

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

Call to Order: Chair Jason Small-R, on April 20, 2023 at 11:01 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:

Executive Action:

HB 128
HB 819

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 128 - Generally revise marijuana laws

11:03:04 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 128 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:03:21 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 128 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:03:37 Erin Sullivan

11:05:11 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

11:03:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 4 by roll call vote with Sen. Curdy, Sen. Fox, Sen. Gillespie, Sen. Pope, voting no.
Sen. Pope, By Proxy

11:07:43 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 128 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

11:07:43 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Curdy, Sen. Fox, Sen. Pope, voting no.
Sen. Pope, By Proxy

11:07:43 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Jason Ellsworth

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 819 - Create Montana community reinvestment act to fund workforce housing

11:08:58 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 819 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:09:15 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 819 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:09:39 Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

11:12:03 Sen. Walt Sales

11:12:25 Julie Johnson, LSD

11:12:57 Sen. Walt Sales

11:13:40 Erin Sullivan

11:14:10 Sen. Walt Sales

11:14:34 Vice Chair Mark Noland

11:16:36 Julie Johnson, LSD

11:16:49 Chair Jason Small

11:17:00 Julie Johnson, LSD

11:09:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:17:35 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 819 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:17:54 Erin Sullivan

11:18:52 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

11:19:45 Erin Sullivan

11:21:12 Vice Chair Mark Noland

11:23:20 Erin Sullivan

11:23:45 Sen. Walt Sales

11:17:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:24:24 **Motion:** Vice Chair Mark Noland moved that **HB 819 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

11:24:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:24:24 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Jason Small

Committee Discussion: Discussion of Amendment and Schedule

11:26:00 Erin Sullivan

11:26:13 Chair Jason Small

11:27:41 Vice Chair Mark Noland

11:27:50 Chair Jason Small

11:28:01 Sen. Walt Sales

11:28:18 Chair Jason Small

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:30:21

Daisy Rhodes, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230420BUSaad\)](#)