

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

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey-R, on March 24, 2023 at 8:01 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. 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. Katie Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Eric Matthews (D)
Rep. Nelly Nicol (R)
Rep. Greg Oblander (R)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

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 178 03/15/2023

SB 179 03/16/2023

SB 203 03/15/2023

SB 411 03/20/2023

Executive Action:

HB 128 DO PASS AS AMENDED

HB 152 DO PASS AS AMENDED

HB 838 TO TABLE

SB 22

SB 133

SB 244

HEARING ON SB 411 - Generally Revise Motor Vehicle Laws

Opening Statement:

08:03:02 Sen. Barry Usher (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 411, Generally Revise Motor Vehicle Laws.

Discussion:

08:03:09 Sen. Barry Usher-R

Proponent Testimony:

08:04:46 Bruce Knudsen

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08:06:45 Eric Anderson

08:11:38 Craig Charlton

08:14:10 Brad Fransworth

08:15:54 Jim Taylor Jr.

08:23:24 Michael Schneider

08:28:35 Don Kaltschmidt

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:29:18 Rep. Denley Loge

08:33:08 Rep. James Bergstrom

08:34:21 Rep. Steven Galloway

08:35:19 Rep. Greg Oblander

Closing Statement:

08:35:28 Sen. Barry Usher (R), SD 40, closed the hearing on SB 411.

Discussion:

08:35:33 Sen. Barry Usher-R

HEARING ON SB 179 - Revise alcohol laws relating to beer purchases

Opening Statement:

08:38:44 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SB 179, Revise alcohol laws relating to beer purchases.

Discussion:

08:38:47 Sen. Jason Small-R

Proponent Testimony:

08:39:00 Michael Moore

08:41:52 John Iverson

08:43:30 Julie Walker-Collins

08:46:28 Shauna Helfert

Opponent Testimony:

08:47:44 Debora Pitassy

08:53:40 Jeff Bush

08:57:30 Melissa Lewis

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09:03:31 Brandon Ler

09:05:21 Adrienna Hines

09:06:35 Mike Markovich

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:10:27 Dacia English

Questions from Committee:

09:10:52 Rep. James Bergstrom

09:14:57 Rep. Greg Oblander

09:16:33 Rep. Ron Marshall

09:23:57 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald

09:30:41 Rep. Bob Carter

09:32:00 Chair Edward Buttrey

Closing Statement:

09:32:49 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, closed the hearing on SB 179.

Discussion:

09:32:53 Sen. Jason Small-R

HEARING ON SB 203 - Revise law for transfer of critical infrastructure and agricultural land

Opening Statement:

09:34:52 Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 203, Revise law for transfer of critical infrastructure and agricultural land.

Discussion:

09:34:53 Sen. Kenneth Bogner-R

Proponent Testimony:

09:37:39 Shelby DeMars

09:38:28 Nicole Rolf

Opponent Testimony:

09:40:21 Krista Lee-Evans

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Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:42:18 Rep. Greg Oblander
09:43:34 Rep. Katie Sullivan
09:45:21 Rep. Bob Carter
09:47:32 Rep. Steve Gunderson
09:51:48 Rep. Greg Oblander
09:53:12 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald
09:57:12 Rep. Steven Galloway
09:57:46 Chair Edward Buttrey

Closing Statement:

09:59:35 Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R), SD 19, closed the hearing on SB 203.

Discussion:

09:59:38 Sen. Kenneth Bogner-R

10:00:55 **Recessed**

10:12:39 **Reconvened**

HEARING ON SB 178 - Generally revise cryptocurrency laws

Opening Statement:

10:12:50 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 178,
Generally revise cryptocurrency laws.

Discussion:

10:12:56 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov-R

Proponent Testimony:

10:18:45 Dennis Porter

10:22:09 Jason Vaughan
10:25:52 Liam McCollum
10:27:25 Joshua Schultz
10:29:16 Darin Gaube
10:29:56 Clayton Burnett
10:30:55 Jason Klein

Opponent Testimony:

10:31:41 Barry Madison
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10:35:36 Anne Hedges
10:41:04 Susan Evans
10:42:55 Kathryn Bouchard

Informational Witness Testimony:

10:45:20 Will Rosequist

Questions from Committee:

10:46:23 Rep. Steve Gist
10:51:26 Rep. Katie Sullivan
10:57:02 Rep. Ron Marshall
10:59:56 Rep. Denley Loge
11:01:14 Rep. Steven Galloway

Closing Statement:

11:05:46 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R), SD 45, closed the hearing on SB 178.

