

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

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey-R, on February 01, 2023 at 8:38 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. 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. Jennifer Lynch (D)

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 128 01/27/2023
HB 229 01/25/2023
HB 304 01/25/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 229 - Generally revise marijuana laws related to testing laboratories

Opening Statement:

08:38:40 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 229, Generally revise marijuana laws related to testing laboratories.

Proponent Testimony:

08:40:08 Jennifer Hensley, Fidelity Diagnostics Laboratory
08:44:55 Ron Brost, Director, Stillwater Laboratories
08:45:59 Andre Umansky, Fidelity Diagnostics Laboratory
08:48:23 Kate Cholewa, Montana Cannabis Industry Association (MCIA)
08:49:03 Pepper Petersen, Montana Cannabis Guild (MCG)
08:50:06 Melissa Umansky, Fidelity Diagnostics Laboratory
08:51:43 Antonette Lininger, Chief Executive Officer, Sacred Sun Farms
08:52:02 Jonathan Speare, Owner and Director, White Buffalo Laboratories
08:54:58 Barbie Turner, Alternative Relief
08:55:59 Sahil Mehta, Euphoria Wellness
08:56:32 Erin Bolster, Tamarack Cannabis

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:57:37 Kristan Barbour, Administrator, Department of Revenue, Cannabis Control Division (DOR-CCD)
08:58:12 Kathy Wiegand-Palmer, Marijuana Laboratory Systems Improvement Specialist, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee:

08:58:47 Rep. Steve Gunderson

08:59:23 Jennifer Hensley, Fidelity Diagnostics Laboratory

08:59:47 Rep. Greg Oblander

09:00:24 Kristan Barbour, DOR-CCD

09:00:50 Andre Umansky, Fidelity Diagnostics Laboratory

09:01:21 Rep. Greg Oblander

09:01:37 Kristan Barbour, DOR-CCD

09:02:23 Rep. Bob Carter

09:03:00 Kristan Barbour, DOR-CCD

09:03:13 Jennifer Hensley, Fidelity Diagnostics Laboratory

09:04:13 Rep. Katie Sullivan

09:04:37 Andre Umansky, Fidelity Diagnostics Laboratory

09:05:57 Rep. Katie Sullivan

09:06:53 Kristan Barbour, DOR-CCD

09:07:15 Kathy Wiegand-Palmer, DPHHS

09:07:46 Rep. Katie Sullivan

09:08:09 Kathy Wiegand-Palmer, DPHHS

09:08:27 Rep. Steven Galloway

09:08:47 Jennifer Hensley, Fidelity Diagnostics Laboratory

Closing Statement:

09:10:09 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, closed the hearing on HB 229.

HEARING ON HB 304 - Require Marijuana producer and processor facility air and odor filtration

Opening Statement:

09:10:56 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R), HD 67, opened the hearing on HB 304, Require Marijuana producer and processor facility air and odor filtration.

Proponent Testimony:

09:14:52 Rep. Gillette
09:17:30 Michelle Jenicek
09:19:55 Ken Stoeber
09:21:38 Trent Ryles
09:24:09 John McCausland
09:25:00 Rep. Katie Sullivan left the meeting.
09:25:28 Kami Ryles
09:26:50 Kelsey Conophy
09:29:29 Michele Maidens
09:32:24 Tim Inman

Opponent Testimony:

09:36:17 Adam Arnold, Collective Elevation
09:41:04 Roy Noland, Production Manager, NinePipe Organics
09:46:03 Kate Cholewa, Montana Cannabis Industry Association (MCIA)
09:47:29 Pepper Petersen, Montana Cannabis Guild (MCG)
09:50:39 Nathan Kosted, Stillwater Laboratories
09:52:32 Antonette Lininger, Chief Executive Officer, Sacred Sun Farms
09:52:55 Rep. Katie Sullivan joined the meeting.
09:54:25 Glenn Broughton, Starbuds
09:56:05 Brandon Madland, Herbal Counter

09:57:53 Joanna Barney, Sacred Sun Farms
10:00:10 Jessica Swearingen, Holistic Harvest Cannabis Farms
10:01:56 Erin Bolster, Tamarac Cannabis
10:05:32 Barbie Turner, Alternative Relief
10:08:04 Kaari Fulton, Armadillo Buds
10:08:43 Sarah Sriraman, Dancing Goats Gardens
10:09:48 Sahil Mehta, Euphoria Wellness
10:10:36 Nate Hume, N8's Nuggz n Such

Informational Witness Testimony:

10:11:06 Kristan Barbour, Administrator, Department of Revenue, Cannabis Control Division (DOR-CCD)

Questions from Committee:

