24:14 Sen. Walt Sales

10:24:42 Eric Strauss, DLI

10:25:03 Sen. Walt Sales

10:25:15 Vice Chair Mark Noland

10:26:47 Sam Sill, MAR

**Closing Statement:**

10:27:30 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, closed the hearing on HB 615.

**HEARING ON HB 409 - Adopt advanced practice nurse compact**

**Opening Statement:**

10:28:57 Rep. Amy Regier (R), HD 6, opened the hearing on HB 409, Adopt advanced practice nurse compact.

**Proponent Testimony:**

10:30:51 Rachel Green, Governor Health Policy Advisor, Governor's Office

10:32:01 Heather O'Hara, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

10:33:08 Aidan Myhre, Logan Health

10:33:52 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

10:34:39 Adrienne Cotton, American Association of Retired Persons, Montana (AARP,MT)

10:35:45 Adrienna Hines, Benefis Health Systems

10:36:16 Sheridan Johnson, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

10:37:30 Russ Motschenbacher, self

10:44:05 Nicole Livanos, National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)

**Opponent Testimony:**

10:47:03 Vicky Byrd, Montana Nurses Association (MNA)

[EXHIBIT\(230323BUSa7\)](#)

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

10:51:28 Eric Strauss, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

**Questions from Committee:**

10:51:53 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

10:54:19 Heather O'Hara, MHA

10:54:48 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

10:55:01 Chair Jason Small

10:55:13 Heather O'Hara, MHA

10:55:39 Vice Chair Mark Noland

10:55:57 Eric Strauss, DLI

10:56:23 Chair Jason Small

10:57:44 Nicole Livanos, NCSBN

10:58:18 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

10:58:53 Vicky Byrd, MNA

10:59:59 Chair Jason Small

11:00:24 Rachel Green, Governor's Office

**Closing Statement:**

11:01:06 Rep. Amy Regier (R), HD 6, closed the hearing on HB 409.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:02:32

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Lynnette Sena, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230323BUSaad\)](#)