

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Llew Jones-R, on February 28, 2023 at 4:50 PM, in Room 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. John Fitzpatrick (R)  
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Naarah Hastings (R)  
Rep. Lyn Hellegaard (R)  
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)  
Rep. Terry Moore (R)  
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)  
Rep. Joe Read (R)  
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)  
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Terry Falk (R)  
Rep. Jane Gillette (R)  
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)  
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)  
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)  
Rep. Matt Regier (R)  
Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R)  
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)

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

**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 541 02/28/2023  
Executive Action:

HB 541 DO PASS  
HB 519 DO PASS

16:53:29 Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, and Rep. Schillinger joined the meeting.

**HEARING ON HB 541 - Require interest on criminal restitution and fines**

**Opening Statement:**

16:52:00 Rep. Brandon Ler (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 541, Require interest on criminal restitution and fines.

**Proponent Testimony:**

16:52:32 Brian Thompson, Montana Collectors Association

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

None

**Closing Statement:**

16:53:18 Rep. Brandon Ler (R), HD 35, closed the hearing on HB 541.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 541 - Require interest on criminal restitution and fines**

16:55:12 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 541 DO PASS.**

16:55:12 **Vote:** Motion carried 16 - 7 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.  
Rep. Stewart Peregoy, By Proxy

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 519 - Authorize digital drivers licenses through a mobile application**

16:58:11 **Motion:** Rep. Bill Mercer moved that **HB 519 TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE.**

16:58:11 **Vote:** Motion carried 16 - 3 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.

16:59:36 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 519 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

16:53:29 Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, and Rep. Schillinger joined the meeting.

16:59:36 **Vote:** Motion carried 14 - 9 by roll call vote with Rep. Binkley, Rep. Caferro, Rep. Fitzpatrick, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.  
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**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 17:03:04

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Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230228APHbad\)](#)