

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey-R, on February 21, 2023 at 8:31 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 (R)  
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 468 02/14/2023  
HB 490 02/14/2023  
HB 499 02/15/2023  
HB 572 02/17/2023

Executive Action:

HB 177 TO TABLE  
HB 304 DO PASS AS AMENDED  
HB 313 DO PASS AS AMENDED  
HB 455 DO PASS AS AMENDED

08:35:19 Rep. Galloway has arrived

**HEARING ON HB 499 - Revise laws relating to social worker pertaining to work experience**

**Opening Statement:**

08:32:23 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D), HD 49, opened the hearing on HB 499, Revise laws relating to social worker pertaining to work experience.

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:33:26 Nathan Staley, Executive Director, Montana Chapter, National Organization of Social Workers (NASW)

08:33:54 Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe joined the meeting.

08:34:43 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

08:35:23 Jennifer Hensley, County of Missoula

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

None

**Closing Statement:**

08:36:43 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D), HD 49, closed the hearing on HB 499.

09:08:15 Rep. Fitzgerald has arrived

**HEARING ON HB 572 - Revise video gambling machine laws**

**Opening Statement:**

08:37:46 Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 572, Revise video gambling machine laws.

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:41:57 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association (MCMOA)

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08:49:18 Brett Jemming

08:50:43 Brock Lohman

08:51:30 Richard Petty

08:52:27 Travis Woltermann

08:53:56 Kimberly Little

**Opponent Testimony:**

08:54:36 Shauna Helfert, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)

08:57:58 Robert Piccolo

09:00:39 John Iverson, Montana Tavern Association (MTA)

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09:09:45 Brad Watson

09:10:51 Katrina Stevens

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

09:12:14 Jason Johnson, Interim Administrator, Department of Justice, Gambling Control Division (DOJ-GCD)

**Questions from Committee:**

09:12:38 Rep. Ron Marshall

09:13:09 John Iverson, MTA

09:13:26 Rep. Ron Marshall

09:13:36 John Iverson, MTA  
09:13:43 Rep. Steve Gist  
09:14:23 Ronda Wiggers, MCMOA  
09:16:00 Rep. Steve Gist  
09:16:26 Ronda Wiggers, MCMOA  
09:17:48 Rep. Steve Gist  
09:17:54 Ronda Wiggers, MCMOA  
09:18:08 Rep. Bob Carter  
09:18:24 Ronda Wiggers, MCMOA  
09:19:06 Rep. Steve Gunderson  
09:19:19 Ronda Wiggers, MCMOA  
09:19:38 Rep. Steve Gunderson  
09:19:44 Ronda Wiggers, MCMOA  
09:19:56 Travis Woltermann  
09:20:22 Rep. Greg Oblander  
09:20:36 Travis Woltermann  
09:20:52 Rep. Greg Oblander  
09:21:00 Travis Woltermann  
09:21:32 Rep. Denley Loge  
09:21:45 Travis Woltermann  
09:22:03 Chair Edward Buttrey  
09:22:37 Rep. Bob Carter  
09:23:11 John Iverson, MTA  
09:24:25 Chair Edward Buttrey

09:25:49	Rep. Nelly Nicol
09:26:16	John Iverson, MTA
09:27:01	Chair Edward Buttrey
09:27:04	Travis Wolterman
09:27:27	Rep. Greg Oblander
09:27:52	Travis Wolterman
09:28:25	Rep. Greg Oblander
09:28:42	Travis Wolterman
09:29:06	Rep. Ron Marshall
09:29:25	Brett Jemming
09:29:34	Rep. Ron Marshall
09:29:42	Brett Jemming
09:30:03	Rep. Ron Marshall
09:30:11	Brett Jemming
09:30:29	Rep. Steven Galloway
09:30:50	Robert Piccolo
09:32:02	Rep. Steven Galloway
09:32:16	Robert Piccolo
09:33:53	Chair Edward Buttrey
09:34:27	Travis Wolterman
09:34:48	Chair Edward Buttrey
09:35:17	Travis Wolterman
09:35:32	Chair Edward Buttrey
09:35:46	Travis Wolterman

09:36:02 Chair Edward Buttrey  
09:36:08 Travis Wolterman  
09:36:25 Chair Edward Buttrey  
09:36:37 Travis Wolterman

**Closing Statement:**

09:37:15 Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R), HD 45, closed the hearing on HB 572.

