

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Joshua Kassmier, on January 14, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Joshua Kassmier, Chair (R)
Rep. Julie Dooling, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Andrea Olsen, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)
Rep. Becky Beard (R)
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)
Rep. Moffie Funk (D)
Rep. Brandon Ler (R)
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)
Rep. Wendy McKamey (R)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)
Rep. Rynalea Whiteman Pena (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Willis Curdy (D)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Marty Malone (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Jacquelynn Bomgardner, Committee Secretary
Corina Hach, Legislative Branch
Rachael Foe, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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 93, 1/11/2021; HB 94, 1/11/2021

HEARING ON HB 93**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:01:53 Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HB 93, Expand materials certified under noxious weed seed free program.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:04:54 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
15:05:50 Rachel Prevost, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)
15:06:34 Cort Jensen, Montana Department of Agriculture (AGR)
15:09:53 Ian Foley, Montana Department of Agriculture (AGR)
15:10:40 Dave Burch, Montana Weed Control Association (MWCA)
15:12:33 Christy Clark, Montana Department of Agriculture (AGR)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:13:21 Rep. Marshall
15:14:24 Cort Jensen, AGR
15:15:08 Rep. Marshall
15:15:54 Cort Jensen, AGR
15:17:25 Vice Chair Olsen
15:18:31 Cort Jensen, AGR
15:20:33 Rep. Malone joined the meeting via zoom.
15:20:50 Vice Chair Olsen
15:21:16 Cort Jensen, AGR
15:21:51 Rep. Ler
15:22:41 Cort Jensen, AGR
15:24:37 Vice Chair Dooling
15:25:33 Ian Foley, AGR
15:26:57 Vice Chair Dooling
15:27:16 Ian Foley, AGR
15:29:34 Rep. Malone
15:29:43 Ian Foley, AGR

Closing by Sponsor:

15:31:12 Rep. Walsh

HEARING ON HB 94**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:31:56 Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R), HD 71, opened the hearing on HB 94, Expand loan types in Montana Farmer Loan Repayment Assistance Program.

15:33:54 Rep. Curdy joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:34:43 Rachel Cone, MFBF
15:35:32 Rachel Prevost, MFU
15:36:08 Makenna Sellers, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)
15:37:21 Zach Coccoli, Montana Department of Agriculture (AGR)
15:38:28 Patrick Certain, Self
15:41:15 Christy Clark, AGR
15:41:39 Cort Jensen, AGR

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:43:35 Cindy Trimp, Montana Department of Agriculture (AGR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:44:19 Rep. Walsh

15:45:05 Chair Kassmier
15:45:47 Rep. McKamey
15:46:21 Chair Kassmier

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:46:52

Jacquelynn Bomgardner, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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