

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Steve Gunderson-R, on February 01, 2023 at 3:45 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. Marty Malone (R)
Rep. Russel Miner (R)
Rep. Gary Parry (R)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (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 343 01/27/2023

HJ 4 01/27/2023

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HB 343 - Generally revise library geospatial and natural resource
information laws**

Opening Statement:

15:47:07 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 343,
Generally revise library geospatial and natural resource information laws.

Proponent Testimony:

15:48:58 Jennie Stapp, Montana State Library, (MSL)
15:50:38 Rep. Vinton has arrived
15:52:56 Rep. Knudsen has arrived
15:54:58 Lt Governor Kristen Juras, Governors Office

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:56:29 Rep. Steve Gunderson
15:56:30 Rep. Jill Cohenour
15:56:33 Jennie Stapp, MSL
15:56:55 Rep. Jill Cohenour
15:56:56 Jennie Stapp, MSL
15:58:00 Rep. Jill Cohenour
15:58:01 Rep. Steve Gunderson
15:58:12 Jennie Stapp, MSL

15:59:32	Rep. Steve Gunderson
15:59:39	Rep. Gary Parry
15:59:48	Jennie Stapp, MSL
16:00:11	Rep. Gary Parry
16:00:12	Rep. Gary Parry
16:00:25	Jennie Stapp, MSL
16:00:31	Rep. Gary Parry
16:00:32	Jennie Stapp, MSL
16:01:00	Rep. Gary Parry
16:01:01	Rep. Gary Parry
16:01:19	Jennie Stapp, MSL
16:01:40	Rep. Steve Gunderson
16:01:42	Rep. Marty Malone
16:01:56	Jennie Stapp, MSL
16:02:22	Rep. Marty Malone
16:02:23	Rep. Steve Gunderson
16:02:24	Rep. Marty Malone
16:02:34	Jennie Stapp, MSL
16:03:15	Rep. Marty Malone
16:03:17	Rep. Steve Gunderson
16:03:19	Rep. Marty Malone
16:03:30	Rep. Steve Gunderson
16:03:32	Rep. Gary Parry
16:03:47	Jennie Stapp, MSL

16:03:56 Rep. Gary Parry
16:04:05 Jennie Stapp, MSL
16:04:20 Rep. Steve Gunderson
16:05:22 Jennie Stapp, MSL
16:05:30 Rep. Steve Gunderson
16:05:36 Evan Hammer, Digital Library, Montana State Library, (MSL)
16:06:04 Rep. Steve Gunderson
16:06:14 Evan Hammer, MSL
16:06:33 Rep. Steve Gunderson
16:06:37 Rep. Gary Parry
16:07:10 Rep. Steve Gunderson

Closing Statement:

16:07:15 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, closed the hearing on HB 343.

HEARING ON HJ 4 - Joint resolution in support of the Montana Trail 406 network

Opening Statement:

16:08:22 Rep. Marilyn Marler (D), HD 90, opened the hearing on HJ 4, Joint resolution in support of the Montana Trail 406 network.

Proponent Testimony:

16:10:49 Virginia Sullivan, Self
16:13:45 Dr. Robert Ahl, Montana Trail 406 Association, (MT406A)
[EXHIBIT\(230201NAHa1\)](#)
16:23:47 Martin Bannon, Montana Trail 406 Association, (MT406A)
[EXHIBIT\(230201NAHa2\)](#)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

16:27:26	Rep. Steve Gunderson
16:27:27	Rep. Russel Miner
16:28:12	Virginia Sullivan
16:30:12	Rep. Russel Miner
16:30:13	Rep. Steve Gunderson
16:30:14	Rep. Russel Miner
16:30:21	Virginia Sullivan
16:30:39	Rep. Russel Miner
16:30:41	Rep. Steve Gunderson
16:30:42	Rep. Russel Miner
16:31:20	Rep. Steve Gunderson
16:31:24	Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
16:32:15	Dr. Robert Ahl, MT406A
16:32:45	Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
16:32:46	Rep. Steve Gunderson
16:33:03	Dr. Robert Ahl, MT406A
16:33:49	Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
16:33:50	Dr. Robert Ahl, MT406A
16:34:17	Rep. Steve Gunderson
16:34:23	Martin Bannon, MT406A
16:35:07	Rep. Vinton has left

16:38:45 Rep. Steve Gunderson

16:38:47 Rep. Gary Parry

16:39:18 Dr. Robert Ahl, MT406A

16:40:36 Rep. Gary Parry

16:40:38 Rep. Steve Gunderson

16:40:40 Rep. Tom France

16:40:51 Rep. Marilyn Marler-D

16:40:59 Rep. Tom France

16:41:27 Rep. Marilyn Marler-D

16:41:45 Rep. Tom France

16:41:46 Rep. Steve Gunderson

16:42:00 Rep. Marilyn Marler-D

16:42:18 Rep. Tom France

16:42:19 Rep. Tom France

16:42:38 Rep. Marilyn Marler-D

16:43:10 Rep. Steve Gunderson

16:43:14 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

16:43:28 Dr. Robert Ahl, MT406A

16:43:34 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

16:43:51 Dr. Robert Ahl, MT406A

16:44:38 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

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16:45:26 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen joined the meeting.

16:45:31 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen

16:45:34 Rep. Marilyn Marler-D
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16:45:59 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen
16:46:52 Rep. Marilyn Marler-D
16:47:05 Rep. Steve Gunderson
16:47:13 Dr. Robert Ahl, MT406A
16:48:07 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen
16:48:08 Rep. Steve Gunderson
16:48:54 Dr. Robert Ahl, MT406A
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16:52:07 Dr. Robert Ahl, MT406A
16:53:29 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen
16:53:32 Rep. Steve Gunderson
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16:54:04 Rep. Steve Gunderson
16:54:08 Rep. Marilyn Marler-D
16:54:10 Rep. Steve Gunderson
16:54:44 Rep. Marilyn Marler-D
16:55:07 Rep. Steve Gunderson
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16:55:18 Rep. Steve Gunderson
16:55:28 Martin Bannon, MT406A
16:55:39 Rep. Steve Gist
16:55:41 Martin Bannon, MT406A
16:59:06 Rep. Steve Gunderson

Closing Statement:

16:59:13 Rep. Marilyn Marler (D), HD 90, closed the hearing on HJ 4.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:01:30

LJ Jennings, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230201NAHaad\)](#)