**HEARING ON HB 468 - Revise unemployment insurance laws relating to job-attached employees**

**Opening Statement:**

09:46:16 Rep. Jane Gillette (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 468, Revise unemployment insurance laws relating to job-attached employees.

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**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

09:50:57 Amanda Frickle, Montana AFL-CIO  
09:53:44 David Smith, Executive Director, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

09:55:58 Quinlan O'Connor, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

**Questions from Committee:**

09:56:13 Rep. Ron Marshall  
09:56:32 Rep. Jane Gillette-R  
09:57:47 Rep. Nelly Nicol  
09:58:21 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI

09:58:48 Rep. James Bergstrom  
09:59:10 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI  
10:00:43 Rep. Katie Sullivan  
10:01:05 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI  
10:01:20 Vice Chair Derek Harvey joined the meeting.  
10:02:02 Chair Edward Buttrey  
10:02:22 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI  
10:02:55 Chair Edward Buttrey  
10:03:31 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI  
10:03:33 Chair Edward Buttrey  
10:03:36 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI  
10:04:07 Rep. Steven Galloway  
10:04:21 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI  
10:04:39 Rep. Steven Galloway  
10:04:48 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI  
10:05:00 Rep. Steven Galloway  
10:05:14 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI  
10:05:53 Rep. Steven Galloway  
10:06:17 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI  
10:06:44 Rep. Steven Galloway  
10:06:51 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI  
10:07:18 Rep. Katie Sullivan  
10:07:42 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI  
10:07:56 Rep. Katie Sullivan

10:08:01 Rep. Ron Marshall left the meeting.  
10:08:11 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI  
10:08:40 Rep. Katie Sullivan  
10:08:54 Amanda Frickle, MT AFL-CIO  
10:09:19 Rep. Steven Galloway  
10:09:47 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI  
10:11:06 Rep. Steven Galloway  
10:11:16 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI  
10:11:57 Rep. Steven Galloway  
10:12:32 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI  
10:12:57 Rep. Steven Galloway  
10:13:15 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI  
10:13:53 Rep. Greg Oblander  
10:14:29 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI  
10:15:16 Rep. Steven Galloway  
10:15:37 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI  
10:16:03 Chair Edward Buttrey  
10:16:21 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI  
10:16:41 Chair Edward Buttrey  
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10:17:18 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI

**Closing Statement:**

10:18:10 Rep. Jane Gillette (R), HD 64, closed the hearing on HB 468.

**HEARING ON HB 490 - Generally revise laws relating to independent contractor tax evasion and fraud**

**Opening Statement:**

10:21:36 Rep. Steve Gist (R), HD 25, opened the hearing on HB 490, Generally revise laws relating to independent contractor tax evasion and fraud.

**Proponent Testimony:**

10:28:43 Mario Martinez, Montana Carpenters Local 82

10:31:42 Joel Worth, Montana Carpenters Local 82

10:33:23 David Smith, Executive Director, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

10:35:02 Al Ekblad, Operating Engineers Local 400

10:36:15 Adam Haight, Laborers Local 1686

10:37:09 John Forken, Montana Building and Construction Trades Council (MBCTC)

10:38:04 Carter Marsh, Montana State Council of Professional Fire Fighters (MSCOPFF)

**Opponent Testimony:**

10:39:17 Cory Shaw, Montana Building Industry Association (MBIA)

