

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

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey-R, on February 22, 2023 at 8:01 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. James Bergstrom (R)
Rep. Bob Carter (D)
Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Steven Galloway (R)
Rep. Steve Gist (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
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. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Jonathan Karlen (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 550 02/16/2023
HB 615 02/20/2023
SB 59 02/15/2023
SB 63 02/15/2023
SB 75 02/15/2023

Executive Action:

HB 87 PENDING, VOTE AT A
LATER TIME
HB 448 TO TABLE
HB 490 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 499 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 550 DO PASS

08:02:16

Rep. Karlen has arrived

HEARING ON SB 59 - Generally revise laws related to alcohol

Opening Statement:

08:03:17 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 59, Generally revise laws related to alcohol.

Proponent Testimony:

08:05:38 Dacia English, Outreach Coordinator, Department of Revenue, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division (DOR-ABCD)

08:06:18 Shauna Helfert, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)

08:06:44 Larry Robertson, Winery Association of Montana (WAM)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:08:19 Rep. Steven Galloway

08:08:34 Dacia English, DOR-ABCD

08:09:17 Rep. Steven Galloway

08:09:41 Dacia English, DOR-ABCD

08:10:14 Rep. Steven Galloway

08:10:31 Dacia English, DOR-ABCD

08:11:05 Rep. Steven Galloway

08:11:25 Larry Robertson, WAM

08:13:24 Rep. Ron Marshall
08:13:51 Dacia English, DOR-ABCD
08:14:57 Rep. Ron Marshall
08:15:21 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R
08:16:16 Rep. Edward Buttrey
08:16:32 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald
08:16:59 Dacia English, DOR-ABCD
08:17:17 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald
08:17:46 Dacia English, DOR-ABCD
08:18:10 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald
08:18:27 Dacia English, DOR-ABCD
08:18:40 Larry Robertson, WAM

Closing Statement:

08:20:18 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, closed the hearing on SB 59.

HEARING ON SB 75 - Generally revise laws related to alcohol licenses

Opening Statement:

08:20:45 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 75,
Generally revise laws related to alcohol licenses.

Proponent Testimony:

08:21:42 Dacia English, Outreach Coordinator, Department of Revenue, Alcoholic
Beverage Control Division (DOR-ABCD)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:23:21 Rep. Steven Galloway
08:23:56 Dacia English, DOR-ABCD
08:24:56 Rep. Steven Galloway
08:25:06 Dacia English, DOR-ABCD
08:25:37 Rep. Steve Gunderson
08:26:03 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R
08:26:28 Rep. Edward Buttrey
08:26:34 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R
08:26:41 Rep. Edward Buttrey

Closing Statement:

08:27:07 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, closed the hearing on SB 75.

HEARING ON SB 63 - Generally revise laws related to alcohol

Opening Statement:

08:27:36 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 63, Generally revise laws related to alcohol.

Proponent Testimony:

08:31:26 Dacia English, Outreach Coordinator, Department of Revenue, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division (DOR-ABCD)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:32:11 Rep. Katie Zolnikov

08:32:50 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov-R
08:33:11 Rep. Katie Zolnikov
08:33:19 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov-R
08:33:46 Rep. Edward Buttrey
08:34:22 Dacia English, DOR-ABCD
08:34:51 Rep. Edward Buttrey
08:35:05 Dacia English, DOR-ABCD
08:35:22 Rep. Edward Buttrey
08:35:37 Jameson Walker

Closing Statement:

08:36:02 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R), SD 45, closed the hearing on SB 63.

HEARING ON HB 550 - Revise gambling laws related to the sale of video gambling machines

Opening Statement:

08:37:16 Rep. Casey Knudsen (R), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 550, Revise gambling laws related to the sale of video gambling machines.

