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MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Steve Hinebauch, on January 19, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Steve Hinebauch, Chair (R)
Sen. Bob Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Tom Jacobson, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)

Members Present via Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Greg Hertz (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Izmerai Alvarado, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Colleen Street, 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 45, 1/14/2021; HB 48, 1/14/2021; HB 54, 1/14/2021

HEARING ON HB 48

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:16 Rep. Steve Gist (R), HD 25, opened the hearing on HB48, Remove occupation from hunting/fishing license application requirements.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:02:25 Colin Cooney, Trout Unlimited

Due to technical difficulties Emily Cooper, Licencing Bureau chief, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks was unable to testify via Zoom Video Conference.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:05:54 Sen. Brown

15:06:15 Rep. Gist

Closing by Sponsor:

15:06:41 Rep. Gist

HEARING ON HB 45

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:07:32 Rep. Brian Putnam (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB45, Revise come home to hunt license requirements.

Proponents' Testimony:

Due to technical difficulties Emily Cooper, Licencing Bureau chief, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP) was unable to testify via Zoom Video Conference.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:10:12 Sen. Cohenour

15:10:24 Chair Hinebauch

15:10:58 Rep. Putnam

15:11:07 Chair Hinebauch

15:11:37 Rep. Putnam

15:12:00 Chair Hinebauch

15:12:26 Rep. Putnam

15:13:08 Ms. Cooper, FWP

15:14:24 Sen. Brown

15:14:57 Ms. Cooper

15:15:13 Sen. Brown

15:15:53 Ms. Cooper
15:16:13 Sen. Brown
15:16:41 Ms. Cooper
15:17:10 Sen. Brown
15:17:15 Sen. Jacobson
15:17:40 Ms. Cooper
15:17:51 Sen. Jacobson
15:18:03 Chair Hinebauch
15:18:10 Sen. Cohenour
15:19:02 Ms. Cooper
15:19:56 Chair Hinebauch
15:20:28 Ms. Cooper
15:20:46 Chair Hinebauch
15:20:53 Sen. McClafferty
15:21:11 Ms. Cooper
15:21:36 Sen. McClafferty
15:21:48 Ms. Cooper
15:21:57 Sen. Flowers
15:22:24 Ms. Cooper
15:22:42 Sen. Flowers
15:23:13 Ms. Cooper
15:23:27 Sen. McClafferty
15:23:40 Ms. Cooper

Closing by Sponsor:

15:24:16 Sen. Putnam
15:24:55 Chair Hinebauch

HEARING ON HB 54

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:25:27 Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R), HD 43, opened the hearing on HB54, Revise who qualifies to accompany nonresident youth combination license hunters.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:26:57 Emily Cooper Licencing Bureau chief, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:28:13 Rep. Seekins-Crowe
15:28:25 Chair Hinebauch

Committee Business:

15:29:20 Chair Hinebauch

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:30 PM

Izmerai Alvarado, Secretary

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