

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

Call to Order: Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe-R, on April 04, 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. Ross Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Steven Galloway (R)
Rep. Steve Gist (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D)
Rep. Jennifer Lynch (D)
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)
Rep. Eric Matthews (D)
Rep. Nelly Nicol (R)
Rep. Greg Oblander (R)
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Denley Loge (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 236 03/28/2023
SB 269 03/28/2023
SB 340 03/21/2023
SB 370 03/21/2023
SB 165 03/29/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SB 340 - Revise laws related to insurance coverage of insulin

Opening Statement:

08:01:42 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SB 340, Revise laws related to insurance coverage of insulin.

Discussion:

08:01:44 Sen. Jason Small-R

Proponent Testimony:

08:02:29 Brad Griffin
08:02:40 Marcy Butcher
08:05:50 Adrienne Cotton
08:07:35 Tonya Fuhrmann
08:09:35 Stewart Doggett
08:10:04 Margret MacDonald
08:11:14 Dwane Preshinger
08:11:38 Stacy Anderson
08:12:56 Keegan Medrano
08:14:10 Alison Fralsonsharkey-Hines
08:16:41 Carissa Kemp
08:17:39 Gabe Blomquist
08:18:27 Julie O'Connor

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:20:17 John Doran

Questions from Committee:

08:20:40 Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe

08:23:56 Rep. Nelly Nicol

08:25:26 Rep. Greg Oblander

Closing Statement:

08:27:04 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, closed the hearing on SB 340.

Discussion:

08:27:07 Sen. Jason Small-R

HEARING ON SB 370 - Generally revise uniform commercial code

Opening Statement:

08:30:42 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 370,
Generally revise uniform commercial code.

Discussion:

08:30:45 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R

Proponent Testimony:

08:34:16 Jacklyn Lunmarke

[EXHIBIT\(230404BUHa1\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230404BUHa2\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230404BUHa3\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230404BUHa4\)](#)

08:40:44 John Byington

[EXHIBIT\(230404BUHa5\)](#)

08:50:00 Aimee Grmjalez

08:52:21 Brad Griffin
08:53:14 Charles Robison
08:54:01 Karen Smith

Opponent Testimony:

08:54:55 Robin Mohs
08:56:18 Chris Martin
08:59:12 Darin Gaub
09:00:07 Rebecca Schwartz
09:02:40 Lant Barney
09:04:04 Donna Elford
09:05:15 Allana Lackey
09:07:42 Ed Redregan
09:08:19 Connie Ciabatoni
09:10:53 Matt Schwartz
09:12:54 Shelley Lustman
09:15:03 Cheryl Tusken
09:18:47 Jolene Crum
09:20:27 David Passieri
09:24:08 Diane Rice
09:25:30 Chelsea Culpon
09:26:50 Jo Vilhauer

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:27:50 Rep. Steve Gist

09:31:37 Rep. Greg Oblander
09:36:17 Rep. Ron Marshall
09:38:36 Rep. Katie Sullivan
09:44:10 Rep. Steve Gist
09:49:03 Rep. Bob Carter
09:53:59 Rep. Greg Oblander
09:55:42 Chair Edward Buttrey

Closing Statement:

09:57:54 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, closed the hearing on SB 370.

Discussion:

09:57:58 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R

HEARING ON SB 165 - Establishing a duty of cooperation relating to insurance policies

Opening Statement:

10:01:12 Sen. Barry Usher (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 165, Establishing a duty of cooperation relating to insurance policies.

Discussion:

10:01:16 Sen. Barry Usher-R

Proponent Testimony:

10:03:43 Charles Robison

[EXHIBIT\(230404BUHa6\)](#)

10:05:35 Brad Dantic

[EXHIBIT\(230404BUHa7\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230404BUHa8\)](#)

10:11:51 Aimee Grmoljez

10:13:27 Bruce Spencer
10:15:19 Peter Strauss
10:16:08 John Iverson
10:17:05 Cary Hegreberg
10:18:13 Michael Marsh
10:19:22 Scott Tuxbury

Opponent Testimony:

10:21:35 Tim Hunt
10:26:18 Pat Fox

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

10:33:08 Rep. Greg Oblander
10:38:54 Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe
10:44:30 Rep. Fred Anderson
10:44:36 Rep. Katie Sullivan

Closing Statement:

10:50:45 Sen. Barry Usher (R), SD 40, closed the hearing on SB 165.

Discussion:

10:50:48 Sen. Barry Usher-R

HEARING ON SB 236 - Establish time limited demand standards

Opening Statement:

10:53:20 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 236, Establish time limited demand standards.

Discussion:

10:53:23 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

Proponent Testimony:

10:55:18 Charles Robison

[EXHIBIT\(230404BUHa9\)](#)

10:56:47 Brad Dantic

10:59:04 Aimee Grmoljez

11:00:36 Bruce Spencer

11:01:35 John Iverson

11:01:59 Scott Tuxbury

Opponent Testimony:

11:03:56 Jim Hunt

11:09:12 Pat Fox

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

11:12:23 Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe

11:13:50 Rep. Greg Oblander

11:19:01 Rep. Bob Carter

11:21:00 Rep. Katie Zolnikov

Closing Statement:

11:22:30 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, closed the hearing on SB 236.

Discussion:

11:22:35 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

**HEARING ON SB 269 - Establish consumer protections and disclosures in litigation
financing**

Opening Statement:

11:23:47 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 269, Establish consumer protections and disclosures in litigation financing.

Discussion:

11:23:52 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

Proponent Testimony:

11:27:52 Charles Robison

[EXHIBIT\(230404BUHa10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230404BUHa11\)](#)

11:31:29 Aimee Grmoljez

11:33:30 Bruce Spencer

11:36:24 David Bell

[EXHIBIT\(230404BUHa12\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230404BUHa13\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230404BUHa14\)](#)

11:41:12 Duane Williams

[EXHIBIT\(230404BUHa15\)](#)

11:42:15 Clay Eland

11:43:56 Dan Brooks

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

11:44:59 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, closed the hearing on SB 269.

Discussion:

11:45:03 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:47:28

Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230404BUHaad\)](#)