

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

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey-R, on January 09, 2023 at 9:00 AM, in Room 172

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)
Rep. Derek Harvey, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. James Bergstrom (R)
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. Greg Oblander (R)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Bob Carter (D)
Rep. Nelly Nicol (R)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (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 123 12/27/2022
HB 127 12/27/2022
HB 144 12/27/2022
HB 145 12/27/2022

Executive Action:

HB 30 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 142 DO PASS
HB 160 DO PASS

09:10:07 Rep. Zolnikov has left

HEARING ON HB 123 - Revise alcohol licenses to prohibit prospecting of new licenses

Opening Statement:

09:02:42 Rep. James Bergstrom (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on HB 123, Revise alcohol licenses to prohibit prospecting of new licenses.

Proponent Testimony:

09:03:25 Becky Schlauch, Administrator, Department of Revenue, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division (DOR-ABCD)

09:04:54 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

09:07:39 Shauna Helfert, Executive Director, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)

09:09:06 Brad Griffin, President, Montana Restaurant Association (MRA)

09:09:26 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor, Governor's Office

09:11:00 Rep. Nelly Nicol joined the meeting.

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:10:27 Rep. Ron Marshall

09:10:32 Shauna Helfert, GIA

09:10:44 Rep. Steve Gunderson

09:11:55 Rep. Bob Carter joined the meeting.

09:11:56 Shauna Helfert, GIA

09:12:03 Rep. Steve Gist
09:12:33 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD
09:13:32 Rep. Katie Sullivan
09:13:59 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD
09:14:24 Vice Chair Derek Harvey
09:15:04 Jameson Walker
09:16:06 Chair Edward Buttrey
09:16:09 Jameson Walker
09:16:32 Rep. Steven Galloway
09:17:15 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD
09:17:45 Rep. Steven Galloway
09:18:09 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD
09:18:20 Rep. Steven Galloway
09:18:28 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD
09:18:44 Rep. Ron Marshall
09:19:15 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD

Closing Statement:

09:19:36 Rep. James Bergstrom (R), HD 30, closed the hearing on HB 123.

HEARING ON HB 127 - Creating a combined beer and table wine distributor license

Opening Statement:

09:20:15 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 127, Creating a combined beer and table wine distributor license.

Proponent Testimony:

09:20:52 Becky Schlauch, Administrator, Department of Revenue, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division (DOR-ABCD)

09:22:04 Kristi Blazer, Montana Beer and Wine Distributors Association (MBWDA)

09:23:18 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor, Governor's Office

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:24:17 Rep. Katie Sullivan

09:24:19 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD

09:25:00 Rep. Steven Galloway

09:25:15 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD

09:25:29 Rep. Steven Galloway

09:25:33 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD

Closing Statement:

09:26:09 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, closed the hearing on HB 127.

HEARING ON HB 144 - Generally revise laws related to competitive bidding requirements

Opening Statement:

09:26:54 Rep. Paul Green (R), HD 41, opened the hearing on HB 144, Generally revise laws related to competitive bidding requirements.

Proponent Testimony:

09:27:40 Becky Schlauch, Administrator, Department of Revenue, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division (DOR-ABCD)

09:29:46 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

09:34:10 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor, Governor's Office

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:34:50 Rep. Ron Marshall

09:35:09 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD

09:35:30 Rep. Ron Marshall

09:35:58 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD

Closing Statement:

09:36:08 Rep. Paul Green (R), HD 41, closed the hearing on HB 144.

HEARING ON HB 145 - Generally revise laws related to alcohol license applications

Opening Statement:

09:36:46 Rep. Paul Green (R), HD 41, opened the hearing on HB 145, Generally revise laws related to alcohol license applications.

Proponent Testimony:

09:37:27 Becky Schlauch, Administrator, Department of Revenue, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division (DOR-ABCD)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:38:24 Rep. Denley Loge
09:38:34 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD
09:39:18 Vice Chair Derek Harvey
09:39:47 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD

Closing Statement:

09:40:00 Rep. Paul Green (R), HD 41, closed the hearing on HB 145.

09:41:46 **Recessed**

10:12:08 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 30 - Generally revise mortgage laws

10:12:59 **Motion:** Rep. Derek Harvey moved that **HB 30 DO PASS.**
10:13:25 **Motion:** Rep. Derek Harvey moved that **HB 30 BE AMENDED.**
10:13:25 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
10:14:34 **Motion:** Rep. Derek Harvey moved that **HB 30 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
10:14:34 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
10:15:08 Rep. Zolnikov has arrived

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 142 - Revise laws related to unemployment insurance theft and penalties

10:15:35 **Motion:** Rep. Derek Harvey moved that **HB 142 DO PASS.**
10:15:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 160 - Revise laws related to alcohol advertising

10:16:31 **Motion:** Rep. Derek Harvey moved that **HB 160 DO PASS.**
10:16:31 **Vote:** Motion carried 17 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Galloway, voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:18:37

Jolanda Songer, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230109BUHaad\)](#)