

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

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey-R, on April 13, 2023 at 9:01 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)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Nelly Nicol (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:

SB 531 04/06/2023

SB 558 04/06/2023

Executive Action:

SB 75

SB 312

SB 370
SB 454
SB 455
SB 456
SB 457
SB 531
SB 558

09:07:07 **Recessed**

09:09:07 **Reconvened**

HEARING ON SB 558 - Require United States cash to be accepted as currency

Opening Statement:

09:09:20 Sen. Shane Morigeau (D), SD 95, opened the hearing on SB 558,
Require United States cash to be accepted as currency.

Discussion:

09:09:22 Sen. Shane Morigeau-D

[EXHIBIT\(230413BUHa1\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:17:18 Rep. James Bergstrom

09:17:32 Rep. Nelly Nicol joined the meeting.

09:20:08 Rep. Nelly Nicol

09:24:07 Rep. Steven Galloway

09:25:15 Rep. Jonathan Karlen

09:25:50 Rep. Steve Gist

09:26:42 Rep. Bob Carter

09:29:18 Chair Edward Buttrey

Closing Statement:

09:31:04 Sen. Shane Morigeau (D), SD 95, closed the hearing on SB 558.

Discussion:

09:31:07 Sen. Shane Morigeau-D

HEARING ON SB 531 - Generally review broadband deployment laws

Opening Statement:

09:32:07 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SB 531,
Generally review broadband deployment laws.

Discussion:

09:32:09 Sen. Daniel Salomon-R

Proponent Testimony:

09:39:58 Misty-Anne Giles

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[EXHIBIT\(230413BUHa3\)](#)

09:43:14 Jeff Feiss

09:47:02 Bridger Mahlum

09:48:20 Aimee Grmoljez

09:49:05 Tom Ebzery

09:50:37 Jason Rittal

09:51:40 Mark Baker

09:52:33 Margret Morgan

Opponent Testimony:

09:53:43 Patrick Yawakie

[EXHIBIT\(230413BUHa4\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230413BUHa5\)](#)

10:00:55 Jay Preston

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

10:05:33 Rep. Steve Gist
10:07:18 Rep. Jonathan Karlen
10:11:27 Rep. Katie Sullivan
10:16:06 Rep. Bob Carter
10:21:20 Rep. Ron Marshall
10:21:21 Rep. Jonathan Karlen
10:22:00 Rep. Nelly Nicol
10:25:18 Rep. Greg Oblander
10:26:55 Rep. Bob Carter
10:27:22 Vice Chair Derek Harvey
10:28:59 Chair Edward Buttrey

Closing Statement:

10:33:32 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, closed the hearing on SB 531.

Discussion:

10:33:36 Sen. Daniel Salomon-R

10:42:09 **Recessed**

11:41:45 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 75 - Generally revise laws related to alcohol licenses

11:42:04 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 75 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:42:29 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 75 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:37:51 EA

11:47:39 Rep. Nelly Nicol

11:50:50 Rep. Greg Oblander

11:51:22 Jameson Walker

11:42:29 **Vote:** Motion carried 16 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Nicol, voting no.

11:52:33 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 75 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

11:52:33 **Vote:** Motion carried 18 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Nicol, voting no.

11:52:33 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Edward Buttrey

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 312 - Generally revise microbrewery laws relating to brewer collaboration

11:53:11 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 312 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

11:53:46 Rep. Steven Galloway

11:53:11 **Vote:** Motion carried 17 - 2 by roll call vote with Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Galloway, voting no.

11:53:11 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Katie Sullivan

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 370 - Generally revise uniform commercial code

11:55:27 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 370 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:56:11 **Motion:** Vice Chair Derek Harvey moved that **SB 370 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:57:08 Rep. Katie Sullivan

11:57:58 Rep. Steve Gist

11:58:34 Chair Edward Buttrey

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

11:59:30 **Motion:** Rep. Katie Sullivan moved that **SB 370 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

12:01:01 Rep. Steve Gist

12:01:53 Rep. Bob Carter

11:59:30 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

12:05:09 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 370 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

12:05:17 Rep. Nelly Nicol

12:05:57 Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe

12:06:27 Rep. Ron Marshall

12:07:05 Rep. Steve Gist

12:08:12 Rep. Steven Galloway

12:09:09 Rep. Greg Oblander

12:11:41 Rep. Bob Carter

12:12:13 Rep. Katie Sullivan

12:12:43 Rep. Steve Gist

12:14:52 Rep. Steven Galloway

12:05:09 **Vote:** Motion carried 16 - 3 by roll call vote with Rep. Bergstrom, Rep. Marshall, Rep. Nicol, voting no.

12:05:09 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Katie Sullivan

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 454 - Generally revise laws pertaining to private security

12:18:29 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 454 BE CONCURRED IN.**

12:18:29 **Vote:** Motion carried 14 - 5 by roll call vote with Rep. Harvey, Rep. Karlen, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Matthews, Rep. Sullivan, voting no.

12:18:29 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. James Bergstrom

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 455 - Generally revise laws pertaining to realty regulation

12:20:32 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 455 BE CONCURRED IN.**

12:20:32 **Vote:** Motion carried 15 - 4 by voice vote with Rep. Harvey, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Matthews, Rep. Sullivan, voting no.

12:20:32 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe

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

12:22:01 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 456 BE CONCURRED IN.**

12:22:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

12:22:01 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Greg Oblander

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 457 - Repeal board of sanitarians

12:22:50 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 457 BE CONCURRED IN.**

12:22:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

12:22:50 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Bob Carter

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 531 - Generally review broadband deployment laws

12:23:41 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 531 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

12:23:56 Rep. Katie Sullivan

12:24:34 Rep. Denley Loge

12:25:06 Rep. Jonathan Karlen

12:25:33 Chair Edward Buttrey

12:23:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 6 by roll call vote with Rep. Carter, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Karlen, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Matthews, Rep. Sullivan, voting no.

12:23:41 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Edward Buttrey

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 558 - Require United States cash to be accepted as currency

12:27:43 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 558 BE CONCURRED IN.**

12:28:05 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 558 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

12:29:24 Rep. Bob Carter

12:30:44 Rep. Eric Matthews

12:31:04 Rep. Steven Galloway

12:28:05 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

12:33:32 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **SB 558 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

12:34:06 Rep. Katie Sullivan

12:34:16 Rep. Steven Galloway

12:34:49 Rep. Nelly Nicol

12:33:32 **Vote:** Motion carried 18 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Nicol, voting no.

12:33:32 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Steve Gist

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:36:22

Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230413BUHaad\)](#)

