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MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Jeffrey W. Welborn, on March 31, 2021 at 2:30 PM, in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn, Chair (R)
Sen. Pat Flowers, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Jason D. Small, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)
Sen. Bob Brown (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R)
Sen. Brian Hoven (R)
Sen. Tom Jacobson (D)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lauren de Paepe, Committee Secretary
Jason Mohr, Legislative Branch
Jacquie Simmons, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 408, 3/30/2021
Executive Action on: SB 404 - Be Tabled; SB 405 - Be Tabled; SB 406 - Be Tabled; SB 408 - Be Tabled

14:30:57 Sen. Flowers entered the meeting.

HEARING ON SB 408

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

14:31:21 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB408, Revise sale of state trust land laws.

14:36:21 Chair Welborn

14:37:27 Sen. Cuffe

Proponents' Testimony:

14:38:19 Troy Downing, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Office of the Montana State Auditor (CSI)

Opponents' Testimony:

14:46:22 Margaret Morgan, citizen

Informational Testimony:

[EXHIBIT\(nas63a01\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

14:52:40 Sen. Hoven

14:53:18 Ms. Morgan, citizen

14:54:56 Sen. Flowers

14:56:53 Sen. Lynch left the meeting.

14:59:14 Sen. Ankney left the meeting.

15:00:06 Mr. Downing, CSI

15:00:17 Sen. Brown

15:04:50 Mr. Downing

15:05:15 Sen. Hoven

15:06:00 Mr. Downing

15:06:27 Chair Welborn

15:07:13 Sen. Lang

Closing by Sponsor:

15:07:28 Sen. Cuffe

15:08:40 Chair Welborn

15:09:02 Jason Mohr, Legislative Services Division

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 404, SB 405, and SB 406

15:09:09 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 404, SB 405, AND SB 406 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Ankney, Sen. Lynch and Sen. Pomnichowski were excused.

[EXHIBIT\(nas63a02\)](#)

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 408

15:09:41 **Motion:** Sen. Small moved that **SB 408 DO PASS.**

15:09:54 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hoven made a substitute motion that **SB 408 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Ankney, Sen. Lynch and Sen. Pomnichowski voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:11 PM

Lauren de Paepe, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([nas63aad.pdf](#))