

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey-R, on January 04, 2023 at 8:30 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:** Jameson Walker, Research Analyst  
Jolanda Songer, Secretary

**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 30 12/21/2022  
HB 41 12/21/2022  
HB 67 12/21/2022  
HB 120 12/21/2022

Executive Action:

HB 43 DO PASS AS AMENDED  
HB 50 DO PASS  
HB 71 DO PASS AS AMENDED  
HB 98 DO PASS

08:32:53 Safety Briefing by Sergeant at Arms Johnson

08:35:39 Presentation by Melanie Hall, Commissioner of Banking and Financial Institutions Division, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI-DBFI)

08:41:32 Presentation by Laurie Esau, Commissioner, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

08:41:43 [EXHIBIT\(230104BUHa1\)](#)

08:42:28 [EXHIBIT\(230104BUHa2\)](#)

08:47:01 Rep. Ron Marshall

08:47:30 Laurie Esau, DLI

08:47:41 Rep. Steven Galloway

08:47:53 Laurie Esau, DLI

08:48:22 Rep. Bob Carter

08:48:32 Laurie Esau, DLI

08:49:43 Rep. Steven Galloway

08:50:14 Laurie Esau, DLI

08:50:41 Chair Edward Buttrey

**HEARING ON HB 120 - Allow for state sponsored industry trade shows**

**Opening Statement:**

08:51:07 Rep. Russel Miner (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HB 120, Allow for state sponsored industry trade shows.

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:52:31 Steve Swanson, Management Analyst, Department of Revenue, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division (DOR-ABCD)

08:53:41 Cort Jensen, Chief Attorney, Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA)

08:55:16 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Distillers Guild (MDG)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

08:56:04 Rep. Denley Loge

08:56:29 Steve Swanson, DOR-ABCD

08:57:02 Vice Chair Derek Harvey

08:57:30 Steve Swanson, DOR-ABCD

08:57:52 Vice Chair Derek Harvey

08:58:05 Steve Swanson, DOR-ABCD

08:58:26 Vice Chair Derek Harvey

08:58:50 Steve Swanson, DOR-ABCD

08:58:58 Rep. Steven Galloway

08:59:18 Steve Swanson, DOR-ABCD

08:59:38 Rep. Steven Galloway

08:59:52 Steve Swanson, DOR-ABCD

09:00:08 Rep. Steven Galloway

09:00:19 Steve Swanson, DOR-ABCD

09:00:35 Rep. Steven Galloway

09:01:02 Rep. Bob Carter

09:01:27 Steve Swanson, DOR-ABCD

09:01:57 Rep. Bob Carter

09:02:09 Steve Swanson, DOR-ABCD

09:03:18 Rep. Bob Carter

09:03:29 Steve Swanson, DOR-ABCD

**Closing Statement:**

09:04:08 Rep. Russel Miner (R), HD 19, closed the hearing on HB 120.

**HEARING ON HB 30 - Generally revise mortgage laws**

**Opening Statement:**

09:06:11 Rep. Alice Buckley (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 30, Generally revise mortgage laws.

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:09:11 Melanie Hall, Commissioner, Department of Administration, Division of Banking and Financial Institutions (DOA-DBFI)

[EXHIBIT\(230104BUHa3\)](#)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

09:18:30 Rep. Greg Oblander

09:18:56 Melanie Hall, DOA-DBFI

09:21:07 Rep. Greg Oblander

09:21:19 Melanie Hall, DOA-DBFI

09:21:43 Rep. Greg Oblander

09:22:17 Rep. Steven Galloway

09:22:35 Melanie Hall, DOA-DBFI

09:22:55 Rep. Steven Galloway  
09:24:03 Melanie Hall, DOA-DBFI  
09:24:40 Rep. Steven Galloway  
09:24:56 Melanie Hall, DOA-DBFI  
09:25:56 Rep. Steven Galloway  
09:26:23 Melanie Hall, DOA-DBFI  
09:26:28 Rep. Steven Galloway  
09:26:52 Melanie Hall, DOA-DBFI  
09:27:17 Rep. Steve Gist  
09:27:52 Rep. Katie Zolnikov  
09:28:19 Melanie Hall, DOA-DBFI  
09:29:30 Rep. Bob Carter  
09:30:19 Melanie Hall, DOA-DBFI

**Closing Statement:**

09:31:05 Rep. Alice Buckley (D), HD 63, closed the hearing on HB 30.