Discussion:

11:05:51 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov-R

11:10:42 **Recessed**

11:27:46 **Reconvened**

11:59:02 **Recessed**

12:24:00 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 128 - Generally revise marijuana laws

12:24:19 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 128 DO PASS.**

12:24:47 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 128 BE AMENDED.**

12:24:47 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

12:26:01 **Motion:** Rep. Katie Sullivan moved that **HB 128 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:27:52 Vice Chair Seekins-Crowe takes over as Chair.

11:28:30 HB 87

11:52:40 HB 152

12:26:55 Rep. Jennifer Lynch

12:27:12 Rep. Steven Galloway

12:27:37 Chair Edward Buttrey

12:28:21 Vice Chair Derek Harvey

12:29:32 Rep. Steven Galloway

12:29:59 Rep. Denley Loge

12:30:10 Rep. Steve Gist

12:30:45 Rep. Steve Gunderson

12:26:01 **Vote:** Motion failed 12 - 7 by roll call vote with Rep. Carter, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Karlen, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Matthews, Rep. Sullivan, Rep. Zolnikov, voting yes. Rep. Karlen, By Proxy

12:32:03 **Motion:** Rep. Katie Sullivan moved that **HB 128 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

12:33:27 Rep. Katie Zolnikov

12:34:36 Rep. Steve Gist

- 12:34:36 Rep. Bob Carter
- 12:34:49 Rep. Steven Galloway
- 12:35:16 Rep. Steve Gunderson
- 12:32:03 **Vote:** Motion carried 16 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Buttrey, voting no.
- 12:36:02 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 128 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
- 12:36:02 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 152 - Revise laws related to professional and occupational licensure

- 12:36:28 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 152 DO PASS.**
- Discussion:**
- 12:36:40 Vice Chair Derek Harvey
- 12:37:06 **Motion:** Rep. Derek Harvey moved that **HB 152 BE AMENDED.**
- Discussion:**
- 12:37:14 Vice Chair Derek Harvey
- 12:38:59 Rep. Steven Galloway
- 12:39:32 Rep. Fred Anderson
- 12:40:01 Chair Edward Buttrey
- 12:37:06 **Vote:** Motion carried 16 - 3 by voice vote with Rep. Gist, Rep. Oblander, Rep. Seekins-Crowe, voting no.
- 12:41:36 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 152 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
- 12:41:36 **Vote:** Motion carried 15 - 4 by voice vote with Rep. Galloway, Rep. Gist, Rep. Oblander, Rep. Seekins-Crowe, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 838 - Provide for economic mobility and opportunity for professional licensing

- 12:42:13 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 838 DO PASS.**
- Discussion:**
- 12:42:23 Chair Edward Buttrey
- 12:42:32 Rep. Greg Oblander

12:42:50 Rep. Steven Galloway
12:43:57 Rep. James Bergstrom
12:44:08 Rep. Greg Oblander
12:44:41 Rep. Ron Marshall
12:42:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
12:44:44 **Motion:** Rep. Ron Marshall moved that **HB 838 TO TABLE.**
12:44:44 **Vote:** Motion carried 11 - 8 by voice vote with Rep. Bergstrom, Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Carter, Rep. Gist, Rep. Karlen, Rep. Nicol, Rep. Seekins-Crowe, Rep. Zolnikov, voting no.
Rep. Karlen, Rep. Nicol, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 22 - Generally revise independent contractor laws

12:46:17 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 22 BE CONCURRED IN.**
Discussion:
12:46:34 Rep. Steven Galloway
12:46:57 Rep. Bob Carter
12:46:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
12:46:17 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Fred Anderson

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 133 - Generally review gambling laws related to parimutuel wagering

12:48:09 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 133 BE CONCURRED IN.**
12:48:35 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 133 BE AMENDED.**
12:48:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
12:48:55 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 133 BE AMENDED.**
Discussion:
12:49:50 Rep. Greg Oblander
12:50:12 Rep. Steven Galloway
12:50:13 Rep. Bob Carter
12:48:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
12:50:47 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 133 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

12:50:47 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

12:50:47 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Katie Zolnikov

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 244 - Revise laws related to internships in funeral homes

12:51:33 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 244 BE CONCURRED IN.**

12:51:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

12:51:33 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Edward Buttrey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:53:47

Macy McCauley, Secretary

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