

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

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey-R, on February 17, 2023 at 8:00 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. 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)

Members Excused: Rep. Steven Galloway (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 448 02/10/2023
HB 455 02/14/2023

Executive Action:

08:01:36 Rep. Galloway has arrived

HEARING ON HB 455 - Revise alcohol laws relating to certain products

Opening Statement:

08:02:35 Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R), HD 3, opened the hearing on HB 455, Revise alcohol laws relating to certain products.

Proponent Testimony:

08:03:23 Joe Block, CEO, Shottys, Tampa Florida

08:05:46 Jay Erickson, General Manager, Hayden Beverage

08:06:41 Jeremy Kleis, National Sales Director, Shottys, Tampa Florida

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:08:27 Becky Schlauch, Administrator, Department of Revenue, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division (DOR-ABCD)

Questions from Committee:

08:08:48 Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe

08:09:12 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD

08:09:32 Rep. Ron Marshall

08:09:46 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD

08:09:56 Rep. Ron Marshall

08:10:16 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD

08:10:36 Rep. Steven Galloway

08:10:45 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD

08:10:50 Rep. Denley Loge
08:11:08 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD
08:11:23 Joe Block, Shottys
08:11:57 Rep. Denley Loge
08:12:09 Joe Block, Shottys
08:12:20 Chair Edward Buttrey
08:12:33 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD
08:12:59 Chair Edward Buttrey
08:13:14 Rep. Braxton Mitchell-R
08:13:31 Rep. Greg Oblander
08:13:49 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD
08:14:06 Rep. Greg Oblander
08:14:17 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD
08:14:33 Rep. Katie Sullivan
08:14:56 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD
08:15:02 Rep. Katie Sullivan
08:15:24 Joe Block, Shottys
08:15:48 Rep. Greg Oblander
08:15:59 Joe Block, Shottys
08:16:38 Rep. Steven Galloway
08:16:58 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD
08:17:10 Rep. Steven Galloway
08:17:17 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD
08:17:35 Rep. Steven Galloway

08:17:43 Becky Schlauch, DOR-ABCD

08:17:51 Rep. Ron Marshall

Closing Statement:

08:18:18 Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R), HD 3, closed the hearing on HB 455.

08:19:37 **Recessed**

08:27:34 **Reconvened**

HEARING ON HB 448 - Revise laws related to right to work

Opening Statement:

08:29:16 Rep. James Bergstrom (R), HD 30, opened the hearing on HB 448, Revise laws related to right to work.

Proponent Testimony:

08:30:57 Caleb Hinkle, House District 68

08:33:30 Randy Pope, Executive Director, Montana Citizens for Right to Work

08:39:13 Wyatt LaPram, Americans for Prosperity (AFP)

08:40:46 John Kalb, Vice President, National Right to Work Committee (NRTWC)

Opponent Testimony:

08:47:09 Amanda Frickle, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, Montana (AFL-CIO)

08:50:11 Adam Haight, Field Representative, Laborers Local 1686

08:54:04 David Hoffman, Director, Northwestern Energy, Government Relations

08:55:21 Dwight Rose, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers 44 (IBEW)

08:58:00 Erin Foley, Secretary, Treasurer, and Principal Officer Teamsters Local 2 Montana and President, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations, Montana (AFL-CIO)

09:00:39 Heather McDowell, Vice President, Legal, Environmental, and Government Affairs, Sibanye-Stillwater, Montana Operation

09:02:07 Curtis Schomer, Local 11000-1 Sibanye-Stillwater Mining Co.

09:03:27 Al Ekblad, Operating Engineers Local 400

09:08:40 Mike Williams, Area Manager, Sowles, Montana

09:09:57 Jim Wonnacott, Business Manager, Iron Workers Local 732

09:12:20 Mario Martinez, Lead Representative, Montana Carpenters Local 82

09:15:14 Brian Rigby, Apprenticeship & Training Coordinator, Ironworkers Local 732

09:17:43 Gina Davis

09:19:09 Les Pearson, Ironworkers Local 732

09:21:00 Nate McConnell, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)

09:24:08 Quint Nyman, Deputy Executive Director, Montana Federation of Public Employees and Vice President, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)

09:25:34 Andy Ekblad, Montana State Council of Professional Fire Fighters and International Association of Fire Fighters, Local 521

09:27:33 John Forkan, Montana State Building and Construction Trades Council (SBCTC)

09:28:39 Jackie McBroom, President, Montana State Conference of Electrical Workers and Business Manager, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 233 (IBEW)

09:29:36 Jason Small, House District 21

09:31:27 Robin Haux, Labor Program Coordinator, Montana Nurses Association (MNA)

09:32:09 John Johnson, Business Agent, Operating Engineers Local 400

09:32:34 Joel Worth, Montana Carpenters Union

09:34:32 Steven Marshall

09:36:40 Paul Dunn, Local 82 Carpenters

09:38:24 Clint Penny, Business Manager, Boilermakers Local 11

09:38:37 Jim Starceвич

09:40:12 Josh Cox, Sheet Metal, Air, Rail, and Transportation Workers (SMART)
Local 103

09:40:47 D.B. Kenner, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET)

09:41:15 Rhonda Johnson, Business Agent, Teamsters Local 190

09:42:48 Thomas Richey

09:44:33 Carl Daniel

09:44:55 Morgan Yelvington

09:46:11 Marcus Lewis, Allen Elkshoulder

09:48:03 Dave Englund

09:49:46 Brandon Colwell

09:50:45 Jessie LaBelle

09:52:27 Nicolai Cocergine, President, United Food & Commercial Workers
International Union (UFCW)

