

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

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey-R, on January 31, 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. 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. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (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:

HB 154 01/25/2023
HB 297 01/25/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 297 - Revise video gambling machine taxes to allow a deduction for negative income

Opening Statement:

08:32:47 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 297, Revise video gambling machine taxes to allow a deduction for negative income.

Proponent Testimony:

08:34:22 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association (MCMOA)

08:36:32 Shauna Helfert, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)

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08:38:27 Rep. Ron Marshall left the meeting.

08:38:51 Rep. Jonathan Karlen left the meeting.

08:42:07 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

08:43:24 Jason Johnson, Interim Administrator, Montana Department of Justice, Gambling Control Division (DOJ-GCD)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:45:02 Rep. Steven Galloway

08:45:26 Shauna Helfert, GIA

08:45:48 Rep. Steven Galloway

08:45:56 Shauna Helfert, GIA

08:46:14 Rep. Bob Carter

08:46:35 Jason Johnson, DOJ=GCD

08:46:43 Rep. Bob Carter

08:47:00 Rep. Tom Welch-R

Closing Statement:

08:47:20 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, closed the hearing on HB 297.

HEARING ON HB 154 - Remove licensure requirement for medication aides

Opening Statement:

08:48:08 Rep. Paul Tuss (D), HD 28, opened the hearing on HB 154, Remove licensure requirement for medication aides.

Proponent Testimony:

08:51:37 Eric Strauss, Administrator, Department of Labor and Industry, Employment Standards Division (DLI-ESD)

Opponent Testimony:

08:54:03 Rose Hughes, Executive Director, Montana Healthcare Association (MHA)

08:57:00 Heather O'Hara, Vice-President, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

08:57:17 Rep. Nelly Nicol left the meeting.

08:59:07 Adrianna Hines, Benefis

08:59:42 Margaret Morgan, St. John's United

09:00:38 Jason Cronk, President and CEO, Emmanuel Lutheran Community

09:02:41 Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe joined the meeting.

09:02:53 Christen Obresley, Vice President, Northern Montana Hospital, Regulatory and Community Services

09:03:40 Lori Henderson

09:07:14 Steve McFadden, Administrator, Valle Vista Manor

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:08:00 Rep. Steven Galloway
09:08:30 Rep. Paul Tuss-D
09:09:05 Lori Henderson
09:09:08 Rep. Steven Galloway
09:09:36 Lori Henderson
09:09:41 Rep. Steven Galloway
09:10:01 Rep. Katie Zolnikov joined the meeting.
09:10:04 Lori Henderson
09:11:19 Rep. Steven Galloway
09:11:33 Lori Henderson
09:12:21 Rep. Greg Oblander
09:13:05 Lori Henderson
09:14:30 Rep. Greg Oblander
09:14:40 Lori Henderson
09:14:52 Chair Edward Buttrey
09:15:21 Eric Strauss, DLI

Closing Statement:

09:15:58 Rep. Paul Tuss (D), HD 28, closed the hearing on HB 154.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:19:09

Jolanda Songer, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230131BUHaad\)](#)