

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey-R, on March 27, 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. Nelly Nicol (R)  
Rep. Greg Oblander (R)  
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)  
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

**Members Excused:** 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:

HB 836 03/20/2023

HB 849 03/21/2023

HB 867 03/23/2023

Executive Action:

SB 411



**HEARING ON HB 849 - Revise alcohol and gaming law relating to county all-beverages licenses**

**Opening Statement:**

08:03:18 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 849, Revise alcohol and gaming law relating to county all-beverages licenses.

**Discussion:**

08:03:20 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger-R

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:11:04 Pamela Corvonari

08:16:20 Joe Corvonari

08:20:38 Melissa Shannon

08:21:26 Diane Medler

08:23:18 Lorraine Clarno

**Opponent Testimony:**

08:25:31 John Iverson

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08:43:08 Tom Heisler  
08:44:12 Mary Jane Heisler  
08:44:57 Jessie Luther  
08:48:12 Shauna Helfert

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

08:50:37 Becky Schlauch

**Questions from Committee:**

08:50:53 Rep. Ron Marshall  
08:53:47 Rep. Steve Gist  
08:56:15 Rep. Greg Oblander  
08:59:23 Rep. Nelly Nicol  
09:00:53 Rep. Bob Carter  
09:02:32 Chair Edward Buttrey  
09:05:21 Rep. Steve Gist  
09:07:33 Vice Chair Derek Harvey  
09:09:20 Rep. Steven Galloway  
09:12:16 Rep. Greg Oblander

**Closing Statement:**

09:13:18 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger (R), HD 7, closed the hearing on HB 849.

**Discussion:**

09:13:22 Rep. Courtenay Sprunger-R

**HEARING ON HB 836 - Revise insurance laws relating to regulatory waivers**

**Opening Statement:**

09:15:21 Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 836, Revise insurance laws relating to regulatory waivers.

**Discussion:**

09:15:23 Rep. Katie Zolnikov-R

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:27:56 Kendall Cotton

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09:30:45 Aimee Grmoljez

09:31:20 Kevin Braun

09:32:21 Peter Strauss

09:33:10 Dave Gault

09:33:51 Wyatt Laprain

09:34:38 Jason Toddhunter

09:35:31 John Iverson

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

09:36:04 Frank Cote

**Questions from Committee:**

09:36:26 Rep. Nelly Nicol

09:42:03 Rep. Bob Carter

09:42:49 Chair Edward Buttrey

09:43:24 Rep. Steve Gist

09:50:24 Rep. Nelly Nicol

09:54:08 Rep. Bob Carter

**Closing Statement:**

09:54:49 Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R), HD 45, closed the hearing on HB 836.

**Discussion:**

09:54:53 Rep. Katie Zolnikov-R

**HEARING ON HB 867 - Generally revise agency liquor store laws**

**Opening Statement:**

10:00:10 Chair Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 867, Generally revise agency liquor store laws.

**Discussion:**

09:59:51 Vice Chair Harvey takes over as Chair.

10:00:13 Rep. Edward Buttrey-R

**Proponent Testimony:**

10:04:36 Jeff Crouch

10:08:40 Leta McGann

10:11:20 Minhan Murphy

10:15:00 Sarah Ouellette

10:16:32 Penny Kyes

10:17:40 K.C. Hill

10:18:37 Melissa Shannon

10:19:58 Jennifer Hensley

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10:22:39 Mark Lewis

**Opponent Testimony:**

10:26:08 John Iverson

10:30:00 Tom Heisler

10:30:49 Mary Jane Heisler

10:31:25 Shauna Helfert

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

10:33:50 Dacia English

**Questions from Committee:**

10:34:11 Rep. Steve Gunderson

10:37:43 Rep. Ron Marshall

10:42:04 Rep. Greg Oblander

10:44:44 Rep. Denley Loge

10:46:57 Rep. Steven Galloway

10:47:52 Rep. Steve Gunderson

10:49:00 Rep. Steven Galloway

10:54:02 Rep. Bob Carter

10:56:57 Rep. Steve Gist

10:58:32 Rep. Steven Galloway

**Closing Statement:**

10:59:51 Chair Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, closed the hearing on HB 867.

**Discussion:**

10:59:54 Rep. Edward Buttrey-R

11:04:06 **Recessed**

11:26:45 **Reconvened**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 411 - Generally Revise Motor Vehicle Laws**

11:33:51 **Motion:** Rep. Derek Harvey moved that **SB 411 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

11:03:26 Chair Buttrey takes over as Chair.

11:29:50 Vice Chair Harvey moves SB 179 as DO CONCURE.

11:29:55 Vice Chair Harvey moves SB 179 as BE AMENDED.

11:33:01 Vice Chair Harvey rescinds motion SB 179 as BE AMENDED.

11:33:42 Vice Chair Harvey rescinds motion SB 179 as DO CONCURE.

11:34:15 Rep. Fred Anderson

11:34:41 Rep. Denley Loge

11:35:03 Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe joined the meeting.

11:35:10 Rep. Greg Oblander

11:33:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:33:51 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Edward Buttrey

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:37:35

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Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230327BUHaad\)](#)