

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB 229

Call to Order: Chair Jason Ellsworth-R, on May 01, 2023 at 9:01 AM, in 350

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Jason Ellsworth, Chair (R)
Sen. Chris Friedel (R)
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

Staff Present: Grace Gibney, Secretary
Erin Sullivan, Research Analyst

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

Executive Action:

HB 229 ACCEPTED AS
AMENDED

09:02:01 **Committee Discussion:** HB229

09:02:13 Rep. Mike Hopkins

09:02:44 Jennifer Hensley, Fidelity Diagnostics Laboratory

09:04:06 Kate Cholewa, Montana Cannabis Industry Association (MCIA)

09:06:04 Chair Jason Ellsworth

09:06:07 Erin Sullivan

09:07:30 Jennifer Hensley, Fidelity Diagnostics Laboratory

09:11:41 Chair Jason Ellsworth

09:11:52 Rep. Mike Hopkins

09:12:47 Chair Jason Ellsworth

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 229 - Generally revise marijuana laws related to testing laboratories

09:13:35 **Motion:** Rep. Mike Hopkins moved that **HB 229 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

09:13:45 Rep. Mike Hopkins

09:14:00 Rep. Katie Sullivan

09:13:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

09:14:47 **Motion:** Chair Jason Ellsworth moved that **HB 229 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

09:15:26 Rep. Katie Sullivan

09:17:08 Jennifer Hensley, Fidelity Diagnostics Laboratory

09:19:04 Sen. Christopher Pope

09:19:36 Chair Jason Ellsworth

09:21:13 Rep. Mike Hopkins

09:22:49 Rep. Katie Sullivan
09:22:56 Chair Jason Ellsworth
09:27:46 Sen. Chris Friedel
09:28:22 Rep. Steve Gunderson
09:28:39 Rep. Katie Sullivan
09:29:15 Sen. Chris Friedel
09:14:47 **Vote:** Motion failed 4 - 2 by roll call vote with Rep. Sullivan, Sen. Ellsworth, voting yes.
09:31:33 **Motion:** Chair Jason Ellsworth moved that **HB 229 BE AMENDED.**
Discussion:
09:31:55 Chair Jason Ellsworth
09:32:09 Sen. Christopher Pope
09:31:33 **Vote:** Motion carried 4 - 2 by roll call vote with Rep. Gunderson, Rep. Hopkins, voting no.
09:33:28 **Motion:** Rep. Mike Hopkins moved that **HB 229 ACCEPTED AS AMENDED.**
09:33:28 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:34:04

Grace Gibney, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230501FRSaad\)](#)