10:11:42 Rep. Steve Gist
10:12:23 Kristan Barbour, DOR-CCD
10:13:04 Rep. Steve Gist
10:13:23 Kristan Barbour, DOR-CCD
10:13:58 Rep. Ron Marshall
10:14:22 Kristan Barbour, DOR-CCD
10:14:48 Devin Keller, DOR-CCD
10:15:20 Rep. Ron Marshall
10:15:48 John McCausland
10:15:56 Rep. Ron Marshall
10:16:07 John McCausland
10:16:09 Rep. Ron Marshall
10:16:55 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle-R

10:18:10	Rep. Greg Oblander
10:18:38	Rep. Jedediah Hinkle-R
10:19:15	Rep. Greg Oblander
10:19:38	Rep. Jedediah Hinkle-R
10:21:17	Chair Edward Buttrey
10:21:54	Rep. Jedediah Hinkle-R
10:22:37	Chair Edward Buttrey
10:23:43	Rep. Jedediah Hinkle-R
10:25:19	Rep. Denley Loge
10:25:55	Rep. Jedediah Hinkle-R
10:27:46	Rep. Steve Gist
10:28:18	Kristan Barbour, DOR-CCD
10:28:42	Rep. Steve Gist
10:28:59	Rep. Bob Carter
10:29:15	Rep. Jedediah Hinkle-R
10:30:03	Rep. Bob Carter
10:30:36	Rep. Jedediah Hinkle-R
10:31:21	Vice Chair Derek Harvey
10:32:12	Rep. Jedediah Hinkle-R
10:34:14	Rep. Ron Marshall
10:34:25	Michelle Jenicek
10:35:00	Rep. Ron Marshall
10:35:07	Courtney Cosgrove, DOR-CCD

Closing Statement:

10:36:14 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R), HD 67, closed the hearing on HB 304.

HEARING ON HB 128 - Generally revise marijuana laws

Opening Statement:

10:41:33 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 128, Generally revise marijuana laws.

Proponent Testimony:

10:42:30 E.J. Redding, Bloom

10:43:44 Kate Cholewa, Montana Cannabis Industry Association (MCIA)

10:48:35 Kelly Lynch, Executive Director, Montana League of Cities and Towns

10:49:35 Cynthia Coleman, Shawn's Way

10:58:35 Jennifer Hensley, Fidelity Diagnostic Laboratories

10:59:56 Pepper Petersen, Montana Cannabis Guild (MCG)

11:04:30 Kristan Barbour, Administrator, Department of Revenue, Cannabis Control Division (DOR-CCD))

11:05:43 Kathy Wiegand-Palmer, Marijuana Laboratory Systems Improvement Specialist, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

11:07:32 Adam Arnold, Collective Elevation

11:10:40 Antonette Lininger, Chief Executive Officer, Scared Sun Farms

11:13:13 Glen Broughton, Starbuds

11:14:41 Jason Smith, Montana Advanced Caregivers

11:17:55 Jessica Swearinger, Holistic Harvest Cannabis Farms

11:19:09 Kaari Fulton, Armadillo Buds

11:20:40 Zack Schopp, CEO and Founder, Seed of Life Labs

11:21:47 Erica Siate, Stink Blossom and Hemp Plus

11:22:38 Sahil Mehta, Euphoria Wellness

11:22:55 Erin Bolster, Tamarac Cannabis

11:24:18 Nate Hume, N8's Nuggz n Such

Opponent Testimony:

11:25:38 Ron Brost, Director, Stillwater Laboratories

11:31:54 Maggie Bornstein, ECLU of Montana

11:35:34 Nathan Kosted, Stillwater Laboratories

11:42:44 Kristine Brost, Director, Stillwater Laboratories

11:44:20 Norman Huynh, Pacific Valley

11:46:31 Catherine Young, Pacific Valley

Informational Witness Testimony:

11:48:48 Joanna Barney, Sacred Sun Farms

Questions from Committee:

11:49:22 Rep. Steve Gist

11:50:00 Rep. Fred Anderson left the meeting.

11:50:08 Rep. Kassmier

11:50:17 Rep. Katie Sullivan

11:50:56 Kristan Barbour, DOR-CCD

11:51:19 Rep. Katie Sullivan

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12:02:51 Rep. Bob Carter
12:03:03 Kristan Barbour, DOR-CCD
12:03:12 Rep. Bob Carter
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12:07:33 Ron Brost, Stillwater Laboratories
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12:09:31 Kristan Barbour, DOR-CCD

Closing Statement:

12:10:34 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, closed the hearing on HB 128.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:11:50

Jolanda Songer, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230201BUHaad\)](#)