

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

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey-R, on March 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. Steven Galloway (R)
Rep. Steve Gist (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Jennifer Lynch (D)
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)
Rep. Eric Matthews (D)
Rep. Nelly Nicol (R)
Rep. Greg Oblander (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D)
Rep. Denley Loge (R)
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:

SB 100 03/08/2023

SB 101 03/08/2023

SB 155 03/13/2023

SB 214 03/13/2023

Executive Action:

HB 137 DO PASS AS AMENDED

SB 21

SB 63

SB 107

08:02:14 Rep. Zolnikov has arrived

08:03:53 Rep. Karlen has arrived

HEARING ON SB 100 - Revising laws related to naturopaths and natural substances

Opening Statement:

08:02:20 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 100, Revising laws related to naturopaths and natural substances.

Discussion:

08:02:24 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

Proponent Testimony:

08:06:51 Ingrid Lovitt

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08:17:12 Dr. Elizabeth Stegmaier

08:20:21 Mark Jurovich

08:23:15 Dr. Dawn Dalili

08:27:12 Dr. Noor Bass

08:28:28 Claire Michelson

08:32:19 Amy Schulte

08:35:12 Dr. Samantha Reap

Opponent Testimony:

08:50:02 Jean Brands cum

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08:50:36 Kim Longcake

08:52:42 Rep. Ron Marshall joined the meeting.

08:55:57 Dr. Lauren Wilson

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:59:30 Darcy Bough

Questions from Committee:

08:59:56 Rep. Steve Gist

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09:05:07 Rep. Steven Galloway

09:08:44 Rep. Greg Oblander

09:11:57 Rep. Nelly Nicol

09:15:35 Rep. Steven Galloway

09:19:32 Rep. Jonathan Karlen

09:25:19 Rep. Steve Gist

09:31:09 Rep. Greg Oblander

09:36:16 Rep. Bob Carter

09:42:42 Rep. Steve Gist

09:44:44 Rep. Steven Galloway

09:50:45 Rep. Bob Carter

Closing Statement:

09:51:37 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 12, closed the hearing on SB 100.

Discussion:

09:51:41 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

HEARING ON SB 101 - Generally revise naturopathic in-office dispensing laws

Opening Statement:

09:55:12 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 101, Generally revise naturopathic in-office dispensing laws.

Discussion:

09:55:14 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

Proponent Testimony:

09:56:54 Ingrid Lovitt

09:58:15 Kendall Cotton

09:59:05 Henry Kriegel

Opponent Testimony:

10:00:43 Jean Brandscom

Informational Witness Testimony:

10:03:31 Marcy Bough

Questions from Committee:

10:04:05 Rep. Steve Gist

10:08:24 Rep. Nelly Nicol

Closing Statement:

10:10:29 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 12, closed the hearing on SB 101.

Discussion:

10:10:34 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

10:11:33 **Recessed**

10:13:30 **Reconvened**

HEARING ON SB 155 - Create occupational therapy licensure compact

Opening Statement:

10:13:34 Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 155, Create occupational therapy licensure compact.

Discussion:

10:13:37 Sen. Kenneth Bogner-R

Proponent Testimony:

10:15:36 Molly Viall

10:19:53 Heather MacMonegly

10:23:28 Heather O'Hara

10:24:28 Amy Gramoljez

10:25:05 Molly Kimmel

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

10:29:21 Eric Strauss, Administrator, Dept. of Labor and Industry

Questions from Committee:

10:29:52 Rep. Steven Galloway

10:30:19 Eric Strauss

10:31:07 Chair Edward Buttrey

10:31:23 Sen. Kenneth Bogner-R

10:32:53 Eric Strauss

Closing Statement:

10:33:27 Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R), SD 19, closed the hearing on SB 155.

Discussion:

10:33:48 Sen. Kenneth Bogner-R

HEARING ON SB 214 - Enact Audio and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact

Opening Statement:

10:34:44 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 214, Enact Audio and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact.

Discussion:

10:35:43 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty-D

Proponent Testimony:

10:38:08 Shelby Midvoe

10:43:28 Amy Grmoljez

10:44:05 Heather O'Hara

10:45:14 Abigail St. Laurence

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

10:47:10 Eric Strauss

Questions from Committee:

10:47:34 Chair Edward Buttrey

Closing Statement:

10:48:22 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), SD 38, closed the hearing on SB 214.

Discussion:

10:48:25 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty-D

10:49:42 **Recessed**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 137 - Generally revise laws related to the board of behavioral health

11:15:49 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 137 TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE.**

11:15:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:16:10 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 137 DO PASS.**

- 11:16:10 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.
- 11:19:54 **Motion:** Rep. Jonathan Karlen moved that **HB 137 BE AMENDED.**
- 11:19:54 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 11:20:13 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 137 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
- 11:20:13 **Vote:** Motion carried 18 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Zolnikov, voting no.
- 11:15:50 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 21 - Revise laws related to alcohol fingerprint requirements

- 11:21:40 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 21 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 11:21:40 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 11:21:40 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Edward Buttrey

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 63 - Generally revise laws related to alcohol

- 11:25:39 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 63 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 11:25:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 11:25:39 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Katie Zolnikov

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 107 - Revising laws relating to civil liability for injuries involving alcohol

- 11:26:32 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 107 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 11:26:32 **Vote:** Motion carried 16 - 3 by voice vote with Rep. Carter, Rep. Karlen, Rep. Sullivan, voting no.
- 11:26:32 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Edward Buttrey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:30:00

Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230317BUHaad\)](#)