

**MINUTES**  
**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**  
**COMMITTEE ON (H) BUSINESS AND LABOR**

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey-R, on January 03, 2023 at 8:03 AM, in Room 172

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)  
Rep. Derek Harvey, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)  
Rep. James Bergstrom (R)  
Rep. Bob Carter (D)  
Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R)  
Rep. Steven Galloway (R)  
Rep. Steve Gist (R)  
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)  
Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D)  
Rep. Denley Loge (R)  
Rep. Jennifer Lynch (D)  
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)  
Rep. Eric Matthews (D)  
Rep. Nelly Nicol (R)  
Rep. Greg Oblander (R)  
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)  
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

**Staff Present:** Jolanda Songer, Secretary  
Jameson Walker, Research Analyst

**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:

HB 71 12/21/2022  
HB 98 12/21/2022  
HB 43 12/21/2022  
HB 50 12/21/2022

Executive Action:

**Committee Discussion:**

08:05:22 Chair Buttrey

08:08:55 Jameson Walker, Legislative Service Division (LSD)

08:12:23 Jolanda Songer, Secretary

08:12:43 Chair Edward Buttrey

08:15:22 Rep. James Bergstrom

08:16:03 Chair Edward Buttrey

08:29:29 Rep. Steve Gist

08:29:36 Chair Edward Buttrey

08:30:20 Rep. Steve Gist

08:30:29 Chair Edward Buttrey

08:30:32 Rep. Denley Loge

08:30:47 Chair Edward Buttrey

08:30:52 Rep. Steven Galloway

08:31:01 Chair Edward Buttrey

08:31:03 Rep. Steven Galloway

08:31:16 Chair Edward Buttrey

08:31:46 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Anderson moved to adopt usage of proxies in the committee. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

08:31:56 Chair Buttrey

08:33:43 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Fitzgerald moved to adopt committee rules. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Presentation Department of Revenue:**

- 08:34:37 Presentation and Staff Introductions by Becky Schlauch, Administrator, Department of Revenue, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division (DOR-ABCD)
- 08:34:51 [EXHIBIT\(230103BUHa1\)](#)
- 08:34:52 Steve Swanson, Management Analyst, Department of Revenue, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division (DOR-ABCD)
- 08:35:06 Dacia English, Outreach Coordinator, Department of Revenue, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division (DOR-ABCD)
- 08:35:25 Nick Gochis, Attorney, Department of Revenue, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division (DOR-ABCD)
- 08:35:35 Scott Mendenhall, Deputy Director, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Committee Discussion:**

- 08:53:28 Chair Buttrey
- 08:53:31 Rep. Steve Gist
- 08:53:56 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD
- 08:54:16 Rep. Steve Gist
- 08:54:24 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD
- 08:54:56 Rep. Ron Marshall
- 08:55:08 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD
- 08:55:34 Rep. Steven Galloway
- 08:55:57 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD
- 08:56:24 Rep. Steven Galloway
- 08:56:39 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD
- 08:56:51 Rep. Steven Galloway
- 08:57:01 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD
- 08:57:31 Rep. Bob Carter

08:57:45 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD  
08:58:08 Rep. Bob Carter  
08:58:20 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD  
08:58:59 Rep. Bob Carter  
08:59:03 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD  
08:59:11 Chair Edward Buttrey  
08:59:48 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD  
08:59:54 Chair Edward Buttrey  
09:00:19 Jameson Walker, Legislative Service Division (LSD)  
09:00:36 Chair Edward Buttrey  
09:00:48 Jameson Walker, LSD  
09:01:13 Chair Edward Buttrey  
09:02:32 Rep. Steven Galloway  
09:03:23 Katelyn Amick, Remote Meeting Coordinator (RMC)  
09:03:40 Chair Edward Buttrey

**HEARING ON HB 43 - Revising alcohol laws relating to death or incapacity of a licensee  
or owner**

**Opening Statement:**

09:05:42 Rep. Ron Marshall (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 43, Revising alcohol laws relating to death or incapacity of a licensee or owner.

