

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HOUSE BILL 564

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DALE MAHLUM**, on April 14, 2003 at 10:30 A.M., in Room 102 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Dale Mahlum, Chairman (R)
Rep. Joe McKenney, Chairman (R)
Sen. Sherm Anderson (R)
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Rep. Michael Lange (R)
Rep. Monica Lindeen (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Tari Elam, Committee Secretary
Todd Everts, Legislative Branch

Please Note. These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 564, 4/12/2003
Executive Action: HB 564 - ADOPTED AS AMENDED

[PLEASE NOTE: NO AUDIO RECORDING WAS MADE OF THIS MEETING]

CHAIRMAN DALE MAHLUM stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss amendments proffered by the Senate to **HB 564**.

Dave Gibson, briefly discussed the purpose and goals of the legislation. He outlined various amendments made to the legislation to ensure its' viability.

REPRESENTATIVE MONICA LINDEEN provided the Committee with an additional proposed amendment. She explained terminology on page five, line 27, may create confusion regarding required wages.

REPRESENTATIVE JOE MCKENNEY stated the legislation is gearing toward workforce development, and there is presently interest in the Great Falls area.

A brief discussion regarding the meaning of "wages & benefits," and the purpose for striking "at least 110% of" from the bill, took place.

Motion/Vote: REPRESENTATIVE MONICA LINDEEN moved that HB 564 DO PASS AS AMENDED. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:50 A.M.

SEN. DALE MAHLUM, Chairman

TARI ELAM, Secretary

JM/DM/TE

EXHIBIT (frs80hb0564aad)