**HEARING ON HB 41 - Revise laws to expand incumbent worker training eligibility and awards**

**Opening Statement:**

09:33:52 Rep. James Bergstrom (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on HB 41, Revise laws to expand incumbent worker training eligibility and awards.

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:37:31 Barb Wagner, Interim Administrator, Department of Labor and Industry, Workforce Services Division (DLI-WSD)

[EXHIBIT\(230104BUHa4\)](#)

09:39:01 Brad Griffin, Retailers, Restaurant Operators, Equipment Dealers, and  
Chiropractors

09:39:36 David Smith, Executive Director, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

09:42:01 Charles Robison, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

09:42:29 Rebecca Meyers, Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA)

09:43:33 Webb Brown, Montana Dental Association (MDA)

09:44:43 Adam Gilbertson

09:46:19 Linda Boatman

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

09:48:05 Rep. Denley Loge

09:48:17 Barb Wagner, DLI-WSD

09:48:44 Quinlan O'Connor, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Labor and Industry  
(DLI)

09:50:26 Barb Wagner, DLI-WSD

09:51:25 Rep. Ron Marshall

09:51:40 Barb Wagner, DLI-WSD

09:52:56 Rep. Ron Marshall

09:53:18 Barb Wagner, DLI-WSD

09:53:33 Rep. Ron Marshall

09:53:57 Barb Wagner, DLI-WSD

09:55:18 Rep. Greg Oblander

09:55:57 Barb Wagner, DLI-WSD

09:57:17 Chair Edward Buttrey  
09:57:32 Barb Wagner, DLI-WSD  
09:57:51 Chair Edward Buttrey  
09:58:19 Barb Wagner, DLI-WSD  
09:58:56 Chair Edward Buttrey  
09:59:04 Barb Wagner, DLI-WSD  
09:59:09 Rep. Steve Gist  
09:59:48 Barb Wagner, DLI-WSD  
10:00:22 Rep. Steve Gist  
10:00:34 Barb Wagner, DLI-WSD  
10:00:41 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI  
10:01:28 Rep. Bob Carter  
10:02:02 Barb Wagner, DLI-WSD

**Closing Statement:**

10:02:32 Rep. James Bergstrom (R), HD 30, closed the hearing on HB 41.

**HEARING ON HB 67 - Revise laws related to real estate appraisers**

**Opening Statement:**

10:04:07 Rep. Nelly Nicol (R), HD 83, opened the hearing on HB 67, Revise laws related to real estate appraisers.

**Proponent Testimony:**

10:05:40 Eric Strauss, Administrator, Department of Labor and Industry, Employment Standards Division (DLI-ESD)

[EXHIBIT\(230104BUHa5\)](#)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

None

**Closing Statement:**

10:07:14 Rep. Nelly Nicol (R), HD 83, closed the hearing on HB 67.

10:08:40 **Recessed**

10:25:50 **Reconvened**

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

10:27:43 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 43 DO PASS.**

11:42:56 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.

10:27:56 **Motion:** Rep. Ron Marshall moved that **HB 43 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

10:29:37 Rep. James Bergstrom

10:29:56 Jameson Walker, Legislative Service Division (LSD)

10:30:13 Chair Edward Buttrey

11:42:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:29:19 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 43 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

18:17:14 Rep. James Bergstrom

18:17:22 Jameson Walker

11:42:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

10:31:04 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 50 DO PASS.**

11:42:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

10:31:59 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 71 DO PASS.**

10:32:10 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 71 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

10:33:22 Jameson Walker, Legislative Service Division (LSD)

11:42:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:35:01 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 71 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

11:42:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

10:35:28 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 98 DO PASS.**

11:42:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:37:54

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Jolanda Songer, Secretary