

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON (H) ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Katie Zolnikov-R, on January 04, 2023 at 3:00 PM, in 472

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Katie Zolnikov, Chair (R)
Rep. Steven Galloway, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Katie Sullivan, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Larry Brewster (R)
Rep. Paul Fielder (R)
Rep. Paul Green (R)
Rep. Derek Harvey (D)
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)
Rep. Greg Kmetz (R)
Rep. Kelly Kortum (D)
Rep. Bob Phalen (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)

Staff Present: LuCinda Blair, Secretary
Trevor Graff, Research Analyst

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:

Executive Action:

Committee Discussion:

15:02:01	Chair Zolnikov
15:03:24	Trevor Graff
15:03:41	LuCinda Blair
15:04:07	Rayann Hanson RMC
15:04:51	Don Chriske
15:06:01	Rep. Fielder
15:06:22	Chair Zolnikov
15:10:00	Mark Lambrecht Director of Government Relations, Montana Electric Cooperatives Association (MECA)
15:11:24	Ryan Hall Montana Electric Cooperatives Association (MECA)
15:11:33	Chair Zolnikov
15:11:48	David Hoffman Director of Government Affairs, Northwestern Energy
15:12:20	McKenna Sellers Executive Director, Montana Renewable Energy Association
15:12:52	Dwight Rose International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
15:13:25	McKenna Sellers Executive Director,(MREA)
15:14:12	Rep. Fielder
15:14:31	Caroline Canarios Northern Plains Resource Counsel
15:15:48	Ian Lund Energy Policy Director, Montana Environmental Information Center
15:16:21	Chair Zolnikov
15:16:33	Rep. Paul Fielder
15:16:57	Rep. Katie Zolnikov

15:06:35 Rep. Knudsen has arrived

15:11:24

Committee Discussion:

15:17:17 Rep. Katie Zolnikov

15:17:27 Rep. Steven Galloway

15:19:35 Rep. Katie Zolnikov

15:19:44 Rep. Joshua Kassmier

15:20:00 Rep. Paul Green

15:20:37 Rep. Laurie Bishop

15:20:58 Rep. Kelly Kortum

15:21:19 Rep. Paul Fielder

15:21:58 Rep. Bob Phalen

15:22:39 Rep. Larry Brewster

15:23:09 Rep. Greg Kmetz

15:23:40 Rep. Casey Knudsen

15:23:40 Rep. Casey Knudsen joined the meeting.

15:24:07 Rep. Derek Harvey

15:24:49 Rep. Katie Sullivan

15:25:31 Rep. Katie Zolnikov

15:17:06

Committee Discussion:

15:17:29 Rep. Katie Zolnikov

15:17:35 Rep. Steven Galloway

15:19:52 Rep. Joshua Kassmier

15:20:01 Rep. Paul Green
15:20:37 Rep. Laurie Bishop
15:20:59 Rep. Kelly Kortum
15:21:26 Rep. Paul Fielder
15:21:57 Rep. Bob Phalen
15:22:38 Rep. Larry Brewster
15:23:06 Rep. Greg Kmetz
15:23:37 Rep. Casey Knudsen
15:24:02 Rep. Derek Harvey
15:24:46 Rep. Katie Sullivan
15:25:30 Rep. Katie Zolnikov
15:17:10

Committee Discussion:

15:10:00 lambrecht
15:25:58 Discussion of the Committee Rules
15:35:46 **Motion:** move to adopt the rules as conceptually amended Vice
Chair Galloway
15:35:46 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
15:36:17 **Motion/Vote:** voice vote to adopt the rules
15:36:49

Committee Discussion:

15:36:00 Amy Steinmetz Administrator, Waste Management and
Remediation Division, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)
15:45:49 Rep. Laurie Bishop
15:45:55 Amy Steinmetz Administrator, Waste Management and
Remediation Division, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

15:46:04 Rep. Paul Fielder

15:46:17 Amy Steinmetz Administrator, Waste Management and Remediation Division, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

15:46:35 Sarah Seitz Coalstrip project officer , DEQ

15:47:20 Rep. Paul Fielder

15:47:36 Rep. Steven Galloway

15:47:52 Sarah Seitz

15:48:25 Rep. Greg Kmetz

15:49:15 Sarah Seitz

15:49:43 Amy Steinmetz Administrator, Waste Management and Remediation Division, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

15:50:48 Rep. Greg Kmetz

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15:51:19 Rep. Greg Kmetz

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15:51:27 Rep. Katie Zolnikov

15:51:59 Amy Steinmetz Administrator, Waste Management and Remediation Division, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

15:52:04 Sarah Seitz

15:52:53 Rep. Katie Zolnikov

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Committee Discussion:

15:53:26 Trevor Graff

15:55:46 Rep. Katie Zolnikov

15:56:02 Trevor Graff

16:02:28 Rep. Paul Fielder
16:02:40 Trevor Graff
16:05:38 Rep. Larry Brewster
16:06:04 Rep. Kelly Kortum
16:06:10 Trevor Graff
16:10:56 Rep. Katie Zolnikov
16:10:59 Trevor Graff
16:15:07 Rep. Katie Zolnikov
16:16:14 Rep. Bob Phalen
16:16:33 Rep. Steven Galloway
16:17:04 Rep. Katie Zolnikov
16:17:58 Rep. Steven Galloway
15:53:43 [EXHIBIT\(230104FEHa1\)](#)
15:53:44 [EXHIBIT\(230104FEHa2\)](#)

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:18:12

LuCinda Blair, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230104FEHaad\)](#)