

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

Call to Order: Chair Amy Regier-R, on March 14, 2023 at 8:01 AM, in 137

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Amy Regier, Chair (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Brandon Ler, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R)
Rep. Lee Deming (R)
Rep. Neil Duram (R)
Rep. Jodee Etchart (R)
Rep. Tom France (D)
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Rep. SJ Howell (D)
Rep. Greg Kmetz (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Wayne Rusk (R)
Rep. Laura Smith (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Zoey Zephyr (D)

Staff Present: Jamie Van Valkenburg, Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Research Analyst

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 372 03/10/2023

HB 423 03/10/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 423 - Revise laws related to compensation for wrongfully convicted individuals

Opening Statement:

08:02:59 Chair Amy Regier (R), HD 6, opened the hearing on HB 423, Revise laws related to compensation for wrongfully convicted individuals.

Proponent Testimony:

08:06:20 Amy Sings In The Timber, Montana Innocence Project

08:08:54 Karen Alley, Montana Association of Counties

08:10:22 Sen. Barry Usher, SD 20

Opponent Testimony:

08:11:25 Robert Filipovich, Self

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:18:27 Fred Van Valkenburg, Self

Questions from Committee:

08:20:25 Rep. Greg Kmetz

08:35:02 Sen. Barry Usher

Closing Statement:

08:35:28 Chair Amy Regier (R), HD 6, closed the hearing on HB 423.

HEARING ON HB 372 - Establish right to hunt in Constitution

Opening Statement:

08:37:39 Rep. Paul Fielder (R), HD 13, opened the hearing on HB 372, Establish right to hunt in Constitution.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230314JUH1\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230314JUH2\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230314JUH3\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

08:46:30	Bob Gilbert, Montana Walleyes Unlimited
08:47:24	Kris Killorn, Outdoor Heritage
08:49:59	Ed Hebbe, Montana Trappers Association
08:50:40	Jeff Darah, Montana Sportsman of Fish and Wildlife
08:52:57	Colter Lumley, Self
08:53:25	Matt Lumley, Montana Trappers Association
08:54:33	Michael McKenrick, Self
08:55:01	Tim McKenrick, Self
08:56:07	Lewis Tafelmyer, Self
08:57:03	Chris Morgan, Self
08:58:26	Robert Sheppard, Self
09:00:33	Bill Mitchell, Self
09:00:59	Charles Denowh, Self
09:01:46	Peggy Trenk, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
09:02:51	Scot Boulanger, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association
09:03:14	Scott Vollmer, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association
09:03:47	Katjna Stutzer, Back Country Hunters and Anglers
09:05:50	Keith Kubista, Self
09:07:57	Ben Erickson, Citizens for Balanced Use, Outdoor Heritage Coalition
09:09:54	Stacy Kandel, Self

09:10:48 Charles Whitwam, Howl for Wildlife
10:10:04 Brian Gosch, National Rifle Association

Opponent Testimony:

09:15:50 Steven Capra, Footloose Montana
09:19:11 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stockgrowers Association
09:21:23 Krista Lee Evans, Association Of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators
09:23:36 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation
09:25:39 Colin Cooney, Self
09:27:20 Keegan Medrano, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana
09:30:16 Nick Gevock, Endangered Species Association
09:31:52 Clare Beelman, Footloose Montana
09:33:42 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon
09:35:44 Gayle Joslin, Helena Hunters and Anglers Association
09:37:39 Shani Henry, Self
09:41:10 Jim Bill, Self
09:43:07 Marc Cooke, Wolves of the Rockies
[EXHIBIT\(230314JUH4\)](#)
09:46:42 Kari Gunderson, Self
09:48:18 Lisa Robertson, Self
09:49:36 KC York, Trap Free Montana Public Lands
09:51:47 Michael Stoerger, Self
09:53:23 Andrew McKean, Montana Sportsmen Alliance
09:55:07 John Harrison, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribe
09:58:21 Peter Guynn, Self

10:02:13 Connie Poten, Self
10:04:21 Anja Heister, Footloose Montana
10:06:54 Thomas Irvine, Self
10:13:53 Tamzin Brown, Self

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

10:16:09 Rep. Greg Kmetz
10:52:52 Steven Capra

Closing Statement:

10:53:35 Rep. Paul Fielder (R), HD 13, closed the hearing on HB 372.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:00:14

Jamie Van Valkenburg, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230314JUHaad\)](#)