

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

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey-R, on February 08, 2023 at 8:32 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 (D)
Rep. Greg Oblander (R)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)
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 351 02/01/2023
HB 357 02/02/2023
HB 379 02/02/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 379 - Revise laws related to pharmacy benefit managers

Opening Statement:

08:33:40 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 379, Revise laws related to pharmacy benefit managers.

Proponent Testimony:

08:35:29 Stacey Anderson, Policy Director, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

08:39:54 Stuart Doggett, Montana Pharmacy Association (MPA)

08:40:05 Duane Preshinger, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

08:41:03 Frank Cote, Montana Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI)

08:43:10 Tammy Cox, Pharmacy Director and Deputy Executive Director, South West Montana Community Health Center (SWMTCHC)

08:46:16 Rep. Bob Carter left the meeting.

08:47:09 Kristi Monson, Montana Family Pharmacies (MFP)

08:48:23 Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe left the meeting.

08:49:15 Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe joined the meeting.

08:50:19 Stephanie Chosa, Director of Pharmacy, One Health

Opponent Testimony:

08:54:08 Tonia Neal, Senior Director for State Affairs, Pharmaceutical Care Management Association (PCMA)

08:57:06 Bruce Spencer, Express Scripts

09:03:23 Gregory Van Horssen, Prime Therapeutics

09:03:59 John Metropolis, Pharmaceutical Care Management Association (PCMA)

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:04:20 Rep. Greg Oblander
09:04:47 Bruce Spencer, Express Scripts
09:08:28 Rep. Denley Loge
09:08:54 Stacey Anderson, MPCA
09:09:51 Kristi Monson, MFP
09:11:16 Rep. Steven Galloway
09:12:22 Gregory Van Horssen, Prime Therapeutics
09:13:20 Bruce Spencer, Express Scripts

Closing Statement:

09:15:22 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, closed the hearing on HB 379.

HEARING ON HB 357 - Revise homeowners' association restrictions

Opening Statement:

09:20:11 Rep. Julie Dooling (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 357, Revise homeowners' association restrictions.

Proponent Testimony:

09:22:11 Zoe King, President, Local HOA
09:25:00 Alanah Griffith, Attorney, Home Owner Associations
09:27:46 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)
09:29:25 Stuart Doggett, Montana Land Title Association (MLTA)
09:30:02 Ronda Wiggers, Local HOA in Lewis & Clark County

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18:29:10 Rep. Bob Carter joined the meeting.

Opponent Testimony:

09:33:53	Robin Hogan
09:38:42	Don Lepinsky
09:42:02	Bill Myers
09:49:08	Stephanie Baucus, Attorney, Homeowner Associations
10:00:47	Michael Collins

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

10:06:21	Rep. Denley Loge
10:06:57	Bill Myers
10:07:41	Rep. Denley Loge
10:08:01	Bill Myers
10:08:54	Rep. Denley Loge
10:09:02	Bill Myers
10:09:30	Rep. Katie Sullivan
10:10:07	Alanah Griffith
10:11:27	Rep. Katie Sullivan
10:12:08	Alanah Griffith
10:13:46	Rep. Greg Oblander
10:14:27	Alanah Griffith
10:15:07	Rep. Greg Oblander
10:15:20	Alanah Griffith
10:15:55	Rep. Katie Zolnikov
10:16:26	Stephanie Baucus

10:20:01 Rep. Katie Zolnikov
10:20:43 Stephanie Baucus
10:21:47 Chair Edward Buttrey
10:22:06 Stephanie Baucus
10:23:05 Rep. Steve Gunderson
10:23:22 Stephanie Baucus
10:24:36 Rep. Steve Gunderson
10:25:01 Stephanie Baucus
10:27:00 Rep. Ron Marshall
10:27:23 Stephanie Baucus
10:28:10 Rep. Ron Marshall
10:28:26 Stephanie Baucus
10:30:50 Rep. Ron Marshall
10:30:53 Stephanie Baucus
10:31:21 Rep. Katie Sullivan
10:31:47 Rep. James Bergstrom
10:32:31 Stephanie Baucus

Closing Statement:

10:34:21 Rep. Julie Dooling (R), HD 70, closed the hearing on HB 357.

HEARING ON HB 351 - Generally revise marijuana laws

Opening Statement:

10:41:33 Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R), HD 43, opened the hearing on HB 351, Generally revise marijuana laws.

[EXHIBIT\(230208BUHa2\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

10:45:51 Scott Reichner, Safe Montana
10:47:47 Steve Zabawa, Director, Safe Montana

Opponent Testimony:

10:55:39 Kathleen Cholewa, Montana Cannabis Industry Association (MTCIA)
11:00:20 Jennifer Hensley, Fidelity Diagnostics Laboratory
11:05:31 Brandon Madland
11:10:30 Pepper Peterson, Montana Cannabis Guild (MCG)
11:14:42 Jim Strauss, Montana Newspaper Association (MNA)
11:17:35 Tim Ravndal, Broadwater County News
11:20:45 Glenn Brothen, Starbuds
11:23:15 Jessica Bickham, Radio Billings
11:25:12 Molly Thorvilson, Marketing Director, Tamarack Cannabis
11:26:39 Nathan Pierce
11:31:25 Antonette Lininger, Sacred Sun Farms
11:32:31 Brian Jennings, Helena Buds
11:32:57 Mariah Bond, Soultonix
11:33:13 Billie Rhodes, Lionheart Cannabis
11:33:25 Sahil Mehta, Euphoria Wellness
11:33:53 Erica Siate, Stink Blossom and Hemp Plus
11:34:31 Nick Checota, Groove Solventless
11:35:29 Josh Gosney, Infinity Wellness Dispensary
11:37:34 Erin Bolster, Tamarack Cannabis
11:38:05 Roy Noland, Nine Pipe Organics
11:38:58 Stephanie Medina, Euphoria Wellness dispensary

Informational Witness Testimony:

11:39:44 Kristan Barbour, Administrator, Department of Revenue, Cannabis Control
Division (DOR-CCD)

Questions from Committee:

11:39:50 Rep. Greg Oblander
11:40:19 Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe-R
11:40:42 Rep. Greg Oblander
11:40:57 Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe-R
11:41:00 Rep. Jennifer Lynch
11:41:29 Jennifer Hensley, MDG
11:42:01 Rep. Ron Marshall
11:42:35 Steve Zawaba
11:42:38 Rep. Ron Marshall
11:43:28 Kate Cholewa
11:44:34 Rep. Katie Sullivan
11:45:00 Kristan Barbour, DOR-CCD
11:45:21 Rep. Steven Galloway
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11:51:22 Kristan Barbour, DOR-CCD
11:51:53 Rep. Steven Galloway
11:52:01 Kristan Barbour, DOR-CCD
11:52:16 Rep. Ron Marshall

Closing Statement:

11:52:39 Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R), HD 43, closed the hearing on HB 351.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:57:26

Jolanda Songer, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230208BUHaad\)](#)