

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

Call to Order: Chair Jason Small-R, on April 13, 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)
Sen. Terry Vermeire (R)

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

Staff Present: Daisy Rhodes
Erin Sullivan, Attorney

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

Executive Action:

HB 62
HB 164 TO TABLE
HB 449
HB 484 TO TABLE
HB 539
HB 808 TO TABLE
HB 828
HB 836
HB 889
HB 652

09:34:39 **Committee Discussion:** Committee Discussion

09:34:49 Chair Jason Small

09:36:32 Erin Sullivan

09:42:17 Chair Jason Small

09:42:30 **Recessed**

10:18:30 Sen. Fitzpatrick has arrived

10:18:34 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 62 - Generally revise laws related to bail bonds

10:18:52 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 62 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:19:05 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 62 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:19:22 Erin Sullivan

10:19:05 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:21:03 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 62 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

10:21:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:21:03 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Ryan Lynch

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 164 - Revise alcohol laws relating to catering endorsements

10:21:54 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 164 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:22:08 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 164 BE AMENDED.**

10:22:08 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:22:47 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 164 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

- 10:23:01 Vice Chair Mark Noland
- 10:22:47 **Vote:** Motion tied 5 - 5 by voice vote
- 10:24:36 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 164 TO TABLE.**
- 10:24:36 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 449 - Provide for certified pediatric complex care assistant services

- 10:25:08 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 449 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 10:25:08 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 10:25:08 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Willis Curdy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 484 - Establish broadband advisory commission

- 10:26:02 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 484 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 10:26:02 **Vote:** Motion failed 6 - 4 by roll call vote with Sen. Curdy, Sen. Fitzpatrick, Sen. Fox, Sen. Pope, voting yes.
Sen. Pope, By Proxy
- 10:27:01 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 484 TO TABLE.**
- 10:27:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 539 - Generally revise alcohol laws

- 10:27:24 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 539 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 10:27:26 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 539 BE AMENDED.**
- 10:27:26 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 10:28:05 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 539 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

- 10:28:15 Vice Chair Willis Curdy
- 10:28:05 **Vote:** Motion carried 8 - 2 by voice vote with Sen. Curdy, Sen. Fox, voting no.
- 10:28:05 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 808 - Revise surety insurance laws related to bail bonds

10:29:25 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 808 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:29:34 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 808 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:29:56 Erin Sullivan

10:29:34 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:32:25 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 808 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

10:32:25 **Vote:** Motion tied 5 - 5 by voice vote

10:33:18 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 808 TO TABLE.**

10:33:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 828 - Authorize an ambulance provider assessment program

10:33:45 **Motion:** Vice Chair Willis Curdy moved that **HB 828 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:33:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:33:45 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 836 - Revise insurance laws relating to regulatory waivers

10:34:30 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 836 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

10:34:43 Chair Jason Small

10:34:30 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:34:30 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Daniel Zolnikov

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 889 - Revise the Residential Mobile Home Lot Rental Act

10:35:37 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 889 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:35:59 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 889 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:36:15 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

10:36:36 Vice Chair Mark Noland

10:35:59 **Vote:** Motion carried 9 - 1 by roll call vote with Sen. Noland, voting no.

10:38:05 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 889 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:38:12 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

10:38:05 **Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 4 by voice vote with Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Fitzpatrick, Sen. Noland, Sen. Sales, voting no.
Sen. Ellsworth, By Proxy

10:38:05 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Willis Curdy

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

10:42:21 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 652 TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE.**

10:42:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 5 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Curdy, Sen. Fox, Sen. Gillespie, voting no.

10:42:30 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 652 BE AMENDED.**

10:42:30 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:43:39 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 652 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

10:43:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:43:39 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Mark Noland

10:45:24 **Committee Discussion:** Committee Discussion

10:45:31 Chair Jason Small

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:45:50

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