



Comparison of HB #297 and SB #65 - Why are businesses more important than nurses?

HB #297	SB #65
<p><i>"AN ACT REVISING COVERAGE UNDER WORKERS' COMPENSATION FOR NURSES RELATED TO COVID-19 As an Occupational Disease."</i></p>	<p><i>"An Act REVISING CIVIL LIABILITY LAWS; SETTING CONDITIONS ON CIVIL ACTIONS FOR EXPOSURE TO COVID-19; LIMITING LIABILITY OF PREMISES OWNERS; PROVIDING SAFE HARBOR AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE FOR THOSE WHO COMPLY WITH CERTAIN TYPES OF REGULATIONS; LIMITING LIABILITY OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS."</i></p>
Committee Vote On Nurses	Committee Vote on Businesses
<p>Sullivan, Katie (D) - YES Abbott, Kim (D) - YES Curdy, Willis (D) - YES Funk, Moffie (D) - YES Novak, Sara (D) - YES Olsen, Andrea (D) - YES Whiteman Pena, Rynalea (D) - YES Harvey, Derek (D) - YES</p> <p>Loge, Denley (R) - YES Noland, Mark (R) - NO Buttrey, Ed (R) - NO Anderson, Fred (R) - NO Duran, Neil (R) - NO Fitzgerald, Ross (R) - NO Galloway, Steven (R) - NO Gist, Steve (R) - NO Gunderson, Steve (R) - NO Marshall, Ron (R) - NO Seekins-Crown, Kerri (R) - NO Zolnikov, Katie (R) - NO</p>	<p>Sullivan, Katie (D) - NO Abbott, Kim (D) - NO Curdy, Willis (D) - NO Funk, Moffie (D) - NO Novak, Sara (D) - NO Olsen, Andrea (D) - NO Whiteman Pena, Rynalea (D) - NO Harvey, Derek (D) - NO</p> <p>Loge, Denley (R) - YES Noland, Mark (R) - YES Buttrey, Ed (R) - YES Anderson, Fred (R) - YES Duran, Neil (R) - YES Fitzgerald, Ross (R) - YES Galloway, Steven (R) - YES Gist, Steve (R) - YES Gunderson, Steve (R) - YES Marshall, Ron (R) - YES Seekins-Crown, Kerri (R) - YES Zolnikov, Katie (R) - YES</p>
<p>RESULTS: Bill died in committee therefore there is no process for this to become a law. 11 voted against nurses, 9 voted for nurses.</p>	<p>RESULTS: Bill passed House Business & Labor committee and moved through the process. SB #65 has been passed in both the house and senate and signed by Governor Gianforte. 12 voted for businesses, 8 voted against.</p>

Thank you for your work on HB#297. MNA sees HB#297 and SB#65 as companion bills for individuals/organization/business most impacted by COVID-19. Some lawmakers in the Montana Legislature do not agree with us on the need for the protection of nurses' related to long term effects of COVID-19.