

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey-R, on March 23, 2023 at 8:00 AM, in 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. Denley Loge (R)  
Rep. Jennifer Lynch (D)  
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)  
Rep. Eric Matthews (D)  
Rep. Greg Oblander (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R)  
Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D)  
Rep. Nelly Nicol (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:

HB 838 03/20/2023

SB 22 03/15/2023

SB 133 03/15/2023

SB 244 03/15/2023

Executive Action:

SB 166

SB 167

SB 177

SB 260

SB 264

SB 270 BE CONCURRED IN

08:04:15            **Recessed**

08:06:49            **Reconvened**

**HEARING ON SB 22 - Generally revise independent contractor laws**

**Opening Statement:**

08:06:39            Sen. Shane Morigeau (D), SD 95, opened the hearing on SB 22,  
Generally revise independent contractor laws.

**Discussion:**

08:06:42            Sen. Shane Morigeau-D

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:10:05            Brian Thompson

08:12:48            Peter Strauss

08:13:32            Ronda Wiggers

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

08:15:36            Rep. James Bergstrom

**Closing Statement:**

08:16:22            Sen. Shane Morigeau (D), SD 95, closed the hearing on SB 22.

**Discussion:**

08:16:25            Sen. Shane Morigeau-D

**HEARING ON HB 838 - Provide for economic mobility and opportunity for professional licensing**

**Opening Statement:**

08:23:27 Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 838, Provide for economic mobility and opportunity for professional licensing.

**Discussion:**

08:06:56 Vice Chair Harvey takes over as Chair.

08:23:29 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:27:43 Megan Forbes

08:31:52 David Morgan

08:33:22 Joshua Gaines

**Opponent Testimony:**

08:37:06 Dave Cook

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**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

08:47:13 Rep. Ron Marshall

08:49:56 Rep. Greg Oblander

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08:54:34 Rep. Denley Loge

08:59:33 Rep. Bob Carter

09:03:58 Rep. Steven Galloway

09:05:20 Rep. Katie Sullivan

09:08:40 Rep. James Bergstrom

09:10:30 Rep. Greg Oblander

09:12:12 Rep. Denley Loge

09:15:01 Rep. Bob Carter

09:17:10 Rep. Steven Galloway

09:18:53 Rep. James Bergstrom

**Closing Statement:**

09:20:05 Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, closed the hearing on HB 838.

**Discussion:**

09:20:08 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R

**HEARING ON SB 133 - Generally review gambling laws related to parimutuel wagering**

**Opening Statement:**

09:27:36 Sen. Tom McGillvray (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 133,  
Generally review gambling laws related to parimutuel wagering.

**Discussion:**

09:27:38 Sen. Tom McGillvray-R

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**Proponent Testimony:**

09:31:28 Scott Sales

**Opponent Testimony:**

09:34:13 Ronda Wiggers

09:35:20 John Iverson

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

None

**Closing Statement:**

09:36:56 Sen. Tom McGillvray (R), SD 23, closed the hearing on SB 133.

**Discussion:**

09:31:44 Chair Buttrey takes over as Chair.

09:37:00 Sen. Tom McGillvray-R

**HEARING ON SB 244 - Revise laws related to internships in funeral homes**

**Opening Statement:**

09:40:51 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 244, Revise laws related to internships in funeral homes.

**Discussion:**

09:41:24 Sen. Mike Cuffe-R

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:45:31 Chris Holt

09:50:29 Brad Longcake

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**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

09:52:33 Dave Cook

**Questions from Committee:**

09:53:16 Rep. Steven Galloway

**Closing Statement:**

09:53:58 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, closed the hearing on SB 244.

**Discussion:**

09:54:09 Sen. Mike Cuffe-R

09:58:39 **Recessed**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 166 - Exempt barbering services in prisons and detention centers from licensing laws**

10:26:21 **Motion:** Rep. Derek Harvey moved that **SB 166 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:26:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:26:21 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Derek Harvey

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 167 - Revise nonprofit corporation laws relating to directors**

10:27:15 **Motion:** Rep. Derek Harvey moved that **SB 167 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:27:34 **Motion:** Rep. Derek Harvey moved that **SB 167 BE AMENDED.**

10:27:34 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:28:17 **Motion:** Rep. Derek Harvey moved that **SB 167 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

10:28:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:28:17 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Katie Sullivan

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 177 - Revising allowed local government employer benefits**

10:28:54 **Motion:** Rep. Derek Harvey moved that **SB 177 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:28:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 15 - 4 by roll call vote with Rep. Harvey, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Matthews, Rep. Sullivan, voting no.

10:28:54 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Katie Zolnikov

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 260 - Revise insurance unfair trade practices act relating to certain insurers**

10:31:30 **Motion:** Rep. Derek Harvey moved that **SB 260 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:31:30 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:31:30 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Edward Buttrey

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 264 - Revise airport all-beverage license laws**

10:32:44        **Motion:** Rep. Derek Harvey moved that **SB 264 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:32:44        **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:32:44        **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Edward Buttrey

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 270 - Prohibit employee termination for legal social media posts**

10:33:51        **Motion:** Rep. Derek Harvey moved that **SB 270 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:33:51        **Vote:** Motion carried 14 - 5 by voice vote with Rep. Carter, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Matthews, Rep. Sullivan, voting no.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:41:16

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Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230323BUHaad\)](#)