10:41:43 Bill Pierce, Pierce and Associates Builders

10:51:09 Brian Thompson, Montana Contractors Compensation Fund (MCCF)

10:52:21 Ethan Heverly, Montana State Fund (MSF)

10:52:48 Ron Bartsch

10:54:36 Peter Strauss, Montana Self Insurer's Association (MSIA)

10:56:01 Ashley Martinez, Cotton Construction

10:57:37 Duane Williams, Executive Director, Montana Trucking Association (MTA)

10:59:43 Dan Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

11:01:04 Quinlan O'Connor, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

**Questions from Committee:**

11:01:22 Vice Chair Derek Harvey  
11:02:00 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI  
11:05:42 Rep. Denley Loge  
11:06:20 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI  
11:07:06 Rep. Denley Loge  
11:07:22 Eric Strauss, DLI  
11:08:04 Rep. Denley Loge  
11:08:11 Eric Strauss, DLI  
11:08:26 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI  
11:08:51 Rep. Greg Oblander  
11:09:12 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI  
11:10:09 Chair Edward Buttrey  
11:10:23 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI  
11:11:35 Rep. Bob Carter  
11:12:02 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI

**Closing Statement:**

11:13:32 Rep. Steve Gist (R), HD 25, closed the hearing on HB 490.  
  
11:17:56 **Recessed**  
  
11:54:58 **Reconvened**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 177 - Revise alcohol laws related to resort areas**

11:55:15 **Motion:** Rep. Edward Buttrey moved that **HB 177 DO PASS.**  
11:55:39 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Edward Buttrey moved that **HB 177 TO TABLE.**

11:55:39 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried 17 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Sullivan, voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 304 - Require Marijuana producer and processor facility air and odor filtration**

11:56:12 **Motion:** Rep. Edward Buttrey moved that **HB 304 DO PASS.**

11:56:33 **Motion:** Rep. Edward Buttrey moved that **HB 304 BE AMENDED.**

11:56:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:57:17 **Motion:** Rep. Edward Buttrey moved that **HB 304 BE AMENDED.**

11:57:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:58:49 **Motion:** Rep. Edward Buttrey moved that **HB 304 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

11:15:02 Chair Buttrey

11:59:01 Vice Chair Derek Harvey

11:59:41 Rep. Steven Galloway

11:58:49 **Vote:** Motion carried 15 - 4 by roll call vote with Rep. Harvey, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Matthews, Rep. Sullivan, voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 313 - Provide for independent practice of physician assistants**

12:01:35 **Motion:** Rep. Edward Buttrey moved that **HB 313 DO PASS.**

12:02:13 **Motion:** Rep. Edward Buttrey moved that **HB 313 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

12:03:01 Rep. Steven Galloway

12:03:06 Chair Edward Buttrey

12:03:44 Jameson Walker, Legislative Service Division (LSD)

12:04:11 Rep. Steven Galloway

12:04:21 Chair Edward Buttrey

12:05:01 Rep. Steven Galloway

12:05:19 Chair Edward Buttrey

12:05:43 Rep. Greg Oblander

12:06:21 Jameson Walker, LSD  
12:06:41 Chair Edward Buttrey  
12:07:07 **Motion:** Rep. Edward Buttrey moved that **HB 313 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**  
12:07:07 **Vote:** Motion carried 17 - 2 by roll call vote with Rep. Carter, Rep. Sullivan, voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 455 - Revise alcohol laws relating to certain products**

12:08:20 **Motion:** Rep. Edward Buttrey moved that **HB 455 DO PASS.**  
12:08:35 **Motion:** Rep. Edward Buttrey moved that **HB 455 BE AMENDED.**  
**Discussion:**  
12:08:56 Jameson Walker  
12:10:03 **Motion:** Rep. Edward Buttrey moved that **HB 455 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**  
12:10:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:12:10

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Jolanda Songer, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230221BUHaad\)](#)