

**MINUTES**

**MONTANA SENATE**

**68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

**COMMITTEE ON (S) BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Sen. Jason Small-R, on January 17, 2023 at 8:30 AM, in 422

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Sen. Jason Small, Chair (R)  
Sen. Willis Curdy, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Mark Noland, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Mike Fox (D)  
Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R)  
Sen. Walt Sales (R)  
Sen. Terry Vermeire (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R)  
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)

**Staff Present:** Daisy Rhodes, Secretary  
Erin Sullivan, Attorney

**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:

HB 50 01/12/2023

SB 146 01/12/2023

SB 155 01/12/2023

Executive Action:

SB 133 DO PASS

SB 155 DO PASS

**PNWER Presentation:**

08:32:26 Matt Morrison, Executive Director, PNWER

08:33:29 Sen. Chuck Winder, President, PNWER

08:37:01 Sen. Walt Sales left the meeting.

08:40:32 Matt Morrison, PNWER

08:48:34 Sen. Jason Small

08:48:39 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

08:48:57 Matt Morrison, PNWER

08:49:09 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

08:49:13 Sen. Walt Sales joined the meeting.

08:49:31 Matt Morrison, PNWER

08:50:01 [EXHIBIT\(230117BUSa1\)](#)

**HEARING ON SB 155 - Create occupational therapy licensure compact**

**Opening Statement:**

08:50:40 Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 155, Create occupational therapy licensure compact.

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:52:38 Molly Viall, Chair, Montana Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA)

08:57:08 Heather MacMonegle, self

09:01:27 Heather O'Hara, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

09:03:20 Twylla Kirchen, self

09:06:29 Molly Kimmel, President, Montana Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

09:08:53 Eric Strauss, Administrator, Employment Standards Division, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

**Questions from Committee:**

09:09:25 Sen. Willis Curdy

09:09:42 Eric Strauss, DLI

09:09:47 Sen. Willis Curdy

09:09:52 Eric Strauss, DLI

**Closing Statement:**

09:10:16 Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R), SD 19, closed the hearing on SB 155.

**HEARING ON HB 50 - Revising alcohol licenses to remove an outdated reference to certain licenses**

**Opening Statement:**

09:11:20 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 50, Revising alcohol licenses to remove an outdated reference to certain licenses.

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:12:33 Becky Schlauch, Administrator, Department of Revenue, Alcoholic Beverage Control Division (DOR-ABC)

09:13:03 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor, Governor's Office

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

None

**Closing Statement:**

09:14:11 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, closed the hearing on HB 50.

**HEARING ON SB 146 - Revise laws relating to wage transparency**

**Opening Statement:**

09:15:40 Sen. Shane Morigeau (D), SD 95, opened the hearing on SB 146, Revise laws relating to wage transparency.

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:33:55 Patrick Yawakie, Black Feet Tribe

09:35:40 Amanda Frickle, Montana American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)

**Opponent Testimony:**

09:40:48 Ronda Wiggers, National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB)

09:45:16 David Smith, Executive Director, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

09:46:30 Dave Galt, Montana Chamber of Commerce

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

09:47:20 Sen. Mark Noland

09:49:12 Amanda Frickle, AFL-CIO

09:50:55 Sen. Mark Noland

09:51:48 Amanda Frickle, AFL-CIO

09:52:16 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

09:52:24 Sen. Mike Fox left the meeting.

09:52:51 Sen. Shane Morigeau-D

09:57:24 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

09:57:43 Sen. Shane Morigeau-D

**Closing Statement:**

10:00:15 Sen. Shane Morigeau (D), SD 95, closed the hearing on SB 146.

10:03:00 Sen. Fox has arrived

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 133 - Generally review gambling laws related to parimutuel wagering**

10:05:13        **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 133 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

10:05:22        Sen. Jason Small

10:05:13        **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 155 - Create occupational therapy licensure compact**

10:06:22        **Motion:** Sen. Mark Noland moved that **SB 155 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

10:06:32        Sen. Jason Small

10:06:22        **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:08:07

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Daisy Rhodes, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230117BUSaad\)](#)[EXHIBIT\(230117BUSaad\)](#)