

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Edward Buttrey-R, on April 20, 2023 at 9:01 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. Ron Marshall (R)  
Rep. Nelly Nicol (R)  
Rep. Greg Oblander (R)  
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Jennifer Lynch (D)  
Rep. Eric Matthews (D)  
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (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:

Executive Action:

SB 516  
SB 535  
SB 538

09:02:56           **Recessed**

09:20:39           **Reconvened**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 516 - Provide for the Preserving Fertility Act**

09:20:53           **Motion:** Vice Chair Derek Harvey moved that **SB 516 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

09:21:15           Rep. Steve Gunderson

09:22:15           Rep. Bob Carter

09:22:23           Rep. Steve Gist

09:22:58           Rep. Steve Gunderson

09:23:31           Chair Edward Buttrey

09:24:12           Rep. Nelly Nicol

09:24:49           Rep. Denley Loge

09:25:10           Rep. Katie Zolnikov

09:25:22           Rep. Steve Gist

09:25:34           Rep. Denley Loge

09:25:46           Vice Chair Derek Harvey

09:26:23           Chair Edward Buttrey

09:26:29           Rep. Steve Gist

09:26:44           **Motion:** Rep. Denley Loge moved that **SB 516 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

09:27:02           Jameson Walker

09:26:44           **Vote:** Motion carried 12 - 7 by roll call vote with Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Carter, Rep. Galloway, Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Marshall, Rep. Seekins-Crowe, Rep. Zolnikov, voting no.  
Rep. Seekins-Crowe, By Proxy

09:28:27           **Motion:** Vice Chair Derek Harvey moved that **SB 516 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

09:28:27 **Vote:** Motion carried 17 - 2 by roll call vote with Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Marshall, voting no.

09:28:27 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Katie Zolnikov

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 535 - Revise lottery laws relating to the board of horseracing**

09:29:47 **Motion:** Vice Chair Derek Harvey moved that **SB 535 BE CONCURRED IN.**

09:29:47 **Vote:** Motion carried 16 - 3 by voice vote with Rep. Bergstrom, Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Marshall, voting no.

09:29:47 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Fred Anderson

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 538 - Generally revise marijuana laws**

09:31:05 **Motion:** Vice Chair Derek Harvey moved that **SB 538 BE CONCURRED IN.**

09:31:29 **Motion:** Vice Chair Derek Harvey moved that **SB 538 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

09:32:10 Rep. Steve Gunderson

09:31:29 **Vote:** Motion carried 17 - 2 by voice vote with Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Marshall, voting no.

09:33:03 **Motion:** Vice Chair Derek Harvey moved that **SB 538 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

09:33:35 Vice Chair Derek Harvey

09:33:58 Rep. Steve Gunderson

09:34:59 Vice Chair Derek Harvey

09:33:03 **Vote:** Motion carried 17 - 2 by voice vote with Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Marshall, voting no.

09:36:15 **Motion:** Vice Chair Derek Harvey moved that **SB 538 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

09:36:24 Rep. Nelly Nicol

09:36:15 **Vote:** Motion carried 14 - 5 by roll call vote with Rep. Bergstrom, Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Marshall, Rep. Nicol, Rep. Oblander, voting no.

09:36:15 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Bob Carter

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 09:39:15

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Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230420BUHaad\)](#)