

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

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey-R, on January 27, 2023 at 8:31 AM, in Room 172

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)
Rep. Derek Harvey, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Fred Anderson (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. 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. Denley Loge (R)
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 277 01/20/2023

Executive Action:

HB 97 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 242 DO PASS

SB 102 BE CONCURRED IN
HB 263 DO PASS
HB 273 DO PASS

HEARING ON HB 277 - Revise workers compensation laws relating to the State Auditor

Opening Statement:

08:34:08 Rep. Nelly Nicol (R), HD 83, opened the hearing on HB 277, Revise workers compensation laws relating to the State Auditor.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230127BUHa1\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230127BUHa2\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230127BUHa3\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230127BUHa4\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230127BUHa5\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

08:43:22 Frank Cote, Director, State Auditor's Office, Government Relations

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:49:16 Kevin Braun, Montana State Fund

Questions from Committee:

08:49:32 Rep. Steven Galloway

08:50:49 Rep. Steven Galloway

08:51:28 Chair Edward Buttrey

08:51:47 Rep. Greg Oblander

08:52:39 Rep. Greg Oblander

08:53:01 Rep. Steve Gist

08:53:41	Rep. Steve Gist
08:56:07	Rep. Steve Gist
08:57:14	Rep. Ron Marshall
08:57:53	Rep. Nelly Nicol
08:58:29	Rep. Ron Marshall
08:58:53	Rep. Nelly Nicol
08:59:21	Vice Chair Derek Harvey
09:00:11	Vice Chair Derek Harvey
09:01:19	Chair Edward Buttrey
09:02:56	Rep. Eric Matthews
09:03:47	Rep. Nelly Nicol
09:06:02	Rep. Steve Gist
09:08:11	Rep. Steve Gist
09:10:27	Rep. Ron Marshall
09:12:29	Rep. Ron Marshall
09:13:11	Rep. Nelly Nicol
09:14:22	Rep. Ron Marshall
09:15:26	Rep. Nelly Nicol
09:16:02	Chair Edward Buttrey
09:18:10	Kevin Braun
09:18:21	Chair Edward Buttrey
09:20:53	Rep. Bob Carter
09:21:22	Rep. Nelly Nicol
09:22:14	Vice Chair Derek Harvey

09:22:40 Kevin Braun
09:23:17 Vice Chair Derek Harvey
09:24:20 Rep. Steven Galloway
09:25:38 Rep Loge
09:25:50 Rep. Ron Marshall
09:26:01 Kevin Braun

Closing Statement:

09:26:43 Rep. Nelly Nicol (R), HD 83, closed the hearing on HB 277.

09:29:03 **Recessed**

10:07:55 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 97 - Generally revise laws related to alcohol

10:08:25 **Motion:** Vice Chair Derek Harvey moved that **HB 97 DO PASS.**
10:09:00 **Motion:** Vice Chair Derek Harvey moved that **HB 97 BE AMENDED.**
10:12:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
10:14:22 **Motion:** Vice Chair Derek Harvey moved that **HB 97 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
10:14:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 242 - Revise alcohol laws to increase all-beverage license ownership limits

10:14:33 **Motion:** Vice Chair Derek Harvey moved that **HB 242 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:14:40 Chair Edward Buttrey
[EXHIBIT\(230127BUHa6\)](#)
10:17:54 Rep. Greg Oblander
10:18:06 Chair Edward Buttrey
10:18:36 Rep. Steven Galloway

10:20:31 Chair Edward Buttrey
10:21:28 Rep. Steven Galloway
10:21:52 Chair Edward Buttrey
10:22:09 Rep. Steve Gunderson
10:22:44 Rep. Bergstrom
10:24:13 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald
10:25:04 Rep. Loge
10:25:24 Rep. Steve Gist
10:25:45 Chair Edward Buttrey
10:26:19 Vice Chair Derek Harvey
10:26:36 Jameson Walker
10:27:32 Vice Chair Derek Harvey
10:27:39 Rep. Steven Galloway
10:28:06 Chair Edward Buttrey

[EXHIBIT\(230127BUHa7\)](#)

10:28:12 **Vote:** Motion carried 12 - 7 by roll call vote with Rep. Anderson, Rep. Carter, Rep. Galloway, Rep. Gist, Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Nicol, Rep. Oblander, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 102 - Generally revising laws related to sports wagering sales agents' commissions

10:30:13 **Motion:** Vice Chair Derek Harvey moved that **SB 102 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

10:30:23 Chair Edward Buttrey

10:31:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 263 - Revise insurance coverage for prescription eyedrop refills

10:31:26 **Motion:** Vice Chair Derek Harvey moved that **HB 263 DO PASS.**

10:31:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

10:32:01 **Motion:** Vice Chair Derek Harvey moved that **HB 273 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:32:19 Rep. Steven Galloway

10:32:37 Vice Chair Derek Harvey

10:33:12 **Vote:** Motion carried 14 - 5 by roll call vote with Rep. Harvey, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Matthews, Rep. Sullivan, Rep. Zolnikov, voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:37:01

Jolanda Songer, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230127BUHaad\)](#)