

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

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey-R, on January 19, 2023 at 8:31 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. Jonathan Karlen (D)
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)

Members Excused: Rep. Steve Gist (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Denley Loge (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 87 01/10/2023
HB 115 01/10/2023
HB 247 01/17/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 247 - Revise laws relating to exemptions to the practice of real estate

Opening Statement:

- 08:33:54 Rep. Sue Vinton (R), HD 56, opened the hearing on HB 247, Revise laws relating to exemptions to the practice of real estate.
- 08:34:22 Rep. Denley Loge joined the meeting.
- 08:34:38 Chair Edward Buttrey left the meeting.
- 08:34:47 Rep. Ron Marshall left the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

- 08:36:29 Jaymie Bowditch, General Counsel, Montana Association of Realtors (MTAR)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

- 08:37:59 Quinlan O'Connor, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee:

- 08:38:27 Rep. Loge
- 08:38:48 Rep. Sue Vinton-R
- 08:39:16 Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe
- 08:39:41 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald
- 08:40:07 Rep. Sue Vinton-R
- 08:40:33 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald
- 08:41:05 Rep. Sue Vinton-R
- 08:41:39 Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe

08:42:13 Rep. Sue Vinton-R

Closing Statement:

08:43:02 Rep. Sue Vinton (R), HD 56, closed the hearing on HB 247.

HEARING ON HB 87 - Standardize licensing board organization

Opening Statement:

08:48:31 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 87, Standardize licensing board organization.

08:49:52 Chair Edward Buttrey joined the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

08:51:25 Kristin Juras, Lieutenant Governor, Governor's Office

08:54:44 Eric Strauss, Administrator, Department of Labor and Industry, Employment Standards Division (DLI-ESD)

08:58:01 Dave Cook, Deputy Administrator, Department of Labor and Industry, Professional Licensing (DLI)

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09:01:25 Quinlan O'Connor, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

09:01:41 Jennifer James, Montana Architects

09:02:26 Alan Lloyd, Montana Society of CPA's (MSCPA)

Opponent Testimony:

09:05:13 Jackie McBroom, President, Montana State Conference of Electrical Workers and Business Manager, Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Union, Local 233 (PFF/UA)

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09:08:27 Webb Brown, Montana Dental Association (MDA)

09:11:03 Chair Edward Buttrey left the meeting.

09:13:14 Stacy Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

09:15:04 Bob Warren, Montana Electrical JATC

09:16:33 Stuart Doggett, Montana Pharmacy Association (MPA)

09:17:04 Lauren Wilson, President, Montana Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics (MTAAP)

09:18:58 Mike Vias, Executive Director, Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana (FOAM)

09:23:02 John Forken, Montana State Building and Construction Trades Council (SBCTC)

09:24:19 Brad Griffin, Montana Chiropractic Association (MCA)

09:25:15 Margaret Morgen, Montana Independent Electrical Contractors (IEC)

09:27:48 Jeanne Rankin, Self and Montana Veterinary Medical Association (MTVMA)

09:31:11 Jean Branscon, CEO, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

09:33:55 Chair Edward Buttrey joined the meeting.

09:35:18 Jay Reardon

09:36:29 Jennifer Hensley, Montana Optometric Association (MOA)

09:38:22 Don Halverson, Business Manager, Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Union, Local 459 (PPF/UA)

09:41:25 Brad Longcake, Montana Funeral Directors Association (MFDA)

09:42:26 Katjana Stutzer, Montana Association of Athletic Trainers (MTATA)

09:43:42 Leonard Bates

09:44:31 Amanda Frickle, AFL-CIO

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:46:55 Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe

09:47:25 Rep. Bill Mercer-R

09:52:10 Rep. Greg Oblander
09:52:56 Rep. Bill Mercer-R
09:55:01 Rep. Greg Oblander
09:55:02 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI
09:55:51 Rep. Jonathan Karlen
09:56:33 Jean Branscum, MMA
09:57:44 Rep. Eric Matthews
09:58:10 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI
09:58:58 Rep. Eric Matthews
09:59:29 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI
10:00:13 Rep. Eric Matthews
10:01:45 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI
10:01:49 Rep. Katie Sullivan
10:02:05 Eric Strauss, DLI
10:02:13 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI
10:02:22 Rep. Katie Sullivan
10:02:40 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI
10:02:58 Rep. Katie Sullivan
10:03:15 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI
10:03:36 Rep. Katie Sullivan
10:03:48 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI
10:04:32 Rep. Katie Zolnikov
10:04:37 Jennifer Hensley, MDG
10:06:30 Rep. Jonathan Karlen

10:06:59 Eric Strauss, DLI
10:07:38 Rep. Bob Carter
10:08:03 Rep. Bill Mercer-R
10:08:44 Rep. Steven Galloway
10:09:10 Rep. Bill Mercer-R
10:09:36 Rep. Ron Marshall joined the meeting.
10:09:56 Rep. Steven Galloway
10:10:10 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI
10:11:32 Rep. Steven Galloway
10:12:41 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI
10:13:19 Kristen Juras, GO
10:15:12 Rep. Steven Galloway
10:15:20 Kristen Juras, GO
10:15:45 Rep. Greg Oblander
10:15:58 Kristen Juras, GO
10:17:19 Rep. Greg Oblander
10:17:36 Kristen Juras, GO
10:18:51 Eric Strauss, DLI
10:19:19 Rep. Steven Galloway
10:19:49 Eric Strauss, DLI
10:20:33 Rep. Steven Galloway
10:21:09 Eric Strauss, DLI
10:22:02 Chair Edward Buttrey
10:22:29 Eric Strauss, DLI

10:22:36 Chair Edward Buttrey
10:22:47 Eric Strauss, DLI
10:23:00 Chair Edward Buttrey
10:23:36 Eric Strauss, DLI

Closing Statement:

10:24:29 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, closed the hearing on HB 87.

HEARING ON HB 115 - Consolidating and clarifying penalties for unlicensed practice

Opening Statement:

10:29:46 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 115, Consolidating and clarifying penalties for unlicensed practice.

[EXHIBIT\(230119BUHa3\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

10:34:41 Quinlan O'Connor, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)
10:39:14 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)
10:41:00 Jeanne Rankin, Self and Montana Veterinary Medical Association (MTVMA)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

10:43:08 Rep. Marshall
10:43:43 Rep. Bill Mercer-R

Closing Statement:

10:44:39 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, closed the hearing on HB 115.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:45:20

Jolanda Songer, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230119BUHaad\)](#)