

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Steve Gunderson-R, on January 25, 2023 at 3:01 PM, in 172

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Steve Gunderson, Chair (R)
Rep. Steve Gist, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Tom France (D)
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Marty Malone (R)
Rep. Russel Miner (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Gary Parry (R)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

Staff Present: LJ Jennings, Secretary
Joe Kolman, Research Analyst
John Olson, Attorney

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 289 01/20/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 289 - Revise notification of owner's costs for oil/gas well

Opening Statement:

15:02:39 Rep. Greg Oblander (R), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 289, Revise notification of owner's costs for oil/gas well.

Discussion:

15:02:42 Rep. Greg Oblander-R

Proponent Testimony:

15:05:28 Allen Olson, Executive Director, Montana Petroleum Association, (MPA)

15:07:11 Colby Branch, Self

15:08:50 Steve Durrett, Self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:03:38 Rep. Gist has left

15:03:52 Rep. Karlen has left

15:11:16 Rep. Steve Gunderson

15:11:17 Rep. Sue Vinton

15:11:19 Steve Durrett

15:11:27 Rep. Sue Vinton

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15:11:41 Rep. Sue Vinton

15:11:44	Rep. Steve Gunderson
15:11:49	Rep. Rhonda Knudsen
15:11:50	Rep. Rhonda Knudsen
15:12:02	Colby Branch
15:13:12	Rep. Rhonda Knudsen
15:13:14	Rep. Steve Gunderson
15:13:18	Rep. Russel Miner
15:13:36	Steve Durrett
15:14:11	Rep. Russel Miner
15:14:12	Rep. Steve Gunderson
15:14:21	Rep. Kenneth Walsh
15:14:23	Rep. Steve Gunderson
15:14:24	Rep. Kenneth Walsh
15:14:40	Steve Durrett
15:16:05	Rep. Kenneth Walsh
15:16:06	Rep. Steve Gunderson
15:16:14	Rep. Jill Cohenour
15:16:16	Rep. Steve Gunderson
15:16:17	Rep. Jill Cohenour
15:16:49	Steve Durrett
15:17:08	Rep. Jill Cohenour
15:17:18	Steve Durrett
15:18:03	Rep. Jill Cohenour
15:18:04	Rep. Steve Gunderson

15:18:06 Rep. Jill Cohenour
15:18:22 Steve Durrett
15:19:05 Rep. Jill Cohenour
15:19:08 Rep. Steve Gunderson

Closing Statement:

15:19:20 Rep. Greg Oblander (R), HD 40, closed the hearing on HB 289.

Discussion:

15:19:24 Rep. Greg Oblander-R

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:23:17

LJ Jennings, Secretary

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