

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Kerry White, on February 25, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 172  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Kerry White, Chair (R)  
Rep. Theresa Manzella, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Bob Brown (R)  
Rep. Zach Brown (D)  
Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen (D)  
Rep. Ross H. Fitzgerald (R)  
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)  
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)  
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)  
Rep. Mark Noland (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Willis Curdy, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Dale Mortensen (R)  
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch  
Jacie Vonada, Committee Secretary

**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 600, 2/22/2019; HB 180, 2/13/2019; HB 556, 2/19/2019; HB 118, 2/20/2019

Executive Action:

15:26:47 Chair White

**HEARING ON HB 556**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:28:06 Rep. Joel Krautter (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 556, Provide for innovative sewage disposal technology.

15:28:40 Rep. Casey Knudsen arrived to the meeting

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:28:49 Brian Thompson, Presby Environmental

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

15:29:51 Tim Davis, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:30:21 Rep. Marler

15:31:01 Rep. Krautter

15:31:33 Mr. Thompson, Presby Environmental

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:32:41 Rep. Krautter

**HEARING ON HB 600**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:33:27 Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 600, Prohibit sale or marketing of exempt groundwater.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:36:48 Abigail St. Lawrence, Rocky Mountain Stockgrowers Association (RMSGGA)

15:37:31 Aimee Grmoljez, self

**Informational Testimony:**

15:39:16 Jan Langel, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:39:40 Chair White

15:40:09 Mr. Langel, DNRC

15:40:27 Chair White

15:40:46 Mr. Langel, DNRC

15:41:53 Rep. Zach Brown

15:42:17 Mr. Langel, DNRC

15:42:54 Rep. Zach Brown

15:43:04 Mr. Langel, DNRC

15:43:11 Chair White

15:43:23 Mr. Langel, DNRC

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:43:57 Rep. Hamlett

**HEARING ON HB 180**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:46:30 Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 180, Limiting transfers by water rights certificate holders.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:47:44 Rep. Hamlett

**HEARING ON HB 118**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:48:27 Rep. Julie Dooling (R), HD 70, opened the hearing on HB 118, Create grant program to remove lead from school water supplies.

[EXHIBIT\(nah40a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah40a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah40a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nah40a04\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:50:41 Tim Davis, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

15:52:08 Rep. Weatherwax arrived to the meeting.

15:53:42 Laura Williamson, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

15:56:58 Skye Borden, Environment Montana

15:59:24 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MCLT)

16:00:12 Steve Wade, Montana Rural Water Systems (MRWS)

16:01:11 Cody Ferguson, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

16:01:39 Jake Brown, Montana Conservation Voters (MCV)

16:01:56 Malcolm Gilbert, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:02:45 Chair White  
16:03:02 Mr. Davis, DEQ  
16:03:20 Chair White  
16:03:32 Mr. Davis, DEQ  
16:03:50 Chair White  
16:04:18 Mr. Davis, DEQ  
16:04:47 Chair White  
16:05:22 Mr. Davis, DEQ  
16:06:30 Rep. Casey Knudsen  
16:06:43 Mr. Davis, DEQ  
16:07:18 Rep. Casey Knudsen  
16:07:36 Mr. Davis, DEQ  
16:08:10 Rep. Casey Knudsen  
16:08:26 Mr. Davis, DEQ  
16:09:00 Rep. Casey Knudsen  
16:09:14 Rep. Bob Brown  
16:10:00 Mr. Davis, DEQ  
16:10:13 Vice Chair Manzella  
16:10:44 Rep. Dooling  
16:11:03 Vice Chair Manzella  
16:11:11 Rep. Dooling  
16:11:18 Mr. Davis, DEQ  
16:11:35 Vice Chair Manzella  
16:12:07 Mr. Davis, DEQ  
16:13:06 Rep. Bob Brown  
16:13:19 Mr. Davis, DEQ  
16:13:31 Rep. Bob Brown  
16:14:02 Mr. Davis, DEQ  
16:14:19 Rep. Noland  
16:14:53 Mr. Davis, DEQ  
16:15:07 Rep. Noland  
16:16:12 Ms. Williamson, DPHHS  
16:16:45 Rep. Noland  
16:17:39 Mr. Davis, DEQ  
16:18:16 Rep. Noland  
16:18:44 Mr. Davis, DEQ  
16:19:21 Chair White  
16:19:55 Mr. Davis, DEQ  
16:20:09 Chair White  
16:20:14 Mr. Davis, DEQ  
16:20:26 Chair White  
16:20:42 Mr. Davis, DEQ  
16:21:03 Chair White  
16:21:34 Ms. Borden, Environment Montana  
16:22:20 Chair White  
16:22:44 Mr. Davis, DEQ  
16:23:27 John Dilliard, Butte School of Mines  
16:23:41 Chair White  
16:24:09 Mr. Dilliard, Butte School of Mines

16:24:45 Rep. Gunderson  
16:25:05 Mr. Davis, DEQ  
16:25:21 Rep. Gunderson  
16:25:36 Mr. Davis, DEQ  
16:26:02 Rep. Bob Brown  
16:26:19 Mr. Davis, DEQ  
16:26:26 Rep. Bob Brown  
16:26:37 Mr. Davis, DEQ  
16:27:21 Rep. Bob Brown  
16:27:44 Mr. Davis, DEQ  
16:28:10 Chair White

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:28:24 Rep. Dooling  
  
16:29:20 Chair White  
16:30:59 Rep. Zach Brown  
16:31:10 Chair White  
16:31:20 Rep. Bob Brown

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:31:44

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Jacie Vonada, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([nah40aad.pdf](#))