

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

Call to Order: Chair Bob Keenan-R, on April 01, 2023 at 9:12 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. Terry Falk (R)
Rep. John Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Jane Gillette (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Naarah Hastings (R)
Rep. Lyn Hellegaard (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Matt Regier (R)

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:

Executive Action:

HB 953 TO TABLE
HB 819 DO PASS
HB 881 DO PASS
HB 897 TO TABLE
HB 926 TO TABLE
HB 943 DO PASS
HB 887 TO TABLE
HB 893 TO TABLE
HB 898 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 193 DO PASS
HB 963 DO PASS
HB 907 TO TABLE

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 953 - Create election security and integrity complaint and enforcement process

- 09:14:11 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 953 DO PASS.**
- 09:14:27 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. John Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 953 TO TABLE.**
- 09:14:27 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried 19 - 4 by roll call vote with Rep. Gillette, Rep. Hastings, Rep. Read, Rep. Schillinger, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 819 - Create Montana community reinvestment act to fund workforce housing

- 09:15:42 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 819 DO PASS.**
- Discussion:**
- 09:15:53 Rep. Terry Moore
- 09:16:32 Rep. Michele Binkley
- 09:16:58 Rep. Jane Gillette
- 09:17:40 Rep. Paul Tuss
- 09:18:20 Rep. Jim Hamilton
- 09:15:42 **Vote:** Motion carried 17 - 6 by roll call vote with Rep. Falk, Rep. Gillette, Rep. Hastings, Rep. Hellegaard, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Schillinger, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 881 - Generally revise economic development laws

- 09:20:04 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 881 DO PASS.**
- Discussion:**
- 09:20:24 Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy
- 09:20:46 Rep. Falk left the meeting.
- 09:20:04 **Vote:** Motion carried 18 - 5 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 897 - Revise MEDIA Act film credit laws

09:22:30 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 897 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

09:22:33 Rep. David Bedey

09:23:41 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

09:23:55 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

09:25:00 Rep. Jane Gillette

09:26:46 Rep. Jim Hamilton

09:28:14 Rep. David Bedey

09:29:53 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:31:12 Vice Chair Mary Caferro

09:33:43 Vice Chair Bob Keenan

09:34:46 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

09:22:30 **Vote:** Motion failed 12 - 11 by roll call vote with Rep. Bedey, Rep. Binkley, Rep. Caferro, Rep. Falk, Rep. Hellegaard, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting yes.
Rep. Falk, By Proxy

09:37:45 **Motion:** Rep. Llew Jones moved that **HB 897 TO TABLE.**

09:37:45 **Vote:** Motion carried 12 - 11 by voice vote with Rep. Bedey, Rep. Binkley, Rep. Caferro, Rep. Falk, Rep. Hellegaard, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.
Rep. Falk, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 926 - Increase maximum elderly homeowner and renter credit

09:37:58 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 926 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

09:38:03 Rep. Mike Hopkins

09:38:41 Rep. Fiona Nave

09:37:58 **Vote:** Motion failed 12 - 11 by roll call vote with Rep. Binkley, Rep. Caferro, Rep. Fitzpatrick, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Read, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting yes.
Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, By Proxy

09:41:06 **Motion:** Rep. Llew Jones moved that **HB 926 TO TABLE.**

09:41:06 **Vote:** Motion carried 12 - 11 by voice vote with Rep. Binkley, Rep. Caferro, Rep. Fitzpatrick, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Read, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.
Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 943 - Revise taxation of property used as a short-term rental

09:41:28 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 943 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

09:41:39 Rep. Jane Gillette

09:42:02 Rep. Jim Hamilton

09:41:28 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 887 - Establish a wildlife accommodation and crossing account

09:43:10 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 887 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

09:43:13 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

09:43:28 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. John Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 887 TO TABLE.**

09:43:28 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 893 - Create the office of public records ombudsman & advisory council

09:44:08 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 893 DO PASS.**

09:44:11 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. John Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 893 TO TABLE.**

Discussion:

09:44:26 Rep. Jim Hamilton

09:44:35 Rep. Falk and Rep. Kerr-Carpenter joined the meeting, and Rep. Windy Boy left the meeting.

09:44:11 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried 15 - 8 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.
Rep. Windy Boy, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 898 - Revise the Montana Microbusiness Development Act

09:46:50 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 898 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

09:46:56 Rep. Paul Tuss

09:47:35 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

09:47:48 **Motion:** Rep. John Fitzpatrick moved that **HB 898 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

09:47:50 Rep. Windy Boy joined the meeting.

09:47:57 Julie Johnson

09:48:09 Quinn Holzer

09:50:00 Rep. Paul Tuss

09:47:48 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:54:11 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 898 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

09:54:11 **Vote:** Motion carried 19 - 4 by roll call vote with Rep. Falk, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Moore, Rep. Schillinger, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 193 - Revise law for driving without insurance

09:55:08 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 193 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

09:55:24 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

09:58:47 Vice Chair Mary Caferro

10:00:28 Rep. Bill Mercer

10:01:36 Rep. Terry Falk

10:02:47 Rep. Joe Read

09:55:08 **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.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 963 - Generally revise state financing laws and create tax rebate fund

10:04:59 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 963 DO PASS.**

10:04:59 **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.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 907 - Generally revise marijuana laws

10:05:58 **Motion:** Rep. Bob Keenan moved that **HB 907 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:06:01 Rep. Jane Gillette

10:06:21 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

10:07:04 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter moved that **HB 907 TO TABLE.**

10:07:04 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried 18 - 5 by roll call vote with Rep. Gillette, Rep. Keenan, Rep. Regier, Rep. Schillinger, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.
Rep. Regier, By Proxy

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:10:27

Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230401APHaad\)](#)