

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey-R, on January 24, 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. Bob Carter (D)  
Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (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)

**Members Excused:** Rep. James Bergstrom (R)  
Rep. Steven Galloway (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 250 01/19/2023  
HB 254 01/19/2023  
HB 279 01/20/2023

Executive Action:



**HEARING ON HB 250 - Revise alcohol laws relating to server training**

**Opening Statement:**

08:31:42 Rep. Kelly Kortum (D), HD 65, opened the hearing on HB 250, Revise alcohol laws relating to server training.

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:33:12 Tom Heisler, Montana Tavern Association, Legislative Committee (MTA)

08:33:54 Mary Jane Heisler, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

08:34:27 John Hayes

08:35:18 Jessie Luther, Hospitality and Development Association of Montana

08:35:41 Brad Longcake, Montana Petroleum Marketers and Convenient Store Association (MPMCSA)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

08:36:30 Dacia English, Outreach Coordinator, Department of Revenue, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division (DOR-ABCD)

**Questions from Committee:**

08:36:59 Rep. Steve Gist

08:37:12 Dacia English, DOR-ABCD

08:37:20 Rep. Ron Marshall

08:37:59 Dacia English, DOR-ABCD

08:38:38 Rep. Denley Loge

08:39:11 John Hayes

**Closing Statement:**

08:39:56 Rep. Kelly Kortum (D), HD 65, closed the hearing on HB 250.

**HEARING ON HB 254 - Revise alcohol laws relating to curbside pickup**

**Opening Statement:**

08:41:04 Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 254, Revise alcohol laws relating to curbside pickup.

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:44:29 Jessie Benson

08:46:11 Dennis Benson

08:47:24 Tom Heisler

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

08:48:05 Dacia English, Outreach Coordinator, Department of Revenue, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division (DOR-ABCD)

**Questions from Committee:**

08:48:26 Rep. Greg Oblander

08:48:56 Rep. Katie Zolnikov

08:50:10 Rep. Greg Oblander

08:50:44 Rep. Katie Zolnikov

08:51:45 Rep. Bob Carter

08:52:14 Dacia English, DOR-ABCD

**Closing Statement:**

08:53:25 Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R), HD 45, closed the hearing on HB 254.

**HEARING ON HB 279 - Revise alcohol laws related to server training**

**Opening Statement:**

08:55:04 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 279, Revise alcohol laws related to server training.

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:56:43 John Hayes

09:00:47 Tom Heisler, Montana Tavern Association, Legislative Committee (MTA)

09:01:16 Jessie Luther, Hospitality and Development Association of Montana

09:01:36 Brad Longcake, Montana Petroleum Marketers and Convenient Store Association (MPMCSA)

09:02:00 Dennis Benson

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

09:02:49 Dacia English, Dacia English, Outreach Coordinator, Department of Revenue, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division (DOR-ABCD)

**Questions from Committee:**

09:03:11 Rep. Ron Marshall

09:04:30 John Hayes

09:05:43 Rep. Ron Marshall

09:06:18 Dennis Benson

09:06:35 Rep. Bob Carter

09:06:47 Dacia English, DOR-ABCD

09:06:53 Rep. Bob Carter

09:07:11 Dacia English, DOR-ABCD

09:07:15 Rep. Bob Carter

09:07:32 Dacia English, DOR-ABCD

09:07:53 Rep. Katie Sullivan  
09:08:12 Rep. Scot Kerns-R  
09:08:25 Rep. Katie Sullivan  
09:09:04 Rep. Scot Kerns-R  
09:09:10 Rep. Steve Gunderson  
09:09:40 Dacia English, DOR-ABCD  
09:11:09 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald  
09:12:08 John Hayes  
09:12:58 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald  
09:13:20 John Hayes  
09:14:25 Chair Edward Buttrey  
09:14:53 John Hayes  
09:15:01 Chair Edward Buttrey  
09:15:40 John Hayes

**Closing Statement:**

09:16:50 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, closed the hearing on HB 279.

**Committee Discussion:**

09:17:58 Chair Buttrey  
09:17:35 Chair Edward Buttrey  
09:19:55 Rep. Greg Oblander  
09:20:30 Chair Edward Buttrey  
09:20:37 Rep. Greg Oblander  
09:20:43 Chair Edward Buttrey

09:21:03 Rep. Greg Oblander  
09:21:05 Chair Edward Buttrey

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 09:21:19

---

Jolanda Songer, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230124BUHaad\)](#)