Proponent Testimony:

08:38:24 Shauna Helfert, Gaming Industry Association (GIA)
08:40:23 Ronda Wiggers, Montana Coin Machine Operators Association (MCMOA)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:41:02 Jason Johnson, Interim Administrator, Gaming Control Division, Montana Department of Justice (DOJ-GCD)

Questions from Committee:

08:18:23 Rep. Anderson has arrived
08:41:20 Rep. Steven Galloway
08:41:34 Jason Johnson, DOJ-GCD)
08:41:50 Rep. Edward Buttrey

Closing Statement:

08:42:10 Rep. Casey Knudsen (R), HD 33, closed the hearing on HB 550.

HEARING ON HB 615 - Generally revise liability insurance laws relating to real estate professionals

Opening Statement:

08:42:53 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 615, Generally revise liability insurance laws relating to real estate professionals.

Proponent Testimony:

08:44:11 Madison Grady, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)
08:44:47 Mike Nugent
08:45:58 Jaymie Bowditch, Legal Counsel, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:47:36 Eric Strauss, Administrator, Employment Standards Division, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI-ESD)

Questions from Committee:

08:47:57 Rep. Steven Galloway
08:48:13 Eric Strauss, DLI-ESD
08:48:46 Rep. Steven Galloway

08:48:59 Eric Strauss, DLI-ESD
08:49:22 Rep. Steven Galloway
08:49:37 Eric Strauss, DLI-ESD
08:49:51 Rep. Steven Galloway
08:49:57 Eric Strauss, DLI-ESD
08:50:09 Rep. Steven Galloway
08:50:23 Jaymie Bowditch, MAR
08:51:24 Rep. Steven Galloway
08:51:42 Jaymie Bowditch, MAR
08:52:30 Rep. Edward Buttrey
08:52:56 Eric Strauss, DLI-ESD
08:53:12 Rep. Greg Oblander
08:53:50 Jaymie Bowditch, MAR
08:54:25 Rep. Greg Oblander
08:54:54 Jaymie Bowditch, MAR
08:55:16 Rep. Steven Galloway
08:55:40 Jaymie Bowditch, MAR
08:56:21 Rep. Steve Gist
08:56:47 Jaymie Bowditch, MAR
08:57:23 Rep. Bob Carter
08:57:54 Eric Strauss, DLI-ESD
08:58:20 Rep. Edward Buttrey
08:59:04 Madison Grady, MAR
08:59:29 Rep. Edward Buttrey

08:59:41 Mike Nugent
09:01:14 Rep. Edward Buttrey
09:01:36 Mike Nugent
09:01:48 Rep. Steven Galloway
09:02:07 Mike Nugent
09:02:36 Rep. Bob Carter
09:02:57 Eric Strauss, DLI-ESD

Closing Statement:

09:03:28 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, closed the hearing on HB 615.

09:06:57 Recessed

09:40:00 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 87 - Standardize licensing board organization

09:40:15 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 87 DO PASS.**
09:40:29 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 87 BE AMENDED.**
09:40:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
10:47:55 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 87 PENDING, VOTE AT A LATER TIME.**
10:47:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 448 - Revise laws related to right to work

09:42:24 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 448 DO PASS.**
09:43:50 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Derek Harvey moved that **HB 448 TO TABLE.**
09:43:50 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried 12 - 7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bergstrom, Rep. Galloway, Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Marshall, Rep. Nicol, Rep. Seekins-Crowe, Rep. Zolnikov, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 490 - Generally revise laws relating to independent contractor tax evasion and fraud

- 09:45:10 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 490 DO PASS.**
- 09:45:42 **Motion:** Rep. Steve Gist moved that **HB 490 BE AMENDED.**
- 09:45:42 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 09:46:33 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 490 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

- 09:46:43 Rep. Steve Gist
- 09:47:06 Rep. Steven Galloway
- 09:46:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 499 - Revise laws relating to social worker pertaining to work experience

- 09:48:39 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 499 DO PASS.**
- 09:48:52 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 499 BE AMENDED.**
- 09:48:52 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 09:50:57 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 499 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
- 09:50:57 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 550 - Revise gambling laws related to the sale of video gambling machines

- 09:51:25 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 550 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

- 09:51:25 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:52:34

Jolanda Songer, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230222BUHaad\)](#)