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MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Fielder, on January 31, 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. David Howard (R)
Sen. Tom Jacobson (D)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Cary Smith (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Mary Vandenbosch, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 44, 1/29/2019; SB 127, 1/29/2019; SB 144, 1/29/2019

Executive Action: SB 79 - Do Pass
SB 70 - Do Pass
SB 144 - Do Pass

HEARING ON SB 127**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:01:26 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 127, Prohibit sale of wildlife identification information for hunting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:03:34 Joe Cohenour

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15:08:15 Jonathan Nehring

15:09:38 Marcus Strange

15:10:47 Steve Platt, Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers

15:12:05 Wyatt Smith, Montana Audubon

15:12:31 James Wyatt, Montana Wildlife Federation

15:14:10 Jerry Davis, Montana Bowhunters Association

15:14:58 Thomas Baumeister, president, Orion - The Hunter's Institute

15:16:35 Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division administrator, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:17:43 Sen. Smith

15:18:41 Sen. Cohenour

15:20:48 Sen. Smith

15:20:54 Mr. McDonald, FWP

15:24:28 Sen. Smith

15:24:42 Sen. Cohenour

15:27:13 Sen. Fielder

15:27:30 Mr. McDonald

15:28:05 Sen. Fielder

Closing by Sponsor:

15:28:37 Sen. Cohenour

15:29:26 Sen. Lang entered the meeting.

HEARING ON SB 144**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:29:47 Sen. Tom Jacobson (D), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 144, Revise mandatory date of sale for certain combination hunting licenses.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:30:49 Emily Cooper, Licensing Bureau chief, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks

15:32:13 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:33:06 Sen. Jacobson

HEARING ON SB 44

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:33:24 Sen. Jill Cohenour (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 44, Make conservation license a standalone prerequisite license.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:34:42 Emily Cooper, Licensing Bureau chief, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

15:35:53 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:36:43 Sen. Ellsworth

15:37:16 Ms. Cooper, FWP

15:38:42 Sen. Lang

15:39:08 Ms. Cooper

15:40:38 Sen. Flowers

15:41:06 Ms. Cooper

15:41:15 Sen. Fielder

15:41:33 Ms. Cooper

15:42:38 Ken McDonald, Wildlife Division administrator, FWP

15:45:15 Ms. Cooper

15:45:34 Sen. Smith

15:46:07 Mr. McDonald

15:46:22 Sen. Smith

15:47:05 Hank Worsch, legislative liaison, FWP

15:47:32 Sen. Flowers

15:48:45 Mr. Worsch

Closing by Sponsor:

15:49:08 Sen. Cohenour

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 79

15:52:27 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **SB 79 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 70

15:53:54 **Motion:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **SB 70 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:54:04 Sen. Flowers
15:55:00 Sen. Lang
15:55:31 Sen. Flowers
15:55:01 Sen. Lang
15:55:28 Sen. Flowers
15:56:21 Sen. Lang
15:56:41 Sen. Flowers
15:57:30 Sen. Hinebauch
15:57:52 Sen. Flowers
15:58:04 Sen. Fielder
15:58:14 Sen. Hinebauch
16:00:49 Sen. Howard left the meeting.
16:02:32 Sen. Cohenour
16:03:44 Sen. Jacobson
16:04:44 Sen. Fielder

16:05:40 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Howard was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 144

16:06:14 **Motion:** Sen. Hinebauch moved that **SB 144 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:06:21 Sen. Jacobson
16:06:30 Sen. Lang
16:06:41 Sen. Jacobson
16:06:44 Sen. Fielder

16:06:55 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Howard was excused.

16:07:08 Sen. Fielder

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:07 PM

Mary Vandebosch, Secretary

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