

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

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey-R, on February 07, 2023 at 8:31 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. James Bergstrom (R)
Rep. Bob Carter (D)
Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Steven Galloway (R)
Rep. Steve Gist (R)
Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D)
Rep. Denley Loge (R)
Rep. Jennifer Lynch (D)
Rep. Eric Matthews (D)
Rep. Nelly Nicol (D)
Rep. Greg Oblander (R)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)
Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R)

Staff Present: Jolanda Songer, 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:

HB 353 02/01/2023
HB 358 02/01/2023
HB 371 02/01/2023

Executive Action:

HB 201 TO TABLE
HB 229 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 293 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 300 TO TABLE

HEARING ON HB 371 - Allow state-chartered banks to own employee housing

Opening Statement:

08:34:57 Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HB 371, Allow state-chartered banks to own employee housing.

Proponent Testimony:

08:36:25 Scott Mizner, President, American Bank, Livingston

08:41:37 Cary Hegreberg, President, Montana Bankers Association (MBA)

08:43:10 Scott Boulanger, Montana Independent Bankers (MIB)

08:43:42 Melanie Hall, Commissioner, Department of Administration, Division of Banking and Financial Institutions (DOA-DBFI)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:45:30 John Sinrud, President, Montana Landlord Association (MLA)

Questions from Committee:

08:46:00 Rep. Eric Matthews

08:46:34 Melanie Hall, DOA-DBFI

08:47:27 Rep. Steven Galloway

08:47:53 Melanie Hall, DOA-DBFI

08:48:12 Scott Mizner, American Bank

08:48:38 Rep. Katie Sullivan

08:49:11 Rep. Kenneth Walsh-R

08:50:48 Rep. Greg Oblander

08:51:18 Scott Mizner, American Bank

08:51:57 Rep. Steven Galloway
08:52:26 Melanie Hall, DOA-DBFI
08:52:47 Rep. Steven Galloway
08:52:58 Melanie Hall, DOA-DBFI
08:53:12 Rep. Bob Carter
08:53:30 Melanie Hall, DOA-DBFI
08:54:24 Rep. Bob Carter
08:54:35 Melanie Hall, DOA-DBFI
08:55:04 Chair Edward Buttrey
08:55:18 Melanie Hall, DOA-DBFI
08:55:34 Chair Edward Buttrey
08:55:44 Melanie Hall, DOA-DBFI
08:56:08 Chair Edward Buttrey
08:56:14 Melanie Hall, DOA-DBFI
08:56:20 Rep. Steven Galloway
08:56:58 John Sinrud, MLA

Closing Statement:

08:57:58 Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R), HD 71, closed the hearing on HB 371.

HEARING ON HB 353 - Revise barber and cosmetology occupational licensing laws

Opening Statement:

09:00:48 Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 353, Revise barber and cosmetology occupational licensing laws.

Proponent Testimony:

09:04:10 Jessica Poitras, Legislative Counsel, Institute for Justice (IJ)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:07:49 Chair Edward Buttrey

09:08:03 Jessica Poitras, IJ

09:10:00 Rep. Steve Gunderson joined the meeting.

Closing Statement:

09:09:29 Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, closed the hearing on HB 353.

HEARING ON HB 358 - Revise property manager license law

Opening Statement:

09:10:35 Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 358, Revise property manager license law.

Proponent Testimony:

09:13:40 John Sinrud, President, Montana Landlord Association (MLA)

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09:18:46 Matt Sullivan, MCMB Property Management

09:32:59 Steve` Skinner, Property Management Business

09:34:30 J.R. Casillas, Attorney in Missoula

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:39:20 Quinlan O'Connor, Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Labor and Industry
(DLI)

Questions from Committee:

09:39:46 Rep. Katie Sullivan

09:40:18 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI

09:41:00 Rep. Katie Sullivan

09:41:10 Quinlan O'Connor, DLI

09:41:51 John Sinrud, MLA

09:43:04 Rep. Katie Sullivan

09:44:10 Rep. Katie Zolnikov-R

09:44:23 John Sinrud, MLA

09:45:30 Rep. Katie Sullivan

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09:46:22 Chair Edward Buttrey

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09:47:08 Chair Edward Buttrey

09:47:18 Rep. Katie Zolnikov

09:47:48 Chair Edward Buttrey

09:48:05 John Sinrud, MLA

09:48:58 Chair Edward Buttrey

09:49:26 John Sinrud, MLA

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09:50:02 Rep. Steve Gist

09:50:20 John Sinrud, MLA

09:50:24 Rep. Steve Gist
09:50:29 John Sinrud, MLA
09:51:00 Rep. Steven Galloway
09:51:35 John Sinrud, MLA
09:53:47 Rep. Steven Galloway
09:53:58 John Sinrud, MLA

Closing Statement:

09:54:08 Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R), HD 45, closed the hearing on HB 358.

09:57:27 **Recessed**

10:37:15 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 201 - Revise minimum wage laws

10:37:26 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 201 DO PASS.**
Discussion:
10:37:39 Rep. Eric Matthews
10:38:42 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Steve Gist moved that **HB 201 TO TABLE.**
10:38:42 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried 13 - 6 by roll call vote with Rep. Carter, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Karlen, Rep. Matthews, Rep. Sullivan, Rep. Zolnikov, voting no.

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

10:40:07 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 229 DO PASS.**
10:40:24 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 229 BE AMENDED.**
10:40:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
10:42:43 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 229 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
Discussion:
10:42:51 Rep. Katie Sullivan

10:42:43 **Vote:** Motion carried 14 - 5 by roll call vote with Rep. Harvey, Rep. Karlen, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Matthews, Rep. Sullivan, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 293 - Generally revise alternative nicotine and vapor product laws relating to tobacco

10:45:04 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 293 DO PASS.**

10:45:20 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 293 BE AMENDED.**

10:45:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:46:10 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 293 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:46:23 Rep. Jennifer Lynch

10:46:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 6 by roll call vote with Rep. Carter, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Karlen, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Matthews, Rep. Sullivan, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 300 - Revise tobacco, alternative nicotine, and vapor product laws

10:47:44 **Motion:** Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe moved that **HB 300 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:48:02 Rep. Katie Sullivan

10:48:31 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Steven Galloway moved that **HB 300 TO TABLE.**

Discussion:

10:48:51 Rep. Ron Marshall joined the meeting.

10:48:31 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried 13 - 6 by voice vote with Rep. Carter, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Karlen, Rep. Lynch, Rep. Matthews, Rep. Sullivan, voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:20:47

Jolanda Songer, Secretary

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