

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

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey-R, on January 25, 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. 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)

Members Excused: Rep. Nelly Nicol (R)
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:

SB 35 01/19/2023
SB 80 01/19/2023
SB 102 01/19/2023

Executive Action:

HB 115 DO PASS
HB 156 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 254 DO PASS
SB 35
SB 80

HEARING ON SB 35 - Repeal business and industrial development corporations

Opening Statement:

08:32:17 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 35, Repeal business and industrial development corporations.

Proponent Testimony:

08:33:01 Melanie Hall, Commissioner, Department of Administration, Division of Banking and Financial Institutions (DOA)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:35:12 Rep. Steve Gist

08:35:28 Melanie Hall, DOA

Closing Statement:

08:36:18 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, closed the hearing on SB 35.

08:38:00 Rep. Nelly Nicol joined the meeting.

HEARING ON SB 80 - Authorize investment authority for retained interest

Opening Statement:

08:42:01 Sen. Mike Fox (D), SD 16, opened the hearing on SB 80, Authorize investment authority for retained interest.

Proponent Testimony:

08:43:04 Liane Taylor, Administrator, Department of Commerce, Business MT
Division (MDOC)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:44:07 Rep. Steve Gist
08:44:32 Liane Taylor, MDOC
08:45:04 Rep. Steven Galloway
08:45:12 Liane Taylor, MDOC
08:46:12 Rep. Steve Gist
08:46:29 Liane Taylor, MDOC
08:47:25 Jameson Walker, Legislative Service Division (LSD)
08:48:15 Rep. Steven Galloway
08:48:28 Liane Taylor, MDOC

Closing Statement:

08:48:51 Sen. Mike Fox (D), SD 16, closed the hearing on SB 80.

**HEARING ON SB 102 - Generally revising laws related to sports wagering sales agents'
commissions**

Opening Statement:

08:54:35 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 102, Generally
revising laws related to sports wagering sales agents' commissions.

Proponent Testimony:

08:56:16 Scott Sales, Director, Montana Lottery

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:01:05	Rep. Steve Gist
09:01:16	Scott Sales, MT Lottery
09:01:26	Rep. Steven Galloway
09:01:46	Scott Sales, MT Lottery
09:02:01	Rep. Steven Galloway
09:02:13	Scott Sales, MT Lottery
09:03:18	Scott Sales, MT Lottery
09:03:55	Jameson Walker, Legislative Service Division (LSD)
09:04:58	Rep. Ross Fitzgerald
09:05:13	Scott Sales, MT Lottery
09:06:33	Chair Edward Buttrey
09:07:00	Scott Sales, MT Lottery
09:07:03	Rep. Bob Carter
09:07:40	Scott Sales, MT Lottery
09:07:47	Rep. Bob Carter
09:07:53	Scott Sales, MT Lottery
09:09:28	Rep. Steve Gist
09:09:53	Scott Sales, MT Lottery
09:11:03	Rep. Steven Galloway
09:11:25	Scott Sales, MT Lottery

09:14:19 Rep. Bob Carter
09:14:29 Scott Sales, MT Lottery
09:15:02 Chair Edward Buttrey
09:15:28 Scott Sales, MT Lottery
09:16:14 Rep. Steven Galloway
09:16:37 Scott Sales, MT Lottery
09:18:01 Rep. Ron Marshall
09:18:12 Scott Sales, MT Lottery
09:18:16 Rep. Ron Marshall
09:18:38 Scott Sales, MT Lottery
09:18:56 Rep. Steven Galloway
09:19:18 Scott Sales, MT Lottery

Closing Statement:

09:19:56 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, closed the hearing on SB 102.

09:24:42 **Recessed**

10:05:13 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 115 - Consolidating and clarifying penalties for unlicensed practice

10:05:58 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 115 DO PASS.**

10:05:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 156 - Generally revise laws enforced by the State Auditor

10:06:49 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 156 DO PASS.**

10:06:49 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.

10:07:18 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 156 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

- 10:07:30 Frank Cote, State Auditor's Office, Government Relations (SAO)
10:10:14 Rep. Katie Sullivan
10:10:23 Frank Cote, SAO
10:07:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
10:12:23 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 156 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
10:12:23 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 254 - Revise alcohol laws relating to curbside pickup

- 10:12:51 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 254 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

- 10:13:16 Rep. Denley Loge
10:12:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 35 - Repeal business and industrial development corporations

- 10:13:53 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 35 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

- 10:14:27 Rep. Bob Carter
10:14:30 Chair Edward Buttrey
10:13:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
10:13:53 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Edward Buttrey

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 80 - Authorize investment authority for retained interest

- 10:15:01 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 80 BE CONCURRED IN.**
10:15:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
10:15:01 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Bob Carter

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:16:25

Jolanda Songer, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230125BUHaad\)](#)