09:54:08 Brandon Walker

09:55:30 Walter Elliott

09:55:48 Shanelle Robinson

09:56:09 Studebaker Hunter

09:57:04 Colton Chabez

09:57:39 Aleck McVey-Toychette

09:57:59 Tyler Mullenbach

09:58:13 Forest Fox

09:58:34 Levi Wilson

09:58:54 Paul Peterson

09:59:12 Jason Hottel

10:00:11	Steven Klippenes
10:00:38	Seth Ogle
10:01:13	Shawn Roberts
10:01:25	Chris Pfeiffer
10:01:44	Jacob Ligocky
10:01:58	Matthew Desterre
10:03:14	William Olson
10:03:54	Nick Babcock
10:04:10	Anthony Castro
10:04:23	Steven Kagerer
10:04:41	Chris Petschan
10:05:06	Andrew Nichols
10:05:21	Wayne Nelson
10:05:31	Henry Brown
10:05:49	Nathan Ehrlick, Self and Jake Ehrlick
10:06:17	Joe Somma
10:06:29	Melanie Sloan
10:07:06	Dillon McDonald
10:07:28	Greg Ferguson
10:08:17	Nick Bruce
10:08:31	Tyler Gow
10:08:43	Rich Kautzman
10:08:55	Brandon Leatham, Regional Representative, Sheet Metal Workers Local 103
10:09:11	Cory Schumacher

10:09:33 Josh Catron
10:09:48 Eric Zyliak
10:09:59 Dale Cornelius
10:10:16 Luke Hoffer, Business Manager Local 233
10:10:32 Amy Bray
10:11:16 Kim Paulsen
10:12:00 Leslie Shepherd
10:12:15 Jacquie Helt, Montana State Director, SEIU 775
10:13:59 Michael Bacon
10:15:20 Rebecca Ramos
10:15:44 Cynthia Hinzman
10:17:08 Tara Lee

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

10:18:53 Rep. Denley Loge
10:19:29 Rep. James Bergstrom
10:19:53 Rep. Bob Carter
10:20:19 Mario. Matinez, Lead Rep.
10:21:25 Chair Edward Buttrey
10:21:45 Mario Martinez, Lead Rep.
10:22:13 Rep. Steve Gunderson
10:22:49 Amanda Frickle, AFL-CIO
10:23:37 Rep. Steve Gunderson
10:23:56 Amanda Frickle, AFL-CIO

10:25:03 Rep. Steve Gunderson
10:25:16 Amanda Frickle, AFL-CIO
10:25:25 Rep. Greg Oblander
10:25:37 Erin Foley, Teamsters Local 2
10:26:26 Rep. Greg Oblander
10:26:39 Erin Foley, Teamsters Local 2
10:27:08 Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe
10:27:24 Rep. James Bergstrom-R
10:27:55 John Kalb, NRTWC
10:28:20 Vice Chair Derek Harvey
10:28:57 Al Ekblad, Local 400
10:30:00 Chair Edward Buttrey
10:30:48 Al Ekblad, Local 400
10:32:09 Chair Edward Buttrey
10:32:26 Al Ekblad, Local 400
10:32:54 Vice Chair Derek Harvey left the meeting.
10:33:28 Rep. Katie Sullivan
10:33:47 Amanda Frickle, AFL-CIO
10:34:20 Rep. Bob Carter
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10:35:54 Rep. Steve Gunderson
10:36:37 Heather McDowell, Sibanye-Stillwater Mining

10:38:12 Rep. Greg Oblander
10:38:28 Heather McDowell, Sibanye-Stillwater Mining
10:38:35 Rep. Greg Oblander
10:38:45 Heather McDowell, Sibanye-Stillwater Mining
10:39:07 Rep. Galloway
10:39:42 Randy Pope, Montana Citizen for Right to Work
10:40:18 Rep. Galloway
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10:41:27 Chair Edward Buttrey
10:41:48 Rep. James Bergstrom-R
10:42:49 Chair Edward Buttrey
10:43:03 Rep. James Bergstrom-R
10:43:20 John Kalb, NRTWC
10:43:50 Rep. Eric Matthews
10:44:47 John Kalb, NRTWC
10:45:29 Rep. Eric Matthews
10:46:09 John Kalb, NRTWC
10:46:17 Rep. Eric Matthews
10:46:22 John Kalb, NRTWC
10:46:56 Rep. Eric Matthews
10:47:28 John Kalb, NRTWC
10:48:08 Rep. Eric Matthews
10:48:54 John Kalb, NRTWC
10:49:21 Rep. Steve Gist left the meeting.

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10:50:07 Rep. Katie Sullivan
10:50:30 Amanda Frickle, AFL-CIO
10:53:16 Rep. Ron Marshall
10:54:49 Josh Cox, Local 103
10:55:04 Rep. Ron Marshall
10:55:26 Josh Cox, Local 103
10:55:44 Rep. Ron Marshall
10:56:00 D.B. Kenner, BLET

Proponent Testimony:

None

Closing Statement:

10:56:47 Rep. James Bergstrom (R), HD 30, closed the hearing on HB 448.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:59:08

Jolanda Songer, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230217BUHaad\)](#)