

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

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey-R, on March 30, 2023 at 8:08 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. Eric Matthews (D)
Rep. Nelly Nicol (R)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Ron Marshall (R)
Rep. Greg Oblander (R)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)
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 948 03/28/2023
HB 969 03/29/2023
SB 436 03/21/2023

Executive Action:

HB 574 TO TABLE

HB 838 TO TABLE
HB 894 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 907 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 923 TO TABLE
HB 948 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 969 DO PASS

HEARING ON SB 436 - Revise labor law adding certain elected officials in collective bargaining

Opening Statement:

08:10:20 Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 436, Revise labor law adding certain elected officials in collective bargaining.

Discussion:

08:10:22 Sen. Steve Hinebauch-R

Proponent Testimony:

08:11:11 Stephanie Cote

Opponent Testimony:

08:12:12 Misty-Anne Giles

08:14:09 Larry Nielsen

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:16:29 Anne Schafer

Questions from Committee:

08:17:00 Rep. Steven Galloway

08:18:47 Chair Edward Buttrey

08:21:47 Rep. Nelly Nicol

08:24:10 Rep. Bob Carter

Closing Statement:

08:27:37 Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R), SD 18, closed the hearing on SB 436.

Discussion:

08:27:42 Sen. Steve Hinebauch-R

HEARING ON HB 948 - Revise marijuana laws regarding synthetic marijuana products

Opening Statement:

08:29:36 Rep. Steven Galloway (R), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 948, Revise marijuana laws regarding synthetic marijuana products.

Discussion:

08:29:38 Rep. Steven Galloway-R

Proponent Testimony:

08:36:10 Kristen Barbour

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08:40:15 Court Jensen

08:42:53 Kate Cholcwa

08:43:40 Antonette Lininger

08:47:02 Josh Gosney

08:51:10 Joanna Barney

08:52:40 Darci Wiebe

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:54:07 Kathy Wiegand-Palmer

08:54:43 Hanna Cail

08:54:53 Erin Doucharme

08:55:12 Travis Spinder

08:55:38 Misty Icard

08:56:03 Valan Anthos

Questions from Committee:

08:56:36 Rep. James Bergstrom
08:58:02 Rep. Bob Carter
08:58:55 Rep. Nelly Nicol
09:02:10 Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe
09:06:10 Rep. Ron Marshall
09:07:44 Rep. Denley Loge
09:09:08 Chair Edward Buttrey

Closing Statement:

09:13:04 Rep. Steven Galloway (R), HD 24, closed the hearing on HB 948.

Discussion:

09:13:36 Rep. Steven Galloway-R

HEARING ON HB 969 - Creating a third-party alcohol delivery license

Opening Statement:

09:17:38 Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 969, Creating a third-party alcohol delivery license.

Discussion:

09:17:40 Rep. Katie Zolnikov-R

Proponent Testimony:

09:25:45 Brad Griffin
09:28:44 Catherine Holm

Opponent Testimony:

09:30:59 John Iverson
09:32:24 Shauna Helfert

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:33:47 Becky Schlauch

Questions from Committee:

09:34:21 Rep. Steve Gist
09:35:43 Rep. Denley Loge
09:38:51 Rep. Steve Gist
09:44:00 Rep. Bob Carter
09:45:51 Rep. Ron Marshall
09:47:27 Chair Edward Buttrey
09:48:15 Rep. Steven Galloway

Closing Statement:

09:49:50 Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R), HD 45, closed the hearing on HB 969.

Discussion:

09:49:53 Rep. Katie Zolnikov-R

09:56:48 **Recessed**

11:13:53 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 574 - Establish workforce housing trust fund

11:14:26 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 574 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

11:14:44 Rep. Katie Sullivan
11:15:08 Rep. Bob Carter
11:15:26 Rep. Eric Matthews
11:16:04 Rep. Ron Marshall
11:16:17 **Motion:** Rep. Ron Marshall moved that **HB 574 TO TABLE.**
11:16:17 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 6 by voice vote with Rep. Carter, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Karlen, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Matthews, Rep. Sullivan, voting no.

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

11:17:56 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 838 TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE.**

11:17:56 **Vote:** Motion carried 12 - 4 by roll call vote with Rep. Carter, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Sullivan, voting no.

11:20:08 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 838 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

11:21:10 Rep. Katie Sullivan

11:21:47 Chair Edward Buttrey

11:20:08 **Vote:** Motion failed 11 - 8 by voice vote with Rep. Bergstrom, Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Carter, Rep. Galloway, Rep. Karlen, Rep. Matthews, Rep. Seekins-Crowe, Rep. Zolnikov, voting yes.
Rep. Galloway, By Proxy

11:24:33 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 838 TO TABLE.**

11:24:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 894 - Generally revise alcohol laws

11:25:22 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 894 DO PASS.**

11:25:32 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 894 BE AMENDED.**

11:25:32 **Vote:** Motion carried 14 - 5 by roll call vote with Rep. Galloway, Rep. Nicol, Rep. Oblander, Rep. Seekins-Crowe, Rep. Zolnikov, voting no.

11:38:25 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 894 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:38:41 Rep. Nelly Nicol

11:39:14 Rep. Steven Galloway

11:38:25 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 907 - Generally revise marijuana laws

11:41:48 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 907 DO PASS.**

11:42:11 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 907 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:43:08 Jameson Walker

11:42:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:44:27 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 907 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:49:10 Rep. Greg Oblander

11:44:27 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:49:49 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 907 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

11:49:49 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 6 by roll call vote with Rep. Carter, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Karlen, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Matthews, Rep. Sullivan, voting no. Rep. Karlen, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 923 - Revise workers compensation laws to increase benefits

11:51:18 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 923 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

11:52:20 Rep. Eric Matthews

11:52:58 Rep. Steven Galloway

11:53:36 Rep. Ron Marshall

11:51:18 **Vote:** Motion failed 11 - 8 by voice vote with Rep. Carter, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Karlen, Rep. Loge, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Matthews, Rep. Sullivan, voting yes.

11:55:14 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 923 TO TABLE.**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 948 - Revise marijuana laws regarding synthetic marijuana products

11:55:37 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 948 DO PASS.**

11:55:39 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 948 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:55:49 Rep. Steven Galloway

11:55:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:56:47 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 948 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

11:56:47 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 969 - Creating a third-party alcohol delivery license

11:57:49 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 969 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

11:57:54 Rep. Katie Zolnikov

11:57:55 Rep. Bob Carter

11:58:06 Rep. Steven Galloway

11:59:16 Chair Edward Buttrey

12:00:27 Rep. Steven Galloway

12:01:37 Rep. Katie Zolnikov

11:57:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:03:12

Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230330BUHaad\)](#)