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MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Steve Hinebauch, on February 4, 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. Greg Hertz (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Call:

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

Members Excused:

Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)
Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Izmerai Alvarado, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Alex Colafrancesco, RMC

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 119, 2/1/2021

Executive Action: SB 60 - Do Pass As Amended; SB 105 - Do Pass As Amended; SB 111 - Do Pass As Amended; HB 119 - Be Concurred In

Introduction of Governor's Appointments to the Board of Parks and Recreation

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 60

15:00:45 Sen. Flowers
15:02:06 Chair Hinebauch

15:02:27 **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **SB 60 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:02:35 Chair Hinebauch
15:02:48 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division

15:02:59 **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **SB 60 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(fis24a01)

Discussion:

15:03:12 Chair Hinebauch
15:03:22 Sen. Brown

15:03:43 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Ellsworth , Sen. Howard and Sen. Keenan were excused.

15:04:16 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Brown moved that **SB 60 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Howard and Sen. Keenan were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 105

15:04:56 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 105 DO PASS.**

15:05:07 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 105 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(fis24a02)

Discussion:

15:07:34 Sen. Cohenour
15:09:56 Sen Hertz

15:10:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Howard and Sen. Keenan were excused.

15:11:13 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 105 DO PASS AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Howard and Sen. Keenan were excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 111

15:12:13 **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **SB 111 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:12:33 Sen. Cohenour

15:13:43 **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **SB 111 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(fis24a03\)](#)

Discussion:

15:15:03 Joe Kolman, Legislative Services Division

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15:15:33 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Howard and Sen. Keenan were excused.

15:16:10 **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **SB 111 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:16:23 Sen. Jacobson

15:17:20 Sen. Brown

15:18:30 Sen. Flowers

15:22:20 Sen. Hertz

15:23:36 Chair Hinebauch

15:25:16 Sen. Jacobson

15:25:54 Chair Hinebauch

15:26:24 Sen. Cohenour

15:27:23 Sen. Hertz

15:27:55 Sen. Jacobson

15:28:56 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson and Sen. McClafferty voting no. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Howard and Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.

HEARING ON HB 119

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:30:14 Rep. Denley Loge (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB119, Requiring FW Commission approval of certain landowner elk licenses.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:32:16 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

15:32:54 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stockgrowers Association

15:34:07 Garrett Bacon, East Helena

15:35:05 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation

[EXHIBIT\(fis24a04\)](#)

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(fis24a05\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:37:00 Quentin Kujala, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:37:31 Rep. Loge

INTRODUCTION OF GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF PARKS AND RECREATIONS

15:39:02 Chair Hinebauch

15:40:29 Jody Loomis, appointee

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:44:47 Sen. Cohenour

15:45:22 Chair Hinebauch

15:45:40 Sen. Jacobson

15:45:53 Sen. Brown

15:46:15 Mr. Loomis

15:46:37 Sen. Brown

15:47:07 Chair Hinebauch

15:47:48 Sen. Hertz

15:48:26 Sen. Flowers

15:49:43 Chair Hinebauch

15:50:09 Sen. Cohenour

15:50:39 Sen. Brown

15:51:33 Russ Kipp, appointee

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:53:56 Chair Hinebauch

15:54:00 Mr. Kipp

15:54:14 Chair Hinebauch

15:54:18 Mr. Kipp

15:55:03 Kathy McLane, appointee

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:57:51 Sen. Hertz

15:58:02 Ms. McLane

15:58:34 Chair Hinebauch

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 119

15:59:56 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Brown moved that **HB 119 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Howard and Sen. Keenan were excused. Sen. Jacobson will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:00 PM

Izmerai Alvarado, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis24aad.pdf](#))