

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

Call to Order: Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe-R, on March 21, 2023 at 8:03 AM, in 172

ROLL CALL

Members Present: 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. Jennifer Lynch (D)
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)
Rep. Eric Matthews (D)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Edward Buttrey (R)
Rep. Denley Loge (R)
Rep. Nelly Nicol (R)
Rep. Greg Oblander (R)
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

Staff Present: Macy McCauley, Secretary
Jameson Walker, Research Analyst

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

SB 166 03/13/2023
SB 167 03/13/2023
SB 177 03/13/2023
SB 260 03/13/2023
SB 264 03/15/2023

SB 270 03/15/2023

Executive Action:

SB 168

SB 373

SB 209

HEARING ON SB 166 - Exempt barbering services in prisons and detention centers from licensing laws

Opening Statement:

08:03:51 Sen. Ryan Lynch (D), SD 76, opened the hearing on SB 166, Exempt barbering services in prisons and detention centers from licensing laws.

Discussion:

08:03:53 Sen. Ryan Lynch-D

Proponent Testimony:

08:04:53 Scot Eychner

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Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:04:09 Vice Chair Seekins-Crowe takes over as Chair.

08:06:48 Rep. Steve Gist

08:07:14 Rep. Bob Carter

08:09:16 Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe

Closing Statement:

08:10:19 Sen. Ryan Lynch (D), SD 76, closed the hearing on SB 166.

Discussion:

08:10:21 Sen. Ryan Lynch-D

HEARING ON SB 167 - Revise nonprofit corporation laws relating to directors

Opening Statement:

08:10:41 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 167, Revise nonprofit corporation laws relating to directors.

Discussion:

08:10:43 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:12:44 Rep. Steve Gist

Closing Statement:

08:13:18 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, closed the hearing on SB 167.

Discussion:

08:13:21 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R

HEARING ON SB 177 - Revising allowed local government employer benefits

Opening Statement:

08:13:52 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 177, Revising allowed local government employer benefits.

Discussion:

08:13:54 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov-R

Proponent Testimony:

08:15:21 Charles Robison

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:16:16 Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe

08:17:10 Rep. James Bergstrom

08:18:28 Rep. Eric Matthews

08:20:22 Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe

Closing Statement:

08:20:39 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R), SD 45, closed the hearing on SB 177.

Discussion:

08:20:43 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov-R

HEARING ON SB 264 - Revise airport all-beverage license laws

Opening Statement:

08:21:17 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 264, Revise airport all-beverage license laws.

Discussion:

08:21:19 Sen. Keith Regier-R

Proponent Testimony:

08:24:03 Tom Ebzery

08:27:51 Ian McKay

08:31:59 Ross Marty

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:34:13 Tim Conway

08:34:39 Steve Swanson

Questions from Committee:

08:34:55 Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe

08:36:13 Rep. Denley Loge

08:36:41 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald

08:39:08 Rep. Bob Carter

08:40:30 Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe

08:43:24 Rep. James Bergstrom

Closing Statement:

08:44:30 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, closed the hearing on SB 264.

Discussion:

08:44:33 Sen. Keith Regier-R

HEARING ON SB 270 - Prohibit employee termination for legal social media posts

Opening Statement:

08:45:55 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 270, Prohibit employee termination for legal social media posts.

Discussion:

08:45:58 Sen. Keith Regier-R

Proponent Testimony:

08:48:56 Ronda Wiggers

08:49:35 Charles Robison

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

08:50:14 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, closed the hearing on SB 270.

Discussion:

08:50:19 Sen. Keith Regier-R

08:50:54 **Recessed**

08:51:22 **Reconvened**

HEARING ON SB 260 - Revise insurance unfair trade practices act relating to certain insurers

Opening Statement:

08:51:32 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 260, Revise insurance unfair trade practices act relating to certain insurers.

Discussion:

08:46:00 Chair Buttrey takes over as Chair.

08:51:34 Sen. Daniel Salomon-R

Proponent Testimony:

08:53:17 Frank Cote

08:53:52 Charles Robison

08:55:11 Amy Grmoljez

Opponent Testimony:

08:56:39 Al Smith

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:01:28 Rep. Bob Carter

Closing Statement:

09:02:08 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, closed the hearing on SB 260.

Discussion:

09:02:11 Sen. Daniel Salomon-R

09:03:42 **Recessed**

09:04:07 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 168 - Revise lottery laws relating to sales agent commissions

09:35:22 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 168 BE CONCURRED IN.**

09:35:22 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:35:22 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Edward Buttrey

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 373 - Provide for alternative teacher credentialing

09:36:33 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 373 BE NOT CONCURRED IN.**

09:36:44 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 373 BE AMENDED.**

09:36:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:38:14 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 373 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

09:38:22 Rep. Eric Matthews

09:39:24 Rep. Jennifer Lynch

- 09:39:51 Rep. Fred Anderson
- 09:38:14 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 6 by voice vote with Rep. Carter, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Karlen, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Matthews, Rep. Sullivan, voting no.
- 09:38:14 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Fred Anderson

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 209 - Revise laws relating to Montana distilleries

- 09:41:41 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 209 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 09:42:04 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 209 BE AMENDED.**
- 09:42:04 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 09:45:01 **Motion:** Rep. Steve Gunderson moved that **SB 209 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

- 09:45:51 Vice Chair Derek Harvey
- 09:46:36 Rep. Steven Galloway
- 09:47:06 Rep. Steve Gist
- 09:47:31 Rep. Fred Anderson
- 09:48:04 Rep. Ron Marshall
- 09:45:01 **Vote:** Motion failed 10 - 9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bergstrom, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. Galloway, Rep. Gist, Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Loge, Rep. Marshall, Rep. Nicol, Rep. Zolnikov, voting yes.
Rep. Nicol, Rep. Zolnikov, By Proxy
- 09:50:09 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 209 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**
- 09:50:09 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 09:50:09 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Derek Harvey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:53:04

Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230321BUHaad\)](#)