

**MINUTES**  
**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**  
**COMMITTEE ON (H) AGRICULTURE**

**Call to Order:** Chair Joshua Kassmier-R, on January 12, 2023 at 3:01 PM, in 137

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Joshua Kassmier, Chair (R)  
Rep. Marty Malone, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)  
Rep. Brad Barker (R)  
Rep. James Bergstrom (R)  
Rep. Bob Carter (D)  
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)  
Rep. Paul Green (R)  
Rep. Greg Kmetz (R)  
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)  
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)  
Rep. Zack Wirth (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Tony Brockman (R)  
Rep. Dave Fern (D)  
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)  
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

**Staff Present:** Andria Hardin, Research Analyst  
Rose Harmon, Secretary  
Loran Nelson, Remote Meeting Coordinator

**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 104 01/10/2023

Executive Action:

HB 51 DO PASS

HB 59 DO PASS  
HB 66 DO PASS  
HB 84 DO PASS  
HB 93 DO PASS AS AMENDED  
HB 94 DO PASS

**HEARING ON HB 104 - Revise aerial hunting requirements**

**Opening Statement:**

15:03:02 Rep. Brandon Ler (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 104, Revise aerial hunting requirements. opened the hearing on HB 104, Revise aerial hunting requirements.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:04:47 Mike Honeycutt, Executive Officer, Board of Livestock, Montana Department of Livestock (DOL)

15:09:16 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation

15:10:01 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stockgrower's Association

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:11:07 Rep. Greg Kmetz

15:11:29 Rep. Brandon Ler (R), HD 35

15:11:36 Mike Honeycutt, DOL

**Closing Statement:**

15:11:52 Rep. Brandon Ler (R), HD 35, closed the hearing on HB 104. closed the hearing on HB 104.

15:12:25 **Recessed**

15:17:30 **Reconvened**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 51 - Generally revise indemnity provisions**

15:17:40 **Motion:** Vice Chair Marty Malone moved that **HB 51 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

15:18:13 Andria Hardin

15:18:54 Rep. Bob Carter

15:19:20 Chair Joshua Kassmier

15:17:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 59 - Extend sunset date for livestock loss board and predatory control funding**

15:20:08 **Motion:** Vice Chair Marty Malone moved that **HB 59 DO PASS.**

15:20:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 66 - Revise penalties and interest for livestock per capita fee**

15:21:04 **Motion:** Rep. Greg Kmetz moved that **HB 66 DO PASS.**

15:21:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 84 - Revise laws related to treatment of garbage fed to swine**

15:21:57 **Motion:** Rep. Kenneth Walsh moved that **HB 84 DO PASS.**

15:21:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 93 - Eliminate noxious weed seed free forage advisory council**

15:22:43 **Motion:** Rep. Paul Green moved that **HB 93 DO PASS.**

15:22:54 **Motion:** Rep. Paul Green moved that **HB 93 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

15:23:10 Andria Hardin

15:24:09 Chair Joshua Kassmier

15:22:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:26:25 **Motion:** Rep. Paul Green moved that **HB 93 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

15:26:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 94 - Repeal Montana huckleberry products law**

15:25:28        **Motion:** Rep. Kenneth Walsh moved that **HB 94 DO PASS.**

15:25:13        **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 15:26:46

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Rose Harmon, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230112AGHaad\)](#)