

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 25, 2023 at 3:01 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. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Kelly Kortum (D)
Rep. Bob Phalen (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 284 01/23/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 284 - Revise laws related to approval of electricity supply resources

Opening Statement:

15:03:20 Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 284, Revise laws related to approval of electricity supply resources.

Proponent Testimony:

15:05:55 Chris Puyear, NorthWestern Energy (NWE)

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15:13:48 Alan Olson, Montana Petroleum Association (MPA)

15:17:46 Mike Green, Montana-Dakota Utilities (MDU)

15:24:30 Rebecca Meyers, Montana Economic Developers Association (MEDA)

15:26:05 Charles Robison, Montana Chamber of Commerce/Montana Manufacturing Association

15:27:23 Bob Gilbert, on behalf of Colstrip, Glendive, and the counties of Phillips, Rosebud and Musselshell

15:28:47 Peggie Trenk, Treasure State Resource Association (TSRA)

15:29:51 Brian Thompson, Montana Contractors Association (MCA)

15:30:28 Adam Haight, Laborers' Local 1686

15:31:26 Dwight Rose, IBEW Local 44

15:32:25 John Forkan, Montana State Building & Construction Trades Council

15:32:59 Amanda Frickle, Montana AFL-CIO

15:34:01 Eric Seidensticker, Montana Business Assistance Connection

15:35:30 Steve Arveschoug, Big Sky Economic Development (BSED)

15:37:56 Christopher Anderson, Sun Mountain Lumber, Deer Lodge

15:39:19 Mike Schmidt, Self

15:42:04 Jim Atchison, Southeastern Economic Development, Colstrip (SED)

Opponent Testimony:

15:43:58 Ian Lund, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

15:47:26 Mary Fitzpatrick, Northern Plains Resource Council

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:49:57 Randy Pinocci, Public Service Commission District 1 (PSC)

15:50:41 Will Rosquist, Regulatory Division of the Public Service Commission (PSC)

15:50:59 Jason Brown, Montana Consumer Counsel

Questions from Committee:

15:51:49 Rep. Paul Green

15:51:52 Chris Puyear, NWE

15:53:27 Rep. Laurie Bishop

15:53:35 Mike Green, MDU

15:55:24 Rep. Bob Phalen

15:56:45 Rep. Greg Kmetz

15:56:49 Alan Olson, MPA

15:58:42 Rebecca Meyers, MEDA

15:59:33 Jim Atchison, SED

16:02:43 Steve Arveschoug, BSED

16:03:18 Rep. Larry Brewster

16:03:19 Ian Lund, MEIC

16:03:55 Rep. Steven Galloway

16:09:36 Rep. Jerry Schillinger-R

16:15:53 Will Rosquist, PSC

16:25:58 Rep. Katie Zolnikov

Closing Statement:

16:43:28 Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R), HD 37, closed the hearing on HB 284.

Presentation:

16:44:00 Randy Pinocci, Public Service Commission District 1 (PSC).

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:04:22

LuCinda Blair, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230125FEHaad\)](#)