

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

Call to Order: Chair Bob Keenan-R, on March 27, 2023 at 8:33 AM, 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. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Naarah Hastings (R)
Rep. Lyn Hellegaard (R)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R)
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Terry Falk (R)
Rep. John Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Jane Gillette (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

HB 864 03/22/2023

HB 868 03/22/2023

SB 58 03/24/2023

Executive Action:

HB 864 DO PASS

HB 868 DO PASS

SB 58 BE CONCURRED IN

**HEARING ON HB 864 - Authorize transfers and other necessary measure to implement
HB 2 section A**

Opening Statement:

08:34:51 Rep. Terry Moore (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 864, Authorize transfers and other necessary measure to implement HB 2 section A.

Discussion:

08:35:49 Rep. Fitzpatrick and Rep. Gillette joined the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:36:56 Chair Llew Jones

Closing Statement:

08:37:22 Rep. Terry Moore (R), HD 54, closed the hearing on HB 864.

**HEARING ON HB 868 - Authorize transfers and other necessary measure to implement
HB 2 section C**

Opening Statement:

08:37:38 Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 868, Authorize transfers and other necessary measure to implement HB 2 section C.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

08:38:13 Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R), HD 37, closed the hearing on HB 868.

HEARING ON SB 58 - Increase landowner payment cap for block management

Opening Statement:

08:38:28 Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 58, Increase landowner payment cap for block management.

Proponent Testimony:

08:39:53 Dustin Temple, Deputy Director, Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

08:40:41 Rachel Cone, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

08:41:22 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:42:13 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

08:42:24 Dustin Temple, FWP

08:42:37 Rep. Jerry Schillinger

08:42:58 Sen. Steve Hinebauch-R

08:43:19 Rep. Jim Hamilton

08:43:31 Rep. Falk joined the meeting.

08:44:15 Dustin Temple, FWP
08:45:44 Rep. Connie Keogh
08:46:08 Dustin Temple, FWP
08:46:37 Rep. Mercer joined the meeting.

Closing Statement:

08:46:49 Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R), SD 18, closed the hearing on SB 58.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 864 - Authorize transfers and other necessary measure to implement HB 2 section A

08:51:51 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 864 DO PASS.**
08:51:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 868 - Authorize transfers and other necessary measure to implement HB 2 section C

08:52:18 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 868 DO PASS.**
08:52:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 58 - Increase landowner payment cap for block management

08:52:34 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **SB 58 BE CONCURRED IN.**
08:52:34 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 08:53:25

Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230327APHaad\)](#)