

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

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey-R, on March 13, 2023 at 8:01 AM, in Room 172

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)
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. Jennifer Lynch (D)
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)
Rep. Eric Matthews (D)
Rep. Greg Oblander (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Derek Harvey (D)
Rep. Denley Loge (R)
Rep. Nelly Nicol (D)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

Staff Present: Macy McCauley, 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 574 03/08/2023

SB 21 03/08/2023

SB 53 03/08/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 574 - Establish workforce housing trust fund

Opening Statement:

08:03:34 Rep. Kim Abbott (D), HD 83, opened the hearing on HB 574, Establish workforce housing trust fund.

Discussion:

08:03:37 Rep. Kim Abbott-D

Proponent Testimony:

08:08:24 Patrick Yawakie

08:09:36 Melissa Shannon

08:11:29 Jake Brown

08:12:50 S.K. Rossi

08:14:28 Amanda Frickle

08:15:55 Anne Schwend

08:17:18 Rose Bender

08:17:58 Tully Olsen

08:18:43 Adam Haight

08:20:24 John Forkan

08:21:12 Bonnie Lambert

08:21:30 Sean Reagor

08:23:40 Becki Brandborg

08:26:02 Robyn Morrison

08:28:35 Tirza Asbell

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:31:04 Cheryl Cohen

Questions from Committee:

08:33:02 Rep. Greg Oblander
08:33:55 Rep. Bob Carter
08:36:40 Rep. Katie Zolnikov
08:38:54 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald
08:39:52 Rep. Jonathan Karlen
08:41:17 Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe
08:41:36 Rep. Denley Loge joined the meeting.
08:43:35 Rep. Greg Oblander
08:45:55 Rep. Steven Galloway
08:49:45 Rep. Ron Marshall
08:51:01 Chair Edward Buttrey
08:55:02 Rep. Steve Gist
08:57:17 Rep. Steven Galloway
08:58:33 Chair Edward Buttrey

Closing Statement:

08:58:54 Rep. Kim Abbott (D), HD 83, closed the hearing on HB 574.

Discussion:

08:59:00 Rep. Kim Abbott-D

HEARING ON SB 21 - Revise laws related to alcohol fingerprint requirements

Opening Statement:

09:01:36 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 21, Revise laws related to alcohol fingerprint requirements.

Discussion:

09:01:39 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R

Proponent Testimony:

09:02:43 Dachia English

09:03:55 Shawna Helfert

09:04:21 Jessie Luther

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:05:15 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald

09:07:31 Rep. Jonathan Karlen

09:08:13 Rep. Bob Carter

09:10:01 Chair Edward Buttrey

09:11:09 Rep. Steven Galloway

Closing Statement:

09:11:41 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, closed the hearing on SB 21.

Discussion:

09:11:44 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R

HEARING ON SB 53 - Revise laws related to weights and measures

Opening Statement:

09:13:12 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 53, Revise laws related to weights and measures.

Discussion:

09:13:15 Sen. Mike Lang-R

Opponent Testimony:

None

Proponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:19:49 Rep. Greg Oblander

09:21:52 Rep. Steve Gist

09:22:29 Rep. Steven Galloway

Closing Statement:

09:23:15 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, closed the hearing on SB 53.

Discussion:

09:23:20 Sen. Mike Lang-R

09:24:56 Vice Chair Harvey has arrived

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:30:15

Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230313BUHaad\)](#)