

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

Call to Order: Chair Jason Small-R, on April 21, 2023 at 10:13 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. Bruce Gillespie (R)
Sen. Walt Sales (R)
Sen. Terry Vermeire (R)

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

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:

Executive Action:

10:14:54 **Committee Discussion:** Committee Discussion

10:15:03 Chair Jason Small

10:15:30 Representative Bill Mercer, self

10:15:47 Lieutenant Governor, Kristen Juras, Governor's Office

10:15:55 Eric Strauss, Department of Labour and Industry (DLI)

10:16:06 Jennifer Hensley Montana Optometrics Association

10:16:16 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

10:16:22 Amanda Frickle, MT AFCIO

10:16:26 Katjana Stutzer, Montana Athletic Trainers Association (MATA)

10:16:32 Stacy Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

10:16:37 Webb Brown, Montana Dental Association (MDA)

10:17:38 Chair Jason Small

10:20:19 Eric Strauss, DLI

10:21:07 Quinlan O'Connel, DLI

10:22:33 Chair Jason Small

10:22:39 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

10:27:34 Quinlan O'Connel, DLI

10:29:13 Representative Bill Mercer

10:31:05 Vice Chair Mark Noland

10:39:00 Quinlan O'Connel, DLI

10:39:50 Vice Chair Mark Noland

10:40:02 Sen. Walt Sales

10:40:47 Quinlan O'Connel, DLI

10:42:38 Sen. Walt Sales

10:43:17 Quinlan O'Connel, DLI

10:44:10 Sen. Walt Sales

10:44:20 Vice Chair Mark Noland

10:44:56 Webb Brown, MDA

10:45:35 Vice Chair Mark Noland

10:46:07 Katjana Stutzer, MATA

10:47:13 Vice Chair Mark Noland

10:47:58 Jennifer Hensley, Montana Optometrists Association

10:50:52 Vice Chair Mark Noland

10:50:55 Eric Straus, DLI

10:52:01 Vice Chair Mark Noland

10:53:14 Amanda Frickle, AFL-CIO

10:55:33 Vice Chair Mark Noland

10:56:31 Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras, Governor's Office

10:58:58 Vice Chair Mark Noland

11:02:31 Jean Branscum, MMA

11:03:33 Vice Chair Mark Noland

11:05:06 Stacy Anderson, MPCA

11:05:45 Vice Chair Mark Noland

11:06:01 Margaret Morgan, self

11:08:44 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

11:09:45 Deb Kimmet, Montana Business League of Massage Therapy and Bodywork

11:13:10 Chair Jason Small
11:13:26 Sen. Walt Sales
11:15:07 Margaret Morgan, self
11:16:53 Chair Jason Small

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:17:44

Lynnette Sena, Secretary

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