**Proponent Testimony:**

02:06:28 Becky Schlauch, Administrator, Department of Revenue, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division (DOR-ABCD)

**Opponent Testimony:**

09:08:15 Jennifer Hensley, Montana Distillers Guild (MDG)  
09:11:08 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

09:12:35 Shauna Helfert, Gaming industry Association (GIA)  
09:13:59 Debbie Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association (MCMOA)  
09:14:25 Matt Leow, Montana Brewers Association (MBA)  
09:14:56 Brad Griffin, Montana Restaurant Association (MRA)

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

09:16:13 Rep. Steve Gist  
09:16:29 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD  
09:16:40 Rep. Greg Oblander  
09:16:51 Jennifer Hensley, MDG  
09:17:21 Rep. Greg Oblander  
09:17:50 Jennifer Hensley, MDG  
09:19:28 Rep. Greg Oblander  
09:19:34 Jennifer Hensley, MDG  
09:19:58 Rep. James Bergstrom  
09:20:33 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD  
09:20:57 Rep. James Bergstrom  
09:21:14 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD  
09:21:39 Rep. Steven Galloway  
09:22:11 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD  
09:23:39 Rep. Steven Galloway  
09:23:56 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD  
09:24:15 Rep. Nelly Nicol  
09:24:34 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD

09:25:09 Rep. Nelly Nicol  
09:25:36 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD  
09:26:02 Rep. Carter  
09:26:19 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD  
09:26:39 Rep. Carter  
09:27:15 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD  
09:27:56 Rep. Greg Oblander  
09:28:39 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD  
09:29:21 Rep. Steven Galloway  
09:29:36 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD

**Closing Statement:**

09:29:49 Rep. Ron Marshall (R), HD 87, closed the hearing on HB 43.

**HEARING ON HB 50 - Revising alcohol licenses to remove an outdated reference to certain licenses**

**Opening Statement:**

09:30:57 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 50, Revising alcohol licenses to remove an outdated reference to certain licenses.

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:31:56 Becky Schlauch, Administrator, Department of Revenue, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division (DOR-ABCD)  
09:32:34 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)  
09:32:46 Brad` Griffin, Montana Restaurant Association (MRA)  
09:32:58 Shauna Helfert, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)  
09:33:13 Jessie Luther, Hospitality and Development Association of Montana (HDAM)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

None

**Closing Statement:**

09:34:13 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, closed the hearing on HB 50.

**HEARING ON HB 71 - Generally revise alcohol licenses relating to the transfer of licenses**

**Opening Statement:**

09:34:13 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 71, Generally revise alcohol licenses relating to the transfer of licenses.

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:35:39 Becky Schlauch, Administrator, Department of Revenue, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division (DOR-ABCD)

09:38:46 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

09:39:50 Jessie Luther, Hospitality and Development Association of Montana (HDAM)

09:40:32 Shauna Helfert, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)

09:40:46 Brad Griffin, Montana Restaurant Association (MRA)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

None

**Closing Statement:**

09:41:28 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, closed the hearing on HB 71.

**HEARING ON HB 98 - Revise alcohol laws relating to airport suitability**

**Opening Statement:**

09:42:58 Chair Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 98, Revise alcohol laws relating to airport suitability.

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:44:09 Becky Schlauch, Administrator, Department of Revenue, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division (DOR-ABCD)

09:45:26 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

09:45:42 Jessie Luther, Hospitality and Development Association of Montana (HDAM)

09:45:55 Shauna Helfert, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)

09:46:08 Tim Conway, Administrator, Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division (DOT)

09:46:25 Brad Griffin, Montana Restaurant Association (MRA)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

09:46:55 Rep. Steve Gist

09:47:10 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD

09:47:29 Rep. Steven Galloway

09:48:00 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD

**Closing Statement:**

09:48:32 Chair Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, closed the hearing on HB 98.

**Committee Discussion:**

09:49:05 Chair Buttrey  
09:49:52 Rep. Steve Gist  
09:50:04 Rep. Katie Sullivan  
09:50:21 Chair Edward Buttrey  
09:51:33 Rep. Greg Oblander  
09:51:43 Chair Edward Buttrey  
09:52:26 Vice Chair Derek Harvey  
09:52:27 Chair Edward Buttrey  
09:52:40 Jameson Walker, Legislative Service Division (LSD)  
09:54:04 Rep. Katie Sullivan  
09:55:46 Rep. Steven Galloway  
09:56:12 Chair Edward Buttrey  
09:56:35 Rep. Steve Gist  
09:56:44 Chair Edward Buttrey  
09:57:34 Rep. Steve Gist  
09:57:41 Chair Edward Buttrey  
09:58:59 Rep. Denley Loge  
09:59:19 Chair Edward Buttrey

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 09:59:26

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Jolanda Songer, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230103BUHaad\)](#)