

**MINUTES**  
**MONTANA SENATE**  
**68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**  
**COMMITTEE ON (S) FINANCE AND CLAIMS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Carl Glimm-R, on April 26, 2023 at 4:34 PM, in 317

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Sen. John Esp, Chair (R)  
Sen. Janet Ellis, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Carl Glimm, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Dan Bartel (R)  
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)  
Sen. John Fuller (R)  
Sen. Dennis Lenz (R)  
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)  
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)  
Sen. Daniel Salomon (R)  
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)  
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)  
Sen. Mike Lang (R)  
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)  
Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R)

**Staff Present:** Julie Johnson, Research Analyst  
Joe Triem, Fiscal Analyst  
Cy Walsh, Secretary

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**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted:

Executive Action:

HB 904 BE CONCURRED IN AS  
AMENDED

HB 226 BE CONCURRED IN AS  
AMENDED

HB 569 BE CONCURRED IN AS  
AMENDED

HB 649 TO TABLE

HB 669 TO TABLE

HB 321 BE CONCURRED IN

HB 403 BE CONCURRED IN

HB 288 TO TABLE

HB 944 TO TABLE

16:35:31           **Recessed**

16:55:22           **Reconvened**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 904 - Generally revise commercial driver's license laws**

16:55:35           **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 904 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

16:55:40           Sen. Mike Lang joined the meeting.

16:55:45           Sen. Kenneth Bogner joined the meeting.

16:55:48           Sen. Jeffrey Welborn joined the meeting.

16:56:42           Vice Chair Janet Ellis

16:56:44           Chair John Esp

16:57:45           **Motion:** Vice Chair Janet Ellis moved that **HB 904 BE AMENDED.**

16:57:45           **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:58:17           **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 904 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

16:58:17           **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:58:17           **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Mike Lang

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 226 - Generally revise pension laws**

16:59:15           **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 226 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:59:32           **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 226 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

16:59:40           Chair John Esp

17:00:44           Julie Johnson

17:01:00           Vice Chair Janet Ellis

17:01:03           Chair John Esp

17:01:41           Sen. Pat Flowers

17:00:03           **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:02:55           **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 226 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

- 17:03:12 Vice Chair Janet Ellis
- 17:03:47 Chair John Esp
- 17:04:02 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn
- 17:02:55 **Vote:** Motion carried 14 - 5 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, voting no.  
Sen. Morigeau, By Proxy
- 17:02:55 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Tom McGillvray

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 569 - Generally revise pension laws**

- 17:06:19 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 569 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 17:07:10 **Motion:** Sen. Tom McGillvray moved that **HB 569 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

- 17:07:24 Sen. Tom McGillvray
- 17:07:10 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 17:08:11 **Motion:** Vice Chair Janet Ellis moved that **HB 569 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

- 17:08:27 Vice Chair Janet Ellis
- 17:10:37 Sen. Tom McGillvray
- 17:11:26 Sen. Pat Flowers
- 17:11:43 Vice Chair Janet Ellis
- 17:11:52 Sen. Pat Flowers
- 17:12:14 Sen. Mike Cuffe
- 17:12:28 Chair John Esp
- 17:08:11 **Vote:** Motion failed 13 - 6 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, voting yes.  
Sen. Boldman, Sen. Morigeau, By Proxy
- 17:15:03 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 569 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**
- 17:15:03 **Vote:** Motion carried 12 - 7 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, Sen. Vance, voting no.  
Sen. Boldman, Sen. Morigeau, By Proxy

17:15:03 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Tom McGillvray

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 649 - Implement rates from provider rate study**

17:16:21 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 649 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

17:16:36 Chair John Esp

17:16:53 Vice Chair Janet Ellis

17:17:19 Chair John Esp

17:17:27 **Substitute Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 649 TO TABLE.**

17:17:27 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried 13 - 6 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, voting no. Sen. Boldman, Sen. Morigeau, By Proxy

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 669 - Revise laws related to allocation of marijuana tax revenues**

17:18:46 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 669 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

17:18:56 Sen. Mike Lang

17:19:00 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Mike Lang moved that **HB 669 TO TABLE.**

17:19:00 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 321 - Generally revise laws related to the coal trust**

17:20:02 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 321 TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE.**

17:20:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 15 - 2 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Lynch, voting no.

17:21:18 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 321 BE CONCURRED IN.**

17:21:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:21:18 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Daniel Salomon

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 403 - Generally revise laws concerning fees for teacher and specialist certificates**

17:21:54 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 403 TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE.**

**Discussion:**

17:22:37 Vice Chair Janet Ellis

17:22:46 Chair John Esp

17:23:10 Sen. Christopher Pope

17:23:30 Chair John Esp

17:23:39 Vice Chair Janet Ellis

17:23:43 Chair John Esp

17:21:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 4 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Pope, voting no.

17:25:02 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 403 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

17:25:09 Sen. Pat Flowers

17:25:47 Chair John Esp

17:25:54 Sen. Tom McGillvray

17:25:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 12 - 7 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, Sen. Welborn, voting no.  
Sen. Boldman, Sen. Morigeau, By Proxy

17:25:02 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. John Fuller

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

17:27:42 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 819 BE CONCURRED IN.**

17:27:58 **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 819 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

17:31:28 Sen. Pat Flowers

17:31:44 Sen. Shane Morigeau joined the meeting.

17:31:54 Julie Johnson

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17:32:04 Sen. Pat Flowers  
17:32:34 Sen. Tom McGillvray  
17:32:59 Chair John Esp  
17:33:01 Julie Johnson  
17:33:43 Sen. Tom McGillvray  
17:34:08 Vice Chair Carl Glimm  
17:34:10 Sen. Tom McGillvray  
17:34:13 Vice Chair Janet Ellis  
17:34:25 Sen. Tom McGillvray  
17:34:47 Vice Chair Janet Ellis  
17:34:55 Chair John Esp  
17:35:01 Sen. Tom McGillvray  
17:35:35 Chair John Esp  
17:35:39 Sen. Tom McGillvray  
17:35:50 Julie Johnson  
17:36:25 Chair John Esp  
17:36:34 **Motion:** Sen. Esp withdrew motion on HB 819.  
17:36:37 Sen. Ryan Lynch  
17:36:42 Sen. Shane Morigeau  
17:37:40 Chair John Esp

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 288 - Revise laws related to tuition waivers for American Indian students**

17:38:19 **Motion:** Vice Chair Janet Ellis moved that **HB 288 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

17:38:29 Sen. Dennis Lenz

17:39:57 **Substitute Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 288 TO TABLE.**

17:39:57 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried 10 - 9 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Fuller, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope,

Sen. Salomon, Sen. Welborn, voting no.  
Sen. Boldman, By Proxy

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 944 - Establish the Montana in-demand skilled trades investment pilot program**

- 17:41:22       **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 944 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 17:41:22       **Vote:** Motion failed 12 - 7 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, voting yes.  
Sen. Boldman, By Proxy
- 17:42:30       **Motion:** Vice Chair Carl Glimm moved that **HB 944 TO TABLE.**
- 17:42:30       **Vote:** Motion carried 12 - 7 by voice vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, voting no.  
Sen. Boldman, By Proxy
- 17:43:02       **Recessed**
- 17:44:12       **Reconvened**
- 17:44:36       **Recessed**
- 17:46:48       **Reconvened**
- 17:47:09       **Committee Discussion:** HB 819 Discussion
- 17:46:57       Chair John Esp
- 17:47:08       Julie Johnson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 17:47:38

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Cy Walsh, Secretary

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