

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Steve Gunderson-R, on February 06, 2023 at 3:07 PM, in 172

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Steve Gunderson, Chair (R)
Rep. Steve Gist, Vice Chair (R)
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. Gary Parry (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
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 364 01/30/2023

HB 381 02/01/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 381 - Revise laws related to methamphetamine contamination

Opening Statement:

15:08:47 Rep. Larry Brewster (R), HD 44, opened the hearing on HB 381, Revise laws related to methamphetamine contamination.

[EXHIBIT\(230206NAHa1\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:12:06 Rick Thompson, Waste Management Bureau Chief, Department of Environmental Equality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee:

15:12:57 Rep. Marty Malone
15:12:58 Rep. Larry Brewster-R
15:13:47 Rick Thompson, DEQ
15:14:25 Rep. Sue Vinton
15:16:20 Rep. Steve Gunderson
15:17:42 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle

Closing Statement:

15:18:50 Rep. Larry Brewster (R), HD 44, closed the hearing on HB 381.

15:20:00 **Recessed**

15:23:55 **Reconvened**

HEARING ON HB 364 - Allow for independent subdivision reviews for past due applications

Opening Statement:

15:24:46 Rep. Casey Knudsen (R), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 364, Allow for independent subdivision reviews for past due applications.

Proponent Testimony:

15:25:41 Chris Dorrington, Director, Department of Environmental Equality (DEQ)

[EXHIBIT\(230206NAHa2\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230206NAHa3\)](#)

15:34:41 Mark Taylor, Hospitality and Development Association of Montana (HDAM)

15:36:12 Shawn Rowland, Sub Division Supervisor, Department of Environmental Equality (DEQ)

15:39:28 Shannon Therriault, Director of Environmental Health, Missoula City County Health and Confluence Public Health Alliance

15:42:48 Clayton Elliott, Montana Trout Unlimited

15:43:30 Brittney Krahn, Gallatin City County Health

15:46:46 Jeff Larsen, Self

Opponent Testimony:

15:51:16 Derf Johnson, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

15:54:17 Scott Aspenlieder, Self

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:05:32 Rachel Clark, Engineering Bureau Chief, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee:

16:05:57 Rep. Marty Malone

16:06:00 Chris Dorrington, DEQ

16:07:07 Rep. Steve Gist

16:08:03 Rep. Sue Vinton
16:08:34 Rep. Casey Knudsen-R
16:09:32 Rep. Jill Cohenour
16:11:25 Rep. Gary Parry
16:11:59 Derf Johnson, MEIC
16:12:42 Rep. Tom France
16:15:53 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen
16:17:30 Rachel Clark, DEQ
16:19:08 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
16:22:57 Rep. Steve Gunderson
16:26:02 Jeff Larsen, Self

Closing Statement:

16:28:23 Rep. Casey Knudsen (R), HD 33, closed the hearing on HB 364.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:29:53

LJ Jennings, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230206NAHaad\)](#)