

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON (H) ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Katie Zolnikov-R, on February 15, 2023 at 3:24 PM, in 472

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Katie Zolnikov, Chair (R)
Rep. Steven Galloway, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Larry Brewster (R)
Rep. Paul Fielder (R)
Rep. Paul Green (R)
Rep. Derek Harvey (D)
Rep Joshua Kassmier (R)
Rep. Greg Kmetz (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Kelly Kortum (D)
Rep. Bob Phalen (R)

Members Excused: Vice Chair Katie Sullivan (D)

Staff Present: Lucinda Blair, Secretary
Trevor Graff, Research Analyst

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

HB 220 02/12/2023

Executive Action:

HB 349 DO PASS AS AMENDED

HB 284 DO PASS AS AMENDED

HEARING ON HB 220 – Create select committee on energy resource planning and acquisition

Opening Statement:

15:25:40 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 220, Create select committee on energy resource planning and acquisition.

Proponent Testimony:

15:27:25 Chris Puyear, NorthWestern Energy (NWE)

15:35:00 Dave Galt, Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)

Opponent Testimony:

15:35:43 Ian Lund, Montana Environmental Information Center (MEIC)

15:39:55 Ita Killeen, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:42:25 Will Rosquist, Public Service Commission (PSC)

15:42:43 Jason Brown, Montana Consumer Council (MCC)

15:43:11 Dan Lloyd, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee:

15:43:55 Rep. Bob Phalen

15:44:10 Ian Lund, MEIC

15:44:55 Rep. Laurie Bishop

15:45:20 Chris Puyear,, NEW

15:50:11 Rep. Larry Brewster

15:50:25 Aimee Grmoljez, MDU

15:52:40 Vice Chair Steven Galloway

15:53:05 Jason Brown, MCC

15:53:40 Ita Killeen, NPRC

15:55:00 Wil Rosquist, PSC

15:58:10 Rep. Greg Kmetz

16:00:20 Chair Katie Zolnikov

16:02:25 Dave Galt, MCC

16:09:30 Rep. Joshua Kassmier

Closing Statement:

16:10:00 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, closed the hearing on HB 220.

Committee Discussion:

16:10:30 Chair Katie Zolnikov
16:11:02 Will Rosquist, PSC
16:23:00 Rep. Larry Brewster
16:24:20 Vice Chair Steven Galloway
16:28:35 Rep. Paul Green
16:30:50 Rep. Laurie Bishop
16:42:38 Rep. Bob Phalen

16:44:00 **Recessed**
17:11:30 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 349 – Establish obscenity filter requirements for electronic devices

17:13:10 **Motion:** Vice Chair Steven Galloway moved that **HB 349 DO PASS**.
17:14:00 **Motion:** Vice Chair Steven Galloway moved that **HB 349 BE AMENDED**.

Discussion:

17:14:20 Rep. Casey Knudsen
17:14:35 Trevor Graff
Vote: Motion carried 9-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Knudsen, Rep. Kortum, voting no.

17:16: 50 **Motion:** Vice Chair Steven Galloway moved that **HB 349 BE AMENDED**.

Discussion:

17:17:14 Trevor Graff
17:17:51 Rep. Paul Fielder
17:19:00 Vice Chair Steven Galloway
Vote: Motion carried 8-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Knudsen, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Sullivan, voting no.

Discussion:

17:20:20 Rep. Derek Harvey
17:22:00 Vice Chair Steven Galloway

17:23:19 Rep. Casey Knudsen

Vote: Motion carried 7-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Green, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Kassmier, Rep. Knudsen, Rep. Kortum, voting no.

Rep. Green, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 284 – Revise laws related to approval of electricity supply resources

17:26:25 **Motion:** Vice Chair Steven Galloway moved that **HB 284 DO PASS.**

17:27:20 **Motion:** Vice Chair Steven Galloway moved that **HB 284 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

17:27:00 Chair Katie Zolnikov

17:30:20 Vice Chair Steven Galloway

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:33:20 **Motion:** Vice Chair Steven Galloway moved that **HB 284 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

17:33:36 Vice Chair Katie Sullivan

17:33:55 Vice Chair Steven Galloway

Vote: Motion carried 10 - 3 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Sullivan, voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:37:49

Lucinda Blair, Secretary

Additional Documents: EXHIBIT(230215FEH)