

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

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones-R, on April 07, 2023 at 10:36 AM, in Room 102

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
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. Naarah Hastings (R)
Rep. Lyn Hellegaard (R)
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (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:

SB 148 04/06/2023

SB 168 04/06/2023

SB 182 04/06/2023

SB 281 04/07/2023

Executive Action:

SB 281

SB 60 BE CONCURRED IN

SB 19 BE CONCURRED IN

SB 168 TO TABLE

HEARING ON SB 168 - Revise lottery laws relating to sales agent commissions

Opening Statement:

10:37:49 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 168, Revise lottery laws relating to sales agent commissions.

Proponent Testimony:

10:39:12 Scott Sales, Director, Montana Lottery

10:39:25 Rep. Keogh and Rep., Kerr-Carpenter, Vice Chair Caferro, Rep. Stewart-Peregoy, Rep. Tuss and Rep. Hamilton joined the meeting.

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

10:39:56 Rep. Fiona Nave

10:40:13 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

11:26:00 make fit Rep. Moore left the meeting.

Closing Statement:

10:40:51 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, closed the hearing on SB 168.

HEARING ON SB 281 - Revise laws related to nonresident hunting and fishing

Opening Statement:

10:41:19 Rep. Matthews, HD 66 opened the hearing on SB 281, Revise laws related to nonresident hunting and fishing.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

10:42:32 Rep. Matthews, HD 66 closed the hearing on SB 281.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 281 - Revise laws related to nonresident hunting and fishing

10:43:30 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 281 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:43:30 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:43:30 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Eric Matthews

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 60 - Establish enterprise fund for Montana spatial real time network

10:44:21 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 60 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:44:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 20 - 3 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Gillette, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.
Rep. Windy Boy, By Proxy

HEARING ON SB 182 - Create task force on a court system for dependency and neglect cases

Opening Statement:

10:46:18 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, opened the hearing on SB 182, Create task force on a court system for dependency and neglect cases.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

10:47:30 Kim Aiken, Department of Public Health and Human Services

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

10:48:05 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, closed the hearing on SB 182.

HEARING ON SB 148 - Revise laws regarding legal representation of children

Opening Statement:

10:48:57 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, opened the hearing on SB 148, Revise laws regarding legal representation of children.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

10:51:34 Kim Aiken, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee:

10:52:02 Rep. Bill Mercer

10:53:49 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

10:55:18 Rep. Windy Boy joined the meeting.

11:00:14 Rep. Fiona Nave

11:00:49 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

11:03:37 Rep. Jim Hamilton

11:04:22 Kim Aiken, DPHHS

11:05:28 Rep. David Bedey

11:06:17 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

11:10:19 Quinn Holzer

11:10:38 Rep. David Bedey

11:10:56 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

11:14:08 Rep. Mercer and left the meeting.

11:15:06 Vice Chair Mary Caferro

11:15:50 Erica Johnston, Executive Director, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

11:17:16 Rep. Jane Gillette

11:19:42 Kim Aiken, DPHHS

11:20:19 Erica Johnston, DPHHS

11:21:31 Rep. Jane Gillette

11:23:16 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

Closing Statement:

11:24:30 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, closed the hearing on SB 148.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 19 - Generally revise disorderly conduct sentencing laws

11:27:06 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 19 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

11:27:43 Rep. Jim Hamilton

11:27:06 **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 SB 168 - Revise lottery laws relating to sales agent
commissions**

- 11:29:14 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 168 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 11:29:14 **Vote:** Motion failed 12 - 11 by roll call vote with Rep. Bedey, Rep. Binkley, Rep. Gillette, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Hastings, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Jones, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, voting yes. Rep. Hopkins, By Proxy
- 11:30:38 **Motion:** Chair Llew Jones moved that **SB 168 TO TABLE.**
- 11:30:38 **Vote:** Motion carried 12 - 11 by voice vote with Rep. Bedey, Rep. Binkley, Rep. Gillette, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Hastings, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Jones, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:32:29

Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230407APHaad\)](#)