

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

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey-R, on April 06, 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. Denley Loge (R)
Rep. Jennifer Lynch (D)
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)
Rep. Eric Matthews (D)
Rep. Greg Oblander (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Nelly Nicol (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 312 03/27/2023
SB 454 03/29/2023
SB 455 03/27/2023
SB 456 03/27/2023
SB 457 03/27/2023

Executive Action:

SB 314
SB 340
SB 369 TO TABLE
SB 378
SB 425
SB 430
SB 453
SB 492

HEARING ON SB 454 - Generally revise laws pertaining to private security

Opening Statement:

08:02:31 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, opened the hearing on SB 454, Generally revise laws pertaining to private security.

Discussion:

08:02:33 Sen. Jason Small-R

Proponent Testimony:

08:03:57 Dave Cook

Opponent Testimony:

08:12:22 Sean Belubraidic

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:15:45 Rep. Steve Gist

08:25:31 Chair Edward Buttrey

08:26:02 Jameson Walker

08:30:25 Rep. Steve Gist

08:31:41 Rep. Bob Carter

08:34:09 Rep. Steve Gist

08:38:15 Rep. Eric Matthews

Closing Statement:

08:40:43 Sen. Jason Small (R), SD 21, closed the hearing on SB 454.

Discussion:

08:40:46 Sen. Jason Small-R

HEARING ON SB 457 - Repeal board of sanitarians

Opening Statement:

08:43:45 Sen. Terry Vermeire (R), SD 39, opened the hearing on SB 457, Repeal board of sanitarians.

Discussion:

08:43:47 Sen. Terry Vermeire-R

Proponent Testimony:

08:44:37 Dave Cook

08:49:12 Valerie Stacey

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:51:51 Rep. James Bergstrom

08:54:12 Rep. Greg Oblander

08:58:43 Vice Chair Derek Harvey

09:07:22 Rep. Bob Carter

09:08:52 Rep. Steven Galloway

Closing Statement:

09:10:39 Sen. Terry Vermeire (R), SD 39, closed the hearing on SB 457.

Discussion:

09:10:45 Sen. Terry Vermeire-R

HEARING ON SB 456 - Generally revise laws pertaining to hearing aid dispensers

Opening Statement:

09:11:36 Sen. Terry Vermeire (R), SD 39, opened the hearing on SB 456,
Generally revise laws pertaining to hearing aid dispensers.

Discussion:

09:11:39 Sen. Terry Vermeire-R

Proponent Testimony:

09:13:23 Dave Cook

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:17:33 Rep. Steve Gist

09:18:52 Rep. Greg Oblander

09:19:40 Rep. James Bergstrom

09:21:42 Chair Edward Buttrey

09:23:08 Rep. Greg Oblander

Closing Statement:

09:23:19 Sen. Terry Vermeire (R), SD 39, closed the hearing on SB 456.

Discussion:

09:23:24 Sen. Terry Vermeire-R

HEARING ON SB 455 - Generally revise laws pertaining to realty regulation

Opening Statement:

09:25:02 Sen. Terry Vermeire (R), SD 39, opened the hearing on SB 455,
Generally revise laws pertaining to realty regulation.

Discussion:

09:25:04 Sen. Terry Vermeire-R

Proponent Testimony:

09:26:17 Dave Cook

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:30:11 Rep. Steve Gist

09:32:15 Rep. Steven Galloway

09:33:25 Rep. Steve Gist

09:34:23 Rep. Greg Oblander

Closing Statement:

09:36:36 Sen. Terry Vermeire (R), SD 39, closed the hearing on SB 455.

Discussion:

09:36:39 Sen. Terry Vermeire-R

**HEARING ON SB 312 - Generally revise microbrewery laws relating to brewer
collaboration**

Opening Statement:

09:37:09 Sen. Terry Vermeire (R), SD 39, opened the hearing on SB 312,
Generally revise microbrewery laws relating to brewer collaboration.

Discussion:

09:37:13 Sen. Terry Vermeire-R

Proponent Testimony:

09:39:23 Matt Leow
09:44:02 Jennifer Hensley
09:45:09 John Iverson
09:46:05 Shawna Helfert

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:46:36 Dacia English

Opponent Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:47:00 Rep. Greg Oblander
09:47:35 Rep. Bob Carter
09:47:47 Rep. Steve Gist
09:48:21 Rep. Ron Marshall
09:50:06 Rep. Bob Carter
09:50:17 Chair Edward Buttrey
09:57:46 Rep. Denley Loge
09:58:48 Rep. Nelly Nicol
10:00:54 Rep. Steven Galloway
10:02:18 Rep. Bob Carter

Closing Statement:

10:03:58 Sen. Terry Vermeire (R), SD 39, closed the hearing on SB 312.

Discussion:

10:04:01 Sen. Terry Vermeire-R

10:05:30 **Recessed**

10:28:32 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 314 - Revise construction laws relating to bonds

10:28:37 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 314 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:28:37 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:28:37 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Bob Carter

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

10:29:44 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 340 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:29:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:29:44 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 369 - Provide worker's comp coverage of injury caused by employer-mandated vaccine

10:30:54 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 369 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:31:10 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 369 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:31:43 Vice Chair Derek Harvey

10:31:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 12 - 7 by roll call vote with Rep. Carter, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Karlen, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Matthews, Rep. Nicol, Rep. Sullivan, voting no.

10:37:32 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 369 TO TABLE.**

10:37:32 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 6 by roll call vote with Rep. Bergstrom, Rep. Galloway, Rep. Gist, Rep. Oblander, Rep. Seekins-Crowe, Rep. Zolnikov, voting no.
Rep. Zolnikov, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 378 - Revise evidence laws

10:38:58 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 378 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:38:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:38:58 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Denley Loge

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 425 - Revise addiction counselor licensing laws

10:39:45 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 425 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:40:08 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 425 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:40:56 Jameson Walker

10:40:08 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:41:35 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 425 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:41:44 Chair Edward Buttrey

10:41:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:41:35 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 430 - Revise financial institution laws relating to bank boards

10:42:25 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 430 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:42:25 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:42:25 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. James Bergstrom

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 453 - Generally revise laws pertaining to medical examiners

10:43:11 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 453 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

10:43:29 Jameson Walker

10:43:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:43:11 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Greg Oblander

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 492 - Revise insurance laws relating to the duty to defend

- 10:45:01 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 492 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 10:45:01 **Vote:** Motion carried 18 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Nicol, voting no.
- 10:45:01 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Jonathan Karlen

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:48:45

Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230406BUHaad\)](#)