

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

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey-R, on January 13, 2023 at 8:01 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 178 01/09/2023

Executive Action:

08:03:09 Field Trip to the Liquor Warehouse (DOR-ABCD)

10:30:41 **Reconvened**

HEARING ON HB 178 - Revise workers' compensation laws relating to social or recreational activity

Opening Statement:

10:32:05 Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HB 178, Revise workers' compensation laws relating to social or recreational activity.

Proponent Testimony:

10:33:26 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Ski Area Association (MSAA)

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10:35:33 Jeff Schmidt, General Manager, Red Lodge Ski Area and Montana Ski Areas Association (MSAA)

10:37:30 Ciche Pitcher, President, Discovery Ski Area

10:38:54 Kevin Braun, General Counsel, Montana State Fund (MSF)

10:39:14 Amber Worman, Montana Self Insurers Association (MSIA)

10:39:40 Julia Altemus, Executive Director, Montana Wood Products Association (MWPA)

Opponent Testimony:

10:40:14 Al Smith, Executive Director, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

Informational Witness Testimony:

10:45:44 Bill Wheeler, Deputy Administrator, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee:

10:46:14 Rep. Katie Zolnikov

10:46:36 Rep. Kenneth Walsh-R

10:47:05	Rep. Denley Loge
10:47:56	Kevin Braun, MSF
10:48:16	Rep. Denley Loge
10:48:21	Kevin Braun, MSF
10:48:30	Rep. Greg Oblander
10:48:49	Aimee Grmoljez, MSAA
10:49:51	Rep. Greg Oblander
10:49:55	Aimee Grmoljez, MSAA
10:50:10	Rep. Ron Marshall
10:51:07	Aimee Grmoljez, MSAA
10:52:28	Rep. Ron Marshall
10:53:08	Aimee Grmoljez, MSAA
10:53:30	Jeff Schmidt, MSAA
10:54:50	Rep. Bob Carter
10:55:02	Jeff Schmidt, MSAA
10:55:19	Rep. Nelly Nicol
10:56:57	Kevin Braun, MSF
10:58:51	Chair Edward Buttrey
10:59:41	Aimee Grmoljez, MSAA
11:00:14	Kevin Braun, MSF
11:00:40	Chair Edward Buttrey
11:01:07	Kevin Braun, MSF
11:02:08	Rep. Denley Loge
11:02:30	Kevin Braun, MSF

Closing Statement:

11:02:42 Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R), HD 71, closed the hearing on HB 178.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:05:25

Jolanda Songer, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230113BUHaad\)](#)