

MINUTES
MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (H) FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Ross Fitzgerald-R, on February 14, 2023 at 3:00 PM, in 172

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Ross Fitzgerald, Chair (R)
Rep. Tom France, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Lee Deming (R)
Rep. Neil Duram (R)
Rep. Paul Fielder (R)
Rep. Brandon Ler (R)
Rep. Denley Loge (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Eric Matthews (D)
Rep. Russel Miner (R)
Rep. Gary Parry (R)
Rep. Bob Phalen (R)
Rep. Tanner Smith (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Denise Baum (D)
Rep. Edward Butcher (R)
Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D)
Rep. Tyson Running Wolf (D)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

Staff Present: Toni Henneman, Research Analyst
LJ Jennings, Secretary
Rolf Johnson, 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 440 02/09/2023

Executive Action:

HB 331 DO PASS AS AMENDED

HB 333 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 383 DO PASS AS AMENDED

HEARING ON HB 440 - Revise campsite reservation system laws

Opening Statement:

15:03:01 Rep. Steve Gunderson (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HB 440, Revise campsite reservation system laws.

Proponent Testimony:

15:04:59 Noah Marion, Wild Montana, (WM)

15:06:16 Dave Galt, Self

15:08:00 Colin Cooney, Trout Unlimited

15:08:36 Charlie Booher, Montana Wildlife Federation, (MWF)

15:08:55 Hope Stockwell, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:10:07 Rep. Denley Loge

15:10:35 Hope Stockwell, FWP

15:10:55 Rep. Bob Phalen

15:11:41 Rep. Steve Gunderson-R

15:12:13 Rep. Bob Phalen

15:12:24 Rep. Steve Gunderson-R

15:12:49 Rep. Bob Phalen

15:13:13 Rep. Steve Gunderson-R

15:13:49	Rep. Bob Phalen
15:14:12	Rep. Steve Gunderson-R
15:14:23	Rep. Gary Parry
15:15:16	Rep. Steve Gunderson-R
15:15:31	Rep. Gary Parry
15:15:49	Rep. Steve Gunderson-R
15:16:09	Rep. Gary Parry
15:16:31	Rep. Steve Gunderson-R
15:16:43	Rep. Marilyn Marler
15:17:14	Rep. Steve Gunderson-R
15:17:26	Rep. Marilyn Marler
15:17:54	Hope Stockwell, FWP
15:18:07	Rep. Marilyn Marler
15:18:17	Hope Stockwell, FWP
15:18:27	Rep. Tanner Smith
15:18:52	Hope Stockwell, FWP
15:19:13	Rep. Tanner Smith
15:19:29	Hope Stockwell, FWP
15:20:06	Rep. Tom France
15:20:42	Hope Stockwell, FWP
15:21:04	Rep. Tom France
15:21:10	Hope Stockwell, FWP
15:21:18	Rep. Paul Fielder
15:21:35	Hope Stockwell, FWP

15:22:04 Rep. Denley Loge
15:22:25 Hope Stockwell, FWP
15:23:00 Rep. Tom France
15:23:21 Rep. Denley Loge

Closing Statement:

15:23:37 Rep. Steve Gunderson (R), HD 1, closed the hearing on HB 440.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 331 - Generally revise off-highway vehicle grant funding laws

15:49:22 **Motion:** Rep. Jedediah Hinkle moved that **HB 331 DO PASS.**
15:49:35 **Motion:** Rep. Jedediah Hinkle moved that **HB 331 BE AMENDED.**
15:49:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
15:50:40 **Motion:** Rep. Jedediah Hinkle moved that **HB 331 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
15:50:40 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 333 - Generally revise motorized recreation laws

15:51:51 **Motion:** Rep. Jedediah Hinkle moved that **HB 333 DO PASS.**
15:52:01 **Motion:** Rep. Jedediah Hinkle moved that **HB 333 BE AMENDED.**
15:52:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
15:53:06 **Motion:** Rep. Jedediah Hinkle moved that **HB 333 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
15:53:06 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 383 - Establish the Montana hunters and anglers community fund

15:54:12 **Motion:** Rep. Jedediah Hinkle moved that **HB 383 DO PASS.**
15:54:27 **Motion:** Rep. Tom France moved that **HB 383 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:25:31 Recessed
15:48:13 Rep. Ler has left
15:48:31 Reconvened
15:55:06 Rep. Tom France
15:54:27 **Vote:** Motion carried 18 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Fielder, voting no.
15:57:32 **Motion:** Rep. Jedediah Hinkle moved that **HB 383 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
15:57:59 **Motion:** Rep. Jedediah Hinkle moved that **HB 383 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:58:12 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
15:57:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
16:00:31 **Motion:** Rep. Jedediah Hinkle moved that **HB 383 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:01:03 Rep. Paul Fielder
16:00:31 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 6 by roll call vote with Rep. Deming, Rep. Fielder, Rep. Ler, Rep. Parry, Rep. Smith, Rep. Vinton, voting no.
Rep. Ler, Rep. Vinton, By Proxy

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:17:24

LJ Jennings, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230214FIHaad\)](#)

