

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

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey-R, on March 31, 2023 at 8:00 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. Steve Gist (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Denley Loge (R)
Rep. Jennifer Lynch (D)
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)
Rep. Greg Oblander (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Steven Galloway (R)
Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D)
Rep. Eric Matthews (D)
Rep. Nelly Nicol (R)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (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:

SB 310 03/29/2023
SB 380 03/29/2023
SB 425 03/29/2023
SB 451 03/29/2023
SB 453 03/29/2023

Executive Action:

SB 300

SB 436 TO TABLE

SB 504 TO TABLE

HEARING ON SB 310 - Revise presumptive occupational disease laws

Opening Statement:

08:02:03 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SB 310, Revise presumptive occupational disease laws.

Discussion:

08:02:05 Sen. Jason Small-R

Proponent Testimony:

08:05:04 Joel Gaertig

08:08:52 Andy Ekblad

08:13:50 Neil McMillan

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:25:05 Dave Maslowski

08:25:36 Eric Strauss

08:25:49 Nick Mazanec

Questions from Committee:

08:26:11 Rep. Steve Gist

08:27:47 Rep. Steven Galloway

Closing Statement:

08:29:33 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, closed the hearing on SB 310.

Discussion:

08:29:37 Sen. Jason Small-R

HEARING ON SB 453 - Generally revise laws pertaining to medical examiners

Opening Statement:

08:31:43 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SB 453, Generally revise laws pertaining to medical examiners.

Discussion:

08:31:45 Sen. Jason Small-R

Proponent Testimony:

08:33:38 Eric Strauss

08:35:08 Kristen Juras

08:35:37 Mary Musil

08:36:08 Rebecca Myers

08:36:42 Ingrid Lovitt

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:37:51 Rep. Greg Oblander

08:39:42 Rep. Jonathan Karlen

08:39:58 Chair Edward Buttrey

Closing Statement:

08:40:35 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, closed the hearing on SB 453.

Discussion:

08:40:40 Sen. Jason Small-R

HEARING ON SB 425 - Revise addiction counselor licensing laws

Opening Statement:

08:41:35 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SB 425, Revise addiction counselor licensing laws.

Discussion:

08:41:37 Sen. Jason Small-R

Proponent Testimony:

08:43:24 Stacy Anderson

08:45:58 Andrea Foran

Opponent Testimony:

08:46:51 Zachary Cannada

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:48:23 Eric Strauss

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

08:48:47 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, closed the hearing on SB 425.

Discussion:

08:48:51 Sen. Jason Small-R

HEARING ON SB 451 - Revise healthcare contract laws to prohibit certain restrictions

Opening Statement:

08:49:25 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SB 451, Revise healthcare contract laws to prohibit certain restrictions.

Discussion:

08:49:27 Sen. Jason Small-R

Proponent Testimony:

08:50:33 John Metropolis
08:51:23 Jean Brandscum
08:54:09 Dr. Lauren Wilson
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08:55:12 Tim Clement
08:56:09 Dr. Svetlana Yakov
08:59:48 Julian Thorne, MD
09:00:59 Justin Cole
09:02:08 Mark Nicholson
09:03:19 Shawna Yates
09:05:14 Dr. Nathaniel Readal

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:08:47 Rep. Bob Carter
09:11:11 Rep. Greg Oblander
09:18:34 Rep. Jonathan Karlen

Closing Statement:

09:19:55 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, closed the hearing on SB 451.

Discussion:

09:19:58 Sen. Jason Small-R

HEARING ON SB 380 - Generally revise healthcare insurance laws

Opening Statement:

09:20:52 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SB 380, Generally revise healthcare insurance laws.

Discussion:

09:20:55 Sen. Jason Small-R

Proponent Testimony:

09:23:00 John Metropolis

09:24:04 Kim Longcake

09:29:17 Dr. Lauren Wilson

09:32:53 Jean Brandscum

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09:36:44 Stacy Anderson

09:38:18 Tim Clement

09:40:18 Dr. Julian Throne

09:41:33 Mark Nicholson

09:44:14 Justin Cole

09:46:32 Gabe Charbonneau

Opponent Testimony:

09:48:55 John Doran

09:54:11 Sean Slangher

09:56:50 Melissa Shannon

09:57:24 Greg VanHorsen

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:59:32 Rep. James Bergstrom

10:00:46 Rep. Greg Oblander
10:04:22 Rep. Bob Carter
10:05:54 Rep. Steve Gunderson
10:06:35 Rep. Ron Marshall

Closing Statement:

10:08:38 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, closed the hearing on SB 380.

Discussion:

10:08:43 Sen. Jason Small-R

10:11:09 **Recessed**

10:33:20 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 300 - Revise speech pathologist and audiologist licensing laws

10:34:38 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 300 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

10:35:22 Rep. Fred Anderson
10:35:49 Rep. Bob Carter
10:34:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
10:34:38 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Bob Carter

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

10:36:26 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 436 BE CONCURRED IN.**
10:36:26 **Vote:** Motion failed 10 - 9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bergstrom, Rep. Galloway, Rep. Gist, Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Marshall, Rep. Nicol, Rep. Oblander, Rep. Seekins-Crowe, Rep. Zolnikov, voting yes. Rep. Galloway, Rep. Nicol, Rep. Zolnikov, By Proxy
10:38:31 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 436 TO TABLE.**
10:38:31 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 504 - Generally revise veterinary laws

10:38:52 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 504 TO TABLE.**

Discussion:

10:39:02 Rep. Ron Marshall

10:38:52 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:41:19

Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230331BUHaad\)](#)