

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Fielder, on January 29, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Chair (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebauch, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. Tom Jacobson (D)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)

Members Excused: Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Mary Vandenbosch, 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: SB 24, 1/17/2019; SB 102, 1/17/2019

HEARING ON SB 24**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:01:56 Sen. Terry Gauthier (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 24, Increase optional light motor vehicle registration fee for parks and recreation.

15:04:38 Sen. Howard entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:07:56 Bob Walker, Montana Trails Coalition

EXHIBIT(fis17a01)

15:10:59 George Real Bird III, Big Horn County commissioner

15:13:57 Gene Townsend, chairman, Headwaters Trail System

15:15:13 Evan Weiss, executive director, Bridger Ski Foundation

EXHIBIT(fis17a02)

15:17:25 Russ Ehnes, vice president, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association; president, Great Falls Trail Bike Riders Association

15:21:11 Jason Howell, president, Montana Snowmobile Association

15:22:04 Christine Whitlatch

EXHIBIT(fis17a03)

15:26:51 Frank LaLiberty, Friends of Little Belts

15:31:43 Greg Dorrington, City of Bozeman; City of Billings; City of Missoula; Montana League of Cities and Towns

15:32:49 Denny Palmer, Montana Bicycle Guild

EXHIBIT(fis17a04)

15:33:40 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors

15:34:14 Coby Gierke, executive director, Montana State Parks Foundation

15:35:35 Evan Kulesa, Prickly Pear Land Trust

EXHIBIT(fis17a05)

15:36:54 Ben Horan, executive director, Mountain Bike Missoula

15:38:08 Angie Grove, chair, Montana State Parks and Recreation Board

EXHIBIT(fis17a06)

15:39:12 Glenn Marx, executive director, Montana Association of Land Trusts

15:40:18 Kyle Marvinney, trails manager, Bridger Ski Foundation

15:42:01 Doug Habermann, executive director, Bike Walk Montana

15:43:54 Kali Wicks, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana

15:45:01 Claudia Davis

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

15:45:57 Rocky Haralson, Montana County Treasurers Association

15:46:21 Beth Shumate, Parks Division administrator, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:46:41 Sen. Fielder
 15:47:08 Sen. Gauthier
 15:47:46 Sen. Fielder
 15:47:59 Ms. Shumate, FWP
 15:48:51 Sen. Fielder
 15:49:14 Dustin Temple, chief of administration, FWP

Closing by Sponsor:

15:49:52 Sen. Gauthier

 15:52:03 Recess
 16:00:06 Reconvene

HEARING ON SB 102**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:00:20 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 102, Revise motor vehicle registration fees.

EXHIBIT(fis17a07)**Proponents' Testimony:** None**Opponents' Testimony:**

16:06:38 Dustin Temple, chief of administration, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)
 16:09:29 Christine Whitlatch
 16:11:04 Bob Walker, Montana Trails, Recreation, and Parks Association

EXHIBIT(fis17a08)

16:14:30 Coby Gierke, executive director, Montana State Parks Foundation
 16:15:34 Angie Grove, chair, Montana State Parks and Recreation Board (MSPRB)
 16:16:35 Jason Howell, Montana Snowmobile Association
 16:17:35 Doug Habermann, executive director, Bike Walk Montana
 16:18:59 Colin Cooney, Trout Unlimited (TU)
 16:19:50 Whitney Tawney, program director, Montana Conservation Voters
 16:20:42 Ben Horan, executive director, Mountain Bike Missoula
 16:21:04 Wyatt Smith, Montana Audubon

Informational Testimony:

16:21:40 Rocky Haralson, Montana County Treasurers Association (MCTA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:22:05 Sen. Ellsworth
 16:23:36 Mr. Temple, FWP
 16:24:03 Sen. Ellsworth
 16:24:31 Mr. Temple
 16:24:36 Sen. Hinebauch
 16:24:55 Mr. Cooney, TU
 16:25:50 Sen. Cohenour

16:26:33 Ms. Grove, MSPRB
16:28:03 Sen. Fielder
16:28:18 Ms. Grove
16:29:51 Sen. Jacobson
16:30:37 Sen. Webb
16:31:07 Sen. Flowers
16:31:16 Sen. Webb
16:33:00 Sen. Flowers
16:33:48 Mr. Temple
16:34:34 Sen. Lang
16:35:04 Mr. Temple
16:35:18 Tom Reilly, Parks Division assistant administrator, FWP
16:36:14 Sen. Jacobson
16:36:42 Mr. Temple
16:36:57 Sen. Jacobson
16:37:09 Mr. Temple
16:37:25 Sen. McClafferty
16:38:15 Sen. Webb
16:41:38 Sen. Cohenour
16:42:18 Mr. Haralson, MCTA
16:43:18 Sen. Jacobson
16:43:44 Sen. Webb
16:45:49 Sen. Hinebauch
16:47:03 Sen. Webb
16:47:30 Sen. Hinebauch
16:47:51 Sen. Webb
16:49:39 Sen. Ellsworth
16:51:14 Ms. Whitlatch, representing herself
16:52:45 Sen. Ellsworth
16:53:31 Ms. Whitlatch
16:54:49 Sen. Flowers
16:55:34 Mr. Haralson
16:56:25 Sen. Fielder
16:56:35 Mr. Temple
16:57:09 Sen. Fielder
16:57:15 Mr. Temple

Closing by Sponsor:

16:57:42 Sen. R. Webb

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

17:02:17 Sen. Cohenour
17:03:19 Sen. Fielder
17:04:09 Sen. Jacobson
17:04:20 Sen. Fielder
17:04:49 Sen. Jacobson
17:05:17 Sen. Fielder
17:05:26 Sen. Jacobson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:05 PM

Mary Vandebosch, Secretary

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Additional Documents

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EXHIBIT([fis17aad.pdf](#))