

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey-R, on March 20, 2023 at 8:01 AM, in 172

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)  
Rep. Derek Harvey, Vice Chair (D)  
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. Greg Oblander (R)  
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)  
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Nelly Nicol (R)  
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (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 168 03/13/2023

SB 209 03/13/2023

SB 262 03/15/2023

SB 373 03/16/2023

Executive Action:

SB 53  
SB 100  
SB 101  
SB 155  
SB 214

**HEARING ON SB 262 - Generally revise licensing requirements**

**Opening Statement:**

08:04:05 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 262, Generally revise licensing requirements.

**Discussion:**

08:04:07 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov-R

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:11:39 John Sinrud

08:16:09 Greg Hertz

08:17:38 Jim Grosse

08:18:44 Susan Carlson

08:25:18 Debra Kemmet

**Opponent Testimony:**

08:31:28 Amy Grmoljez

08:34:47 Thomas Jodoin

08:41:57 Steve Turkiewicz

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08:45:53 Robin Turner

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

08:49:02 Rep. Greg Oblander

08:56:00 Rep. Denley Loge  
08:57:52 Rep. Ron Marshall  
08:59:27 Rep. Steve Gist  
09:02:47 Rep. Katie Zolnikov  
09:04:56 Rep. Steven Galloway  
09:12:17 Rep. Katie Zolnikov

**Closing Statement:**

09:14:24 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R), SD 45, closed the hearing on SB 262.

**Discussion:**

09:14:27 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov-R

**HEARING ON SB 168 - Revise lottery laws relating to sales agent commissions**

**Opening Statement:**

09:16:56 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 168, Revise lottery laws relating to sales agent commissions.

**Discussion:**

08:13:04 Vice Chair Harvey takes over as Chair.

09:16:59 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:20:27 Scott Sales

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

09:21:35 Rep. Katie Sullivan

09:23:15 Rep. Greg Oblander

09:24:54 Rep. Bob Carter

**Closing Statement:**

09:25:36 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 12, closed the hearing on SB 168.

**Discussion:**

09:25:40 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

**HEARING ON SB 209 - Revise laws relating to Montana distilleries**

**Opening Statement:**

09:26:41 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 209, Revise laws relating to Montana distilleries.

**Discussion:**

09:26:43 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:33:33 Courtney McKee

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09:40:11 Jennifer Hensley

[EXHIBIT\(230320BUHa4\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230320BUHa5\)](#)

09:42:32 Heidi Roseleaf

09:44:51 Jake Ballow

[EXHIBIT\(230320BUHa6\)](#)

09:46:37 Matt Leow

09:48:11 Matt Melugin

09:49:53 Terrel Hibbard

09:54:29 John Iverson

09:55:44 Melissa Shannon

09:56:48 Nicolas Lee

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

09:59:13 Dacia English

**Questions from Committee:**

09:59:41 Rep. Jennifer Lynch

10:01:39 Rep. Steven Galloway

10:04:24 Rep. Nelly Nicol

10:05:14 Rep. Ron Marshall

**Closing Statement:**

10:06:36 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 12, closed the hearing on SB 209.

**Discussion:**

10:06:39 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

10:08:44 **Recessed**

10:10:40 **Reconvened**

**HEARING ON SB 373 - Provide for alternative teacher credentialing**

**Opening Statement:**

10:10:45 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 373, Provide for alternative teacher credentialing.

**Discussion:**

10:08:49 Chair Buttrey takes over as Chair.

10:10:47 Sen. Daniel Salomon-R

**Proponent Testimony:**

10:13:45 Lance Nelton  
10:14:37 John Sonju  
10:15:10 Sherridan Johnson  
10:16:39 Tom Stack  
10:18:51 Melanie Olmstead

**Opponent Testimony:**

10:20:48 Sarah Piper

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

10:26:54 Julie Murgel  
10:27:20 McCall Flynn

**Questions from Committee:**

10:27:56 Rep. Steve Gist  
10:29:09 Rep. Greg Oblander  
10:30:02 Rep. James Bergstrom  
10:34:12 Rep. Bob Carter  
10:36:07 Chair Edward Buttrey

**Closing Statement:**

10:37:34 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, closed the hearing on SB 373.

**Discussion:**

10:37:37 Sen. Daniel Salomon-R  
  
10:41:26 **Recessed**  
  
11:09:22 **Reconvened**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 53 - Revise laws related to weights and measures**

11:09:34 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 53 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:09:34 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:09:34 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Steven Galloway

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 100 - Revising laws related to naturopaths and natural substances**

11:10:43 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 100 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

11:11:08 Rep. Bob Carter

11:12:32 Rep. Nelly Nicol

11:12:46 Rep. Steven Galloway

11:13:29 Rep. Greg Oblander

11:10:43 **Vote:** Motion carried 17 - 2 by voice vote with Rep. Nicol, Rep. Sullivan, voting no.  
Rep. Sullivan, By Proxy

11:10:43 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 101 - Generally revise naturopathic in-office dispensing laws**

11:15:41 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 101 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

11:15:55 Rep. Steven Galloway

11:15:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 15 - 4 by roll call vote with Rep. Karlen, Rep. Loge, Rep. Nicol, Rep. Sullivan, voting no.

11:15:41 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 155 - Create occupational therapy licensure compact**

11:17:43 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 155 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:17:43 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:17:43 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Edward Buttrey

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 214 - Enact Audio and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact**

11:18:39 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 214 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

11:20:04 Chair Edward Buttrey

11:18:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:18:39 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Edward Buttrey

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:22:02

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Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230320BUHaad\)](#)