

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Jeffrey W. Welborn, on April 28, 2021 at 11:15 AM, in Room 303 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present in the Committee Room:**

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)

**Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:**

Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Ryan Lynch (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: HJ 27, 4/22/2021; HJ 37, 4/27/2021

Executive Action: HJ 27 - Be Concurred in; HJ 37 - Be Concurred in

11:18:26 Sen. Lang entered the meeting.

### **HEARING ON HJ 37**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

11:18:37 Rep. Steve Gunderson (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HJ37, Study of Lake Koocanusa selenium standard.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

11:19:36 Chris Dorrington, director, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

11:21:23 Sen. Mike Cuffe, SD 1; also speaking on behalf of Lincoln County  
Commissioners

11:22:05 Darryl James, Teck Resources

11:22:38 Jim Simpson, citizen

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

11:24:17 Sen. Cohenour

11:26:23 Mr. Simpson, citizen

11:26:35 Sen. Flowers

11:29:36 Rep. Gunderson

11:30:03 Sen. Brown

11:30:38 Rep. Gunderson

11:31:00 Sen. Brown

11:32:04 Mr. Dorrington, DEQ

11:32:51 Sen. Pomnichowski

11:34:41 Mr. Dorrington

11:34:51 Sen. Lang

Sen. Gillespie left the meeting.

11:36:33 Mr. Dorrington

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

11:36:48 Rep. Gunderson

### **HEARING ON HJ 27**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

11:39:08 Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HJ27, Study the funding of conservation districts.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

11:41:40 Jim Simpson, board president, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

11:43:58 Rebecca Boslough, executive director, MACD

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

11:46:08 Mark Bostrom, administrator, Conservation and Resource Development Division,  
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

11:46:36 Sen. Pomnichowski  
11:48:04 Rep. Holmlund  
11:48:12 Mr. Simpson, MACD  
11:49:06 Sen. Pomnichowski  
11:49:42 Mr. Simpson  
11:50:50 Chair Welborn  
11:51:16 Sen. Pomnichowski  
11:53:24 Mr. Simpson  
11:54:00 Chair Welborn  
11:55:03 Rep. Holmlund

**Closing by Sponsor:**

11:56:49 Rep. Holmlund

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 37**

11:57:47 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Small moved that **HJ 37 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 10-1 by voice vote with Sen. Pomnichowski voting no. Sen. Lynch voted by proxy. Sen. Gillespie was excused. Sen. Cuffe will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 27**

11:58:33 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Small moved that **HJ 27 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 11-0 by voice vote. Sen. Lynch voted by proxy. Sen. Gillespie was excused. Sen. Welborn will carry the bill.

Sen. Gillespie entered the meeting.

11:59:15 Chair Welborn  
12:01:24 Sen. Flowers  
12:02:21 Sen. Gillespie

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:02 PM

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Lauren de Paepe, Secretary

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