

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

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey-R, on April 27, 2023 at 9:00 AM, in Room 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. Bob Carter (D)
Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Steven Galloway (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 Sullivan (D)

Members Excused: Rep. James Bergstrom (R)
Rep. Steve Gist (R)
Rep. Denley Loge (R)
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

Staff Present: Macy McCauley, Secretary
Jameson Walker, Research Analyst

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

HJ 33 04/27/2023

HJ 41 04/27/2023

Executive Action:

HJ 33 DO PASS

HJ 41 DO PASS

09:02:03 Rep. Zolnikov has arrived
09:10:12 Rep. Gist has arrived
09:12:40 Rep. Loge has arrived

HEARING ON HJ 33 - Study of abortion complications and abortion pill side effects

Opening Statement:

09:01:47 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R), HD 22, opened the hearing on HJ 33, Study of abortion complications and abortion pill side effects.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

09:04:22 Robin Turner, Montana Sexual and Reproductive Health Collective, (MSRHC)

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:06:40 Rep. Nelly Nicol
09:07:10 Robin Turner, MSRHC
09:07:30 Rep. Nelly Nicol
09:08:05 Robin Turner, MSRHC
09:08:57 Rep. Nelly Nicol
09:09:05 Chair Edward Buttrey
09:09:32 Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe
09:10:07 Robin Turner, MSRHC

09:10:25 Rep. Greg Oblander
09:10:45 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R
09:11:07 Rep. Steven Galloway
09:11:32 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R
09:12:01 Rep. Steven Galloway
09:12:11 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R
09:12:15 Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe
09:12:48 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R
09:13:37 Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe
09:13:47 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R
09:14:11 Vice Chair Derek Harvey
09:14:41 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R
09:15:20 Vice Chair Derek Harvey
09:15:51 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R
09:16:00 Vice Chair Derek Harvey
09:16:25 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R
09:16:47 Vice Chair Derek Harvey
09:17:19 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R
09:17:36 Rep. Katie Sullivan
09:18:05 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R
09:18:32 Rep. Steve Gist
09:19:02 Rep. Eric Matthews
09:20:32 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R
09:20:44 Chair Edward Buttrey

09:21:26 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R

Closing Statement:

09:21:54 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R), HD 22, closed the hearing on HJ 33.

HEARING ON HJ 41 - Interim study of fentanyl abuse and marijuana use

Opening Statement:

09:22:36 Rep. Tanner Smith (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HJ 41, Interim study of fentanyl abuse and marijuana use.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:24:21 Rep. Greg Oblander

09:24:42 Rep. Tanner Smith-R

09:25:05 Rep. Greg Oblander

09:25:19 Rep. Tanner Smith-R

09:25:51 Rep. Eric Matthews

09:26:19 Rep. Tanner Smith-R

09:27:08 Rep. Eric Matthews

09:27:46 Rep. Steven Galloway

09:28:35 Rep. Tanner Smith-R

Closing Statement:

09:29:10 Rep. Tanner Smith (R), HD 11, closed the hearing on HJ 41.

09:29:59 **Recessed**

09:37:15 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 33 - Study of abortion complications and abortion pill side effects

09:37:25 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HJ 33 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

09:37:43 Rep. Steven Galloway

09:39:16 Chair Edward Buttrey

09:39:36 Rep. Steven Galloway

09:39:49 Rep. Jonathan Karlen

09:40:31 Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe

09:41:05 Vice Chair Derek Harvey

09:42:04 Rep. Ron Marshall

09:42:50 Rep. Steve Gunderson

09:43:23 Rep. Katie Zolnikov

09:45:13 Rep. Eric Matthews

09:46:00 Rep. Steve Gist

09:37:25 **Vote:** Motion carried 12 - 7 by roll call vote with Rep. Carter, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Karlen, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Matthews, Rep. Sullivan, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 41 - Interim study of fentanyl abuse and marijuana use

09:47:21 **Motion:** Vice Chair Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HJ 41 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

09:47:41 Rep. Katie Sullivan

09:49:10 Chair Edward Buttrey

09:49:22 Rep. Katie Sullivan

09:49:56 Rep. Steven Galloway

09:50:42 Rep. Steve Gist
09:51:37 Chair Edward Buttrey
09:51:54 Rep. Steve Gist
09:52:54 Rep. Denley Loge
09:53:53 Chair Edward Buttrey
09:54:36 Rep. Greg Oblander
09:55:49 Rep. Steven Galloway
09:47:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 11 - 8 by roll call vote with Rep. Carter, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Karlen, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Matthews, Rep. Sullivan, Rep. Zolnikov, voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:58:04

Macy McCauley, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230427BUHaad\)](#)