

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Llew Jones-R, on February 09, 2023 at 3:23 PM, in 102

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bob Keenan, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. David Bedey (R)
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)
Rep. Terry Falk (R)
Rep. John Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Jane Gillette (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Naarah Hastings (R)
Rep. Lyn Hellegaard (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Bill Mercer (R)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)

Staff Present: Quinn Holzer, Fiscal Analyst
Julie Johnson, Research Analyst
Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

HB 269 02/08/2023
Executive Action:

HB 16 DO PASS
HB 29 DO PASS
HB 37 DO PASS
HB 223 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 257 POSTPONE OF
CONSIDERATION

15:24:39

Chair Jones

HEARING ON HB 269 - Establish a local disaster resiliency fund

Opening Statement:

15:25:04 Rep. Larry Brewster (R), HD 44, opened the hearing on HB 269, Establish a local disaster resiliency fund.

Proponent Testimony:

15:26:45 Vice Chair Caferro left the meeting.

15:28:46 Ryan Evans, Assistant Director, Governor's Office

15:30:30 Sundi West, Deputy Director, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

15:31:46 Rep. Moore joined the meeting.

15:32:19 Delila Bruno, Administrator, Disaster and Emergency Services Division (DES)

15:33:21 Rep. Terry Moore joined the meeting.

15:33:40 Rep. Mary Caferro left the meeting.

15:35:07 Jason Rittal, Deputy Director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

15:36:00 Rep. Mike Hopkins left the meeting.

15:36:16 Rebecca Boslough-King, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

15:37:36 Thomas Jodoin, Deputy Director, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:39:05	Rep. John Fitzpatrick
15:40:12	Delila Bruno, DES
15:40:40	Rep. John Fitzpatrick
15:40:41	Ryan Evans, Governor's Office
15:41:22	Rep. Paul Tuss
15:42:08	Delila Bruno, DES
15:45:01	Rep. Paul Tuss
15:45:05	Delila Bruno, DES
15:46:28	Rep. Jane Gillette
15:46:47	Sponsor
15:46:54	Delila Bruno, DES
15:48:00	Rep. Jane Gillette
15:48:36	Sponsor
15:49:24	Delila Bruno, DES
15:50:50	Rep. Jane Gillette
15:51:34	Sponsor
15:52:53	Rep. Jim Hamilton
15:53:19	Delila Bruno, DES
15:55:30	Rep. Jim Hamilton
15:56:36	Ryan Evans, Governor's Office
15:57:00	Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy
15:57:29	Rep. Bill Mercer joined the meeting.
15:57:59	Cathy Duncan, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

15:58:16 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy
15:58:44 Delila Bruno, DES
15:59:15 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy
15:59:54 Ryan Evans, Governor's Office
16:00:49 Rep. Jerry Schillinger
16:01:55 Rep. Llew Jones
16:02:02 Ryan Evans, Governor's Office

Closing Statement:

16:02:47 Rep. Larry Brewster (R), HD 44, closed the hearing on HB 269.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 16 - Revise laws relating to child abuse and neglect proceedings

16:05:33 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 16 DO PASS.**
16:05:33 **Vote:** Motion carried 22 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Fitzpatrick, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 29 - Revise laws related to involuntary commitment of people with dementia or TBI

16:06:48 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 29 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:04:10 Vice Chair Keenan
16:06:54 Rep. Read joined the meeting.
16:07:12 Rep. Jane Gillette
16:06:48 **Vote:** Motion carried 21 - 2 by roll call vote with Rep. Falk, Rep. Fitzpatrick, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 37 - Generally revise child abuse and neglect laws

16:09:55 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 37 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:10:02 Rep. Jane Gillette

16:09:55 **Vote:** Motion carried 18 - 5 by roll call vote with Rep. Falk, Rep. Fitzpatrick, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Moore, Rep. Read, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 223 - Expanding the disabled veteran property tax assistance program

16:12:42 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 223 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:12:11 Rep. Windy Boy joined the meeting.

16:12:48 Rep. Llew Jones

16:12:42 **Vote:** Motion carried 14 - 9 by roll call vote with Rep. Falk, Rep. Gillette, Rep. Hellegaard, Rep. Keenan, Rep. Moore, Rep. Nave, Rep. Read, Rep. Regier, Rep. Schillinger, voting no.
Rep. Regier, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 257 - Revise education laws related to advanced opportunities program

16:15:04 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 257 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:15:11 Quinn Holzer

16:15:27 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 257 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:15:44 Rep. Llew Jones

16:17:56 Rep. Mercer

16:18:18 Rep. Llew Jones

16:19:53 Rep. Bob Keenan

16:20:08 Rep. Llew Jones

16:22:00 Rep. Bob Keenan

16:22:14 Rep. Llew Jones

16:23:33 Rep. David Bedey

16:24:21 Rep. Fiona Nave

16:24:57 Rep. Llew Jones

16:25:32 Rep. Jim Hamilton

16:15:27 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:26:12 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 257 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:26:24 Rep. Jim Hamilton

16:28:46 Rep. David Bedey

16:29:16 Rep. Llew Jones

16:29:27 Rep. Jim Hamilton

16:29:46 Rep. Mercer

16:30:40 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 257 POSTPONE OF CONSIDERATION.**

Discussion:

15:24:39 Chair Jones

16:30:40 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:32:05

Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230209APHaad\)](#)