

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 11, 2023 at 3:00 PM, in 417

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. Greg Kmetz (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Kelly Kortum (D)
Rep. Bob Phalen (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Joshua Kassmier (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:

HB 19 01/09/2023

HB 170 01/09/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 170 - Repeal state energy policy

Opening Statement:

15:03:33 Rep. Steve Gunderson (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HB 170, Repeal state energy policy.

Proponent Testimony:

15:04:55 Michael Freeman, Governor's Office

Opponent Testimony:

15:08:46 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

15:10:44 Caroline Kanarios, Northern Plains Resource Counsel

15:11:33 Susan Evans, Montana Chapter Sierra Club

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:14:42 Rep. Bob Phalen

15:15:18 Derf Johnson, MEIC

15:17:29 Rep. Casey Knudsen

15:18:00 Rep. Steve Gunderson-R

15:19:00 Rep. Greg Kmetz

15:22:27 Rep. Katie Sullivan

15:23:13 Michael Freeman, Governor's Office

15:26:02 Rep. Laurie Bishop

15:29:56 Rep. Steven Galloway

Closing Statement:

15:37:09 Rep. Steve Gunderson (R), HD 1, closed the hearing on HB 170.

HEARING ON HB 19 - Revising laws related to Indian affairs and economic development

Opening Statement:

15:38:35 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf (D), HD 16, opened the hearing on HB 19, Revising laws related to Indian affairs and economic development.

Proponent Testimony:

15:45:34 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe

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15:47:03 Jade Bahr, Montana Budget and Policies Center

15:49:33 Liane Taylor, Department of Commerce (DOC)

15:53:20 Rep. Johnathan Windy Boy, HD 2

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:54:00 Misty Kuhl, Office of Indian Affairs (OIA)

Questions from Committee:

15:56:06 Rep. Larry Brewster

15:56:34 Misty Kuhl, OIA

15:58:02 Rep. Greg Kmetz

15:59:46 Rep. Katie Zolnikov

16:00:02 Liane Taylor, DOC

16:00:22 Rep. Katie Zolnikov

Closing Statement:

16:01:02 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf (D), HD 16, closed the hearing on HB 19.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:03:16

LuCinda Blair, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230111FEHaad\)](#)