

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Steve Hinebauch, on April 15, 2021 at 4:37 PM, in Room 303
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Steve Hinebauch, Chair (R)
Sen. Bob Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Tom Jacobson, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. Greg Hertz (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. David Howard (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Izmerai Alvarado, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch
Monte Cole, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 637, 4/8/2021; HB 647, 4/8/2021

Executive Action: SR 93 - Be Adopted; SR 99 - Be Adopted; HB 367 - Be Concurred in; HB 637 - Be Concurred in as Amended; HB 647 - Be Concurred In

HEARING ON HB 647**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:38:31 Rep. Steven Galloway (R), , opened the hearing on HB647, Revise nonresident student hunting and fishing fees.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:39:48 Joshua Millspough, University of Montana

16:41:45 Sen. Jacobson entered the meeting.

16:42:30 Tony Schoonen, Boone and Crockett Club

16:44:23 Mac Minard, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

EXHIBIT(fis72a01)

16:45:18 Rep. Kerri Seekines-Crow, HD 43

16:46:12 Charles Hankens, citizen

16:47:44 Wyatt Nielsen, University of Montana, Student Wildlife Society

16:49:18 James Goerz, citizen

16:50:28 Nicole Bealer, University of Montana/Montana State University, Student Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers

16:51:31 Rachel Schmidt, Associated Students of Montana State University

16:51:49 Allison Reinhardt, Montana Associated Students

16:52:24 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation

16:53:31 Jonathan Karlen, citizen

EXHIBIT(fis72a02)

16:56:47 Jeff Herbert, Montana Sportsmen Alliance

16:57:53 Dale Tribby, Montana Sportsmen Alliance

Additional Testimony Received:**EXHIBIT(fis72a03)****Opponents' Testimony:**

16:59:35 Bob Gilbert, Walleyes Unlimited of Montana

17:03:57 Clayton Elliot, Montana Trout Unlimited

17:05:03 Noah Marion, Montana Wilderness Association

17:06:02 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

EXHIBIT(fis72a04)**Informational Testimony:**

17:07:48 Emily Copper, Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

17:08:20 Sen. Flowers

17:08:53 Ms. Copper, FWP

17:08:58 Sen. Flowers

17:09:05 Ms. Copper

17:09:24 Rep. Galloway

Closing by Sponsor:

17:10:08 Rep. Galloway

HEARING ON HB 637

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

17:11:23 Rep. Seth Berglee (R), HD 58, opened the hearing on HB637, Generally revise fish, wildlife, and parks laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

17:12:03 Ron Jendro, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

[EXHIBIT\(fis72a05\)](#)

17:20:57 Mac Minard, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association

17:21:25 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association

17:22:19 Shawn Thomas, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

[EXHIBIT\(fis72a06\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

17:23:09 Nick Gevock, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

17:25:26 Jeff Herbert, Montana Sportsmen Alliance

17:28:59 Jake Schwaller, Billings

17:30:52 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

[EXHIBIT\(fis72a07\)](#)

17:32:37 Dale Tribby, Montana Sportsmen Alliance

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

17:35:15 Sen. Brown

17:35:52 Mr. Gevock, MWF

17:36:22 Sen. Flowers

17:36:57 Mr. Jendro, FWP

17:37:37 Sen. Flowers

17:38:09 Mr. Jendro

17:38:52 Sen. Brown

17:39:26 Mr. Jendro

Closing by Sponsor:

17:39:53 Rep. Berglee

17:43:31 Chair Hinebauch

17:44:23 Recess

17:48:55 Reconvene

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 93

17:49:03 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Brown moved that **SR 93 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Howard and Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 99

17:50:05 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Brown moved that **SR 99 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Howard and Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 647

17:50:43 **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **HB 647 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

17:51:04 Sen. Flowers
17:51:48 Sen. Jacobson
17:52:57 Sen. Hertz

17:53:25 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Hinebauch, Sen. Jacobson and Sen. McClafferty voting no. Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Howard and Sen. Keenan voted by proxy. Sen. Hertz will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 637

17:54:35 **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **HB 637 BE CONCURRED IN**.

17:54:48 **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **HB 637 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(fis72a08\)](#)

Discussion:

17:55:57 Sen. Jacobson
17:56:51 Sen. Flowers
17:57:01 Sen. Brown

Sen. Cohenour entered the meeting.

17:57:37 **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.

17:58:09 **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **HB 637 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

17:58:23 Sen. Jacobson
17:59:04 Sen. Flowers

18:00:05 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson and Sen. McClafferty voting no. Sen. Bladell, Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Howard and Sen. Keenan voted by proxy. Sen. Brown will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 367

18:00:55 **Motion:** Sen. Brown moved that **HB 367 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

18:01:31 Sen. Jacobson

18:02:56 Sen. Flowers

18:03:49 Sen. Brown

18:04:36 Sen. Cohenour

18:05:36 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson and Sen. McClafferty voting no. Sen. Bladell, Sen. Ellsworth, Sen. Howard and Sen. Keenan voted by proxy. Sen. Brown will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 6:40PM

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([fis72aad.pdf](#))