

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

Call to Order: Chair Willis Curdy-D, on April 06, 2023 at 9:34 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: Daisy Rhodes
Erin Sullivan, Attorney

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

Executive Action:

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HB 305
HB 443
HB 468 TO TABLE
HB 477
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HB 499
HB 523
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HB 590
HB 591
HB 612
HB 652 TO TABLE

HB 668

HB 691

HB 702

HB 770 TO TABLE

HB 783

SR 60 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

SR 61 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

SR 66 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

SR 67 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

09:34:53 **Committee Discussion:** Executive Action Plan and Amendments

09:35:00 Chair Jason Small

09:37:36 Erin Sullivan

09:42:06 Chair Jason Small

09:42:13 Erin Sullivan

09:51:31 Chair Jason Small

09:51:35 Vice Chair Mark Noland

09:51:42 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

09:51:53 Chair Jason Small

09:54:43 **Recessed**

11:04:11 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 242 - Revise alcohol laws to increase all-beverage license ownership limits

11:04:23 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 242 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:04:23 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:04:23 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Bruce Gillespie

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 305 - Generally revise alcohol laws relating to manufacturing and retail

11:05:25 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 305 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:05:51 **Motion:** Vice Chair Willis Curdy moved that **HB 305 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:06:15 Vice Chair Mark Noland

11:05:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

- 11:06:46 **Motion:** Vice Chair Willis Curdy moved that **HB 305 BE AMENDED.**
- 11:06:46 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 11:07:29 **Motion:** Vice Chair Willis Curdy moved that **HB 305 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**
- 11:07:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 11:07:29 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Jason Small
- 11:06:38 Sen. Vermeire has arrived
- 11:07:10 Sen. Fox has left

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 443 - Revise discrimination law regarding realtors and other professionals

- 11:08:15 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 443 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 11:08:28 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 443 BE AMENDED.**
- Discussion:**
- 11:09:51 Erin Sullivan
- 11:08:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 3 by voice vote with Sen. Curdy, Sen. Fox, Sen. Pope, voting no.
Sen. Fox, Sen. Pope, By Proxy
- 11:11:40 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 443 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**
- 11:11:40 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Curdy, Sen. Fox, Sen. Pope, voting no.
Sen. Fox, Sen. Pope, By Proxy
- 11:11:40 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Mark Noland

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 468 - Revise unemployment insurance laws relating to job-attached employees

- 11:13:26 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 468 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 11:13:45 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 468 BE AMENDED.**
- Discussion:**
- 11:14:04 Vice Chair Mark Noland
- 11:13:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

11:15:16 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 468 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:15:32 Chair Jason Small

11:15:16 **Vote:** Motion failed 8 - 2 by roll call vote with Sen. Fitzpatrick, Sen. Noland, voting yes.
Sen. Fitzpatrick, By Proxy

11:16:53 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 468 TO TABLE.**

11:16:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 477 - Generally revise corporation laws regarding tribal entities

11:17:22 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 477 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:17:43 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 477 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:18:01 Chair Jason Small

11:17:43 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:18:25 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 477 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

11:18:25 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:18:25 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Mike Fox

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 490 - Generally revise laws relating to independent contractor tax evasion and fraud

11:18:59 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 490 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:19:09 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 490 BE AMENDED.**

11:19:09 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:19:44 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 490 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

11:19:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:19:44 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Bruce Gillespie

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 492 - Revising telecommunications regulation

11:20:24 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 492 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

11:20:33 Chair Jason Small

11:20:24 **Vote:** Motion failed 8 - 2 by roll call vote with Sen. Fitzpatrick, Sen. Noland, voting yes.
Sen. Fitzpatrick, By Proxy

11:22:05 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 492 TO TABLE.**

11:22:05 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 499 - Revise laws relating to social worker pertaining to work experience

11:22:17 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 499 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:22:31 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 499 BE AMENDED.**

11:22:31 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:23:10 **Motion:** Vice Chair Willis Curdy moved that **HB 499 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

11:23:10 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:23:10 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Willis Curdy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 523 - Require reporting on emergency rental assistance paid to businesses and landlord

11:23:52 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 523 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:23:52 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:23:52 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Willis Curdy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 571 - Revise statute of limitations laws relating to real property

11:24:45 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 571 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:25:00 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 571 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:25:19 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

11:25:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:26:09 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 571 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:26:19 Sen. Walt Sales

11:26:54 Chair Jason Small

11:26:09 **Vote:** Motion failed 8 - 2 by roll call vote with Sen. Fitzpatrick, Sen. Noland, voting yes.
Sen. Fitzpatrick, By Proxy

11:27:45 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 571 TO TABLE.**

15:17:57 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 590 - Revise labor laws relating to violence against healthcare workers

11:28:05 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 590 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:28:19 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 590 BE AMENDED.**

11:28:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:28:46 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 590 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:29:04 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

11:28:46 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:28:46 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Scott Sales

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 591 - Implementing travel insurance model act

11:30:23 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 591 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:30:39 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 591 BE AMENDED.**

11:30:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:31:12 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 591 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

11:31:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:31:12 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 612 - Revise insurance requirements for diabetes self-management

11:32:10 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 612 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

11:32:29 Chair Jason Small

11:32:10 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:32:10 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Terry Vermeire

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 652 - Revise unemployment insurance law relating to benefit duration

11:32:58 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 652 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

11:33:20 Sen. Walt Sales

11:32:58 **Vote:** Motion failed 8 - 2 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Noland, voting yes.
Sen. Ellsworth, By Proxy

11:34:20 **Motion:** Vice Chair Willis Curdy moved that **HB 652 TO TABLE.**

11:34:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 668 - Revise service contract laws related to motor vehicles and theft

11:34:41 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 668 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:34:51 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 668 BE AMENDED.**

11:34:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:35:32 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 668 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

11:35:32 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:35:32 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Bruce Gillespie

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 691 - Generally revise department of labor laws

11:36:04 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 691 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:36:04 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:36:04 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Terry Vermeire

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 702 - Repeal termination date relating to certain Workers' Compensation Programs

11:36:56 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 702 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:36:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:36:56 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Willis Curdy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 770 - Generally revise regulation of electronic and social media communications

11:37:33 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 770 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

11:37:56 Vice Chair Mark Noland

11:38:20 Chair Jason Small

11:37:33 **Vote:** Motion failed 7 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Gillespie, Sen. Noland, voting yes.
Sen. Ellsworth, By Proxy

11:39:33 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 770 TO TABLE.**

11:39:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 783 - Generally revise laws related to alcohol

11:39:46 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 783 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:40:01 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 783 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:40:14 Chair Jason Small

11:40:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:40:49 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 783 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

11:40:49 **Vote:** Motion carried 8 - 2 by voice vote with Sen. Fitzpatrick, Sen. Gillespie, voting no.
Sen. Fitzpatrick, By Proxy

11:40:49 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Willis Curdy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 60 - Confirm governor's appointee for the unemployment insurance appeals board

11:42:13 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **SR 60 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

11:42:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 61 - Confirm governor's appointees for the human rights commission

11:42:52 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **SR 61 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

11:42:52 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 66 - Confirm governor's appointee for the board of real estate appraisers

11:43:16 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **SR 66 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

11:43:16 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 67 - Confirm governor's appointee for state compensation insurance fund board

11:43:40 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **SR 67 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

11:43:55 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

11:43:40 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:44:29 **Committee Discussion:** Committee Discussion

11:44:34 Chair Jason Small

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:45:49

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Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230406BUSaad\)](#)