

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

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey-R, on January 26, 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. 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)

Members Excused: 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 263 01/20/2023
HB 273 01/20/2023
SB 20 01/20/2023
HB 305 01/24/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 263 - Revise insurance coverage for prescription eyedrop refills

Opening Statement:

08:32:31 Rep. Amy Regier (R), HD 6, opened the hearing on HB 263, Revise insurance coverage for prescription eyedrop refills.

Proponent Testimony:

08:35:25 Nanette Gilberston, Executive Director, Montana Academy of Ophthalmology (MAO)

08:35:39 Rep. Katie Zolnikov joined the meeting.

08:37:15 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

08:37:52 Jennifer Hensley, Montana Optometric Association (MOA)

08:38:32 Erik Van Kuijk, Member, Montana Academy of Ophthalmology (MAO)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:41:13 John Doran, Vice President, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana, External Affairs (BCBSMT)

Questions from Committee:

08:41:49 Rep. Steven Galloway

08:42:13 John Doran, BCBSMT

08:42:40 Dr. Erik Van Kuijk, MAO

08:43:26 Rep. Steven Galloway

08:43:48 Nanette Gilbertson, MAO

Closing Statement:

08:44:11 Rep. Amy Regier (R), HD 6, closed the hearing on HB 263.

HEARING ON HB 273 - Generally revise laws relating to the director of the state lottery

Opening Statement:

08:51:14 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 273, Generally revise laws relating to the director of the state lottery.

Proponent Testimony:

08:52:46 Don Harris, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Administration (DOA)

08:55:33 Kristin Juras, Lieutenant Governor, Governor's Office

08:56:22 Scott Sales, Director, Montana Lottery

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:57:13 Rep. Katie Sullivan

08:57:28 Don Harris, DOA

Closing Statement:

08:58:09 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, closed the hearing on HB 273.

HEARING ON SB 20 - Generally revise laws related to alcohol

Opening Statement:

08:44:45 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 20, Generally revise laws related to alcohol.

Closing Statement:

08:48:59 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, closed the hearing on SB 20.

Proponent Testimony:

08:46:21 Becky Schlauch, Administrator, Department of Revenue, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division (DOR-ABCD)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:47:58 Rep. Steven Galloway
08:48:13 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD

HEARING ON HB 305 - Generally revise alcohol laws relating to manufacturing and retail

Opening Statement:

08:59:36 Chair Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 305,
Generally revise alcohol laws relating to manufacturing and retail.

Proponent Testimony:

09:03:47 Matt Leow, Executive Director, Montana Brewers Association (MBA)
09:13:27 Jennifer Hensley, Montana Distillers Guild (MDG)
09:17:43 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)
09:20:55 Pat Noonan, Montana Beer and Wine Distributors Association (MBWDA)
09:22:23 Debra Pitassy, Executive Director, Montana Beer and Wine Distributors
Association (MBWDA)
09:27:56 Courtney McKee
09:27:57 Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe left the meeting.
09:29:48 Ethan Kohoutek
09:32:19 Shauna Helfert, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)
09:33:01 Tim Chisman
09:35:34 Scott Kelley

09:37:24 Sam Hoffman

09:39:13 Ryan Montgomery, President, Montana Distillers Guild (MDG)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:40:45 Becky Schlauch, Administrator, Department of Revenue, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division (DOR-ABCD)

Questions from Committee:

09:41:05 Rep. Bob Carter

09:41:29 Rep. Edward Buttrey-R

09:41:50 Rep. Bob Carter

09:42:21 Matt Leow, MBA

09:43:18 Rep. Ron Marshall

09:43:40 Rep. Edward Buttrey-R

09:43:53 Rep. Denley Loge

09:44:32 Matt Leow, MBA

09:45:15 Rep. Greg Oblander

09:46:10 Rep. Edward Buttrey-R

09:46:57 Rep. Steven Galloway

09:47:24 Rep. Edward Buttrey-R

09:48:14 John Iverson, MTA

09:49:10 Rep. Steven Galloway

09:50:12 Rep. Katie Sullivan

09:50:28 Jennifer Hensley, MDG

09:53:39 Rep. Bob Carter

09:54:11 John Iverson, MTA

09:55:35 Rep. Bob Carter
09:56:19 Vice Chair Derek Harvey
09:56:41 Rep. Steven Galloway
09:57:14 Rep. Edward Buttrey-R
09:57:43 Rep. Steven Galloway
09:57:56 Rep. Edward Buttrey-R

Closing Statement:

09:58:17 Chair Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, closed the hearing on HB 305.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:00:12

Jolanda Songer, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230126BUHaad\)](#)