

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Edward Buttrey-R, on January 18, 2023 at 8:31 AM, in 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. 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. Greg Oblander (R)  
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)  
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Nelly Nicol (D)  
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 152 01/10/2023

HB 182 01/11/2023

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HB 152 - Revise laws related to professional and occupational licensure**

**Opening Statement:**

08:32:53 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 152, Revise laws related to professional and occupational licensure.

**Discussion:**

08:34:24 Rep. Nelly Nicol joined the meeting.

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[EXHIBIT\(230118BUHa2\)](#)

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:37:54 Kristin Duras, Lieutenant Governor, Governor's Office

08:39:18 Eric Strauss, Administrator, Employment Relations Division, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

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08:45:18 Dave Cook, Director, Professional Licensing, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

08:47:32 Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe joined the meeting.

08:51:05 Quinlan O'Connor, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

08:57:54 Colonel Barry Little, Malstrom Air Force Base

09:06:13 Alan Loyd, Check name and .....

09:08:24 Dave Galt, Chamber of Commerce

09:09:07 Webb Brown, Montana Dental Association

09:10:51 Rep. Edward Buttrey left the meeting.

09:12:26 Heather O'Hara, Montana Hospital Association

09:13:42 Mary Musil, Montana Academy of Dietary.....  
09:14:57 Mr. Cotton, President/CEO, Frontier Institution  
09:16:49 Tony King, Montana Pharmacy Association  
09:17:28 R Brand  
09:18:10 Henry Kriegel  
09:18:41 Billy Taylor, National Elevator Industry, Inc (NEI)  
09:19:52 Tammie Perreault, Department of Defense

**Opponent Testimony:**

09:20:49 Jennifer Hensley, Montana Optometric Association  
09:27:20 Ms Branscon, Montana Medical Association  
09:33:02 Katjana Stutzer  
09:37:23 Jeanie Rankin, Montana Veterinary Medical Association

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09:42:53 Eric Anderson, Montana Nurses Association (MNA)  
09:45:05 Amanda Frickle, Director, Montana AFL-CIO  
09:51:00 Henry Cloud, Self  
09:56:39 J R, Self  
09:58:48 Jackie McBroon  
10:00:39 Chris McGowan  
10:01:44 Bob Warren  
10:04:04 Don Halverson

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10:05:11 Susan Carlson  
10:08:55 Jennifer James, Montana Chapter American Institute of Architects

10:09:39 Justin Cole, Montana Medical Association  
10:20:45 Shelby Midboe, Montana Speech Language Hearing Association  
10:22:55 Rep. Edward Buttrey joined the meeting.  
10:24:33 Nathan Stahley, National Association of Social Workers, Montana  
10:26:31 Mary Catherine Dunphy, Self  
10:28:35 Shayla Gipson, Self

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

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**Questions from Committee:**

10:32:59 Rep. Steve Gist  
10:33:49 Eric Strauss  
10:34:04 Quinlan O'Connor  
10:35:27 Eric Strauss  
10:36:44 Rep. Derek Harvey  
10:37:41 Lieutenant Governor Duras  
10:37:53 Eric Strauss  
10:39:21 Rep. Derek Harvey  
10:39:44 Eric Strauss  
10:40:29 Rep. Fred Anderson  
10:41:02 Eric Strauss  
10:41:33 Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe  
10:41:45 Eric Strauss  
10:41:54 Rep. Greg Oblander  
10:43:19 Eric Strauss  
10:45:08 Rep. Katie Sullivan

10:45:31 Jennifer Hensley Montana Distillers Guild  
10:46:37 Rep. Katie Sullivan  
10:47:30 Jennifer Hensley Montana Distillers Guild  
10:49:51 Rep. Nelly Nicol  
10:51:37 Susan Carlson  
10:52:46 Rep. Eric Matthews  
10:53:15 Eric Strauss  
10:53:55 Rep. Eric Matthews  
10:54:10 Eric Strauss  
10:54:21 Rep. Steven Galloway  
10:54:53 Quinlan O'Connor  
10:55:11 Rep. Steven Galloway  
10:55:15 Quinlan O'Connor  
10:55:50 Rep. Steven Galloway  
10:56:11 Quinlan O'Connor  
10:57:34 Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe  
10:57:38 Quinlan O'Connor  
10:57:59 Rep. Bob Carter  
10:58:22 Quinlan O'Connor  
10:59:03 Rep. Bob Carter  
10:59:21 Quinlan O'Connor  
10:59:44 Rep. Bob Carter  
10:59:57 Quinlan O'Connor  
11:00:23 Rep. Bob Carter

11:00:39 Quinlan O'Connor  
11:00:58 Rep. Bob Carter  
11:01:12 Quinlan O'Connor  
11:02:15 Rep. Derek Harvey  
11:03:03 Mr. Cook  
11:03:25 Rep. Derek Harvey  
11:03:34 Rep. Greg Oblander  
11:04:27 Eric Strauss  
11:04:45 Rep. Greg Oblander  
11:04:56 Eric Strauss

**Closing Statement:**

11:05:33 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, closed the hearing on HB 152.

**HEARING ON HB 182 - Revise Montana voluntary insurance telematics laws**

**Opening Statement:**

11:22:11 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 182, Revise Montana voluntary insurance telematics laws.

**Proponent Testimony:**

11:23:58 Bruce Spencer, Progressive  
  
11:32:01 Hans Kicken, Progressive  
11:32:35 Melissa Lewis, Progressive  
11:34:32 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm

**Opponent Testimony:**

11:35:36 John Iverson, Independent Insurance Agents of Montana

11:36:54 Frank Cote, Securities and Insurance

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

11:11:57 Recessed  
11:21:58 Reconvened  
11:38:15 Rep. Ron Marshall  
11:38:45 Hans Kicken  
11:39:04 Rep. Katie Zolnikov  
11:39:16 Hans Kicken  
11:40:03 Rep. Katie Zolnikov  
11:40:19 Hans Kicken  
11:40:51 Rep. Katie Zolnikov  
11:41:05 Hans Kicken  
11:41:21 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald  
11:41:54 Hans Kicken  
11:42:17 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald  
11:42:36 Hans Kicken  
11:42:55 Rep. Greg Oblander  
11:43:23 Hans Kicken  
11:44:07 Rep. Greg Oblander  
11:44:51 Hans Kicken  
11:45:03 Rep. Fred Anderson  
11:45:32 Hans Kicken  
11:46:20 Rep. Bob Carter

11:46:37 Hans Kicken  
11:47:24 Rep. Bob Carter  
11:47:53 Hans Kicken  
11:47:58 Rep. Bob Carter  
11:48:07 Hans Kicken  
11:48:23 Rep. Katie Sullivan  
11:48:42 Greg Van Horssen  
11:49:07 Rep. Steve Gunderson  
11:49:40 Hans Kicken  
11:49:53 Rep. Steve Gunderson  
11:49:56 Hans Kicken  
11:50:04 Rep. Steve Gunderson  
11:50:07 Greg Van Horssen  
11:50:30 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald  
11:50:52 Hans Kicken  
11:51:32 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald  
11:51:50 Hans Kicken  
11:52:39 Rep. Jennifer Lynch  
11:52:56 Hans Kicken  
11:53:39 Rep. Steven Galloway  
11:53:52 Hans Kicken  
11:53:59 Rep. Steven Galloway  
11:54:31 Hans Kicken

**Closing Statement:**

11:54:40

Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, closed the hearing on HB 182.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:57:55

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Jolanda Songer, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230118BUHaad\)](#)