

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

Call to Order: Chair Steve Gunderson-R, on April 12, 2023 at 4:06 PM, in 172

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Steve Gunderson, Chair (R)
Rep. Steve Gist, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R)
Rep. Tom France (D)
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Rep. Marty Malone (R)
Rep. Russel Miner (R)
Rep. Gary Parry (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

Staff Present: LJ Jennings, Secretary
Joe Kolman, Research Analyst
John Olson, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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 402 04/03/2023

SB 334 04/06/2023

Executive Action:

16:09:58 Rep. Karlen has arrived

16:14:40 Rep. Walsh has arrived

HEARING ON SB 402 - Allow for firefighter hazard pay

Opening Statement:

16:07:19 Sen. Willis Curdy (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 402, Allow for firefighter hazard pay.

Proponent Testimony:

16:14:54 Robb Bullis, Self

16:17:37 Sam Forstag, Self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:20:40 Shawn Thomas, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, (DNRC)

16:21:07 Wyatt Frampton, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, (DNRC)

16:21:26 Misty Ann Giles, Human Services Division, (HSD)

Questions from Committee:

16:21:54 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle

16:24:24 Sen. Willis Curdy-D

16:24:58 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle

16:25:37 Sen. Willis Curdy-D

16:25:52 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle

16:25:59 Wyatt Frampton, DNRC

16:26:28 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
16:26:47 Wyatt Frampton, DNRC
16:27:26 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
16:27:31 Rep. Gary Parry
16:28:07 Shawn Thomas, DNRC
16:28:20 Rep. Gary Parry
16:28:38 Shawn Thomas, DNRC
16:29:00 Rep. Gary Parry
16:29:13 Shawn Thomas, DNRC
16:29:40 Rep. Gary Parry
16:29:52 Shawn Thomas, DNRC
16:30:11 Vice Chair Marilyn Marler
16:30:49 Wyatt Frampton, DNRC
16:31:24 Rep. Marty Malone
16:32:29 Misty Ann Giles, HSD
16:33:06 Wyatt Frampton, DNRC
16:33:15 Rep. Marty Malone
16:33:25 Wyatt Frampton, DNRC
16:33:37 Misty Ann Giles, HSD
16:33:53 Rep. Marty Malone
16:34:04 Sen. Willis Curdy-D
16:34:47 Chair Steve Gunderson
16:35:18 Sen. Willis Curdy-D
16:36:38 Chair Steve Gunderson

16:37:18 Wyatt Frampton, DNRC
16:37:37 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
16:38:11 Misty Ann Giles, HSD
16:38:57 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
16:39:37 Misty Ann Giles, HSD
16:40:03 Vice Chair Steve Gist
16:40:41 Sen. Willis Curdy-D
16:41:11 Vice Chair Steve Gist
16:41:19 Sen. Willis Curdy-D
16:41:42 Vice Chair Steve Gist
16:42:20 Wyatt Frampton, DNRC
16:42:37 Vice Chair Steve Gist
16:42:45 Wyatt Frampton, DNRC
16:43:09 Rep. Jill Cohenour
16:43:38 Misty Ann Giles, HSD
16:43:43 Rep. Jill Cohenour
16:44:05 Misty Ann Giles, HSD
16:44:19 Rep. Gary Parry
16:44:42 Misty Ann Giles, HSD
16:45:01 Rep. Gary Parry
16:45:11 Misty Ann Giles, HSD
16:45:45 Rep. Gary Parry
16:46:30 Wyatt Frampton, DNRC
16:46:52 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle

16:47:37 Shawn Thomas, DNRC
16:47:41 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
16:47:58 Shawn Thomas, DNRC
16:48:14 Vice Chair Steve Gist
16:48:35 Shawn Thomas, DNRC
16:48:46 Vice Chair Steve Gist
16:49:39 Shawn Thomas, DNRC
16:50:24 Chair Steve Gunderson
16:50:53 Shawn Thomas, DNRC
16:51:33 Chair Steve Gunderson
16:51:35 Shawn Thomas, DNRC
16:51:48 Rep. Jill Cohenour
16:52:44 Shawn Thomas, DNRC
16:53:28 Vice Chair Steve Gist
16:54:10 Shawn Thomas, DNRC
16:54:47 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald
16:55:48 Wyatt Frampton, DNRC
16:56:29 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald
16:56:47 Wyatt Frampton, DNRC
16:57:06 Vice Chair Marilyn Marler
16:57:57 Wyatt Frampton, DNRC
16:58:37 Vice Chair Steve Gist

Closing Statement:

17:00:07 Sen. Willis Curdy (D), SD 49, closed the hearing on SB 402.

HEARING ON SB 334 - Revise petroleum storage tank cleanup definitions

Opening Statement:

17:05:31 Sen. John Esp (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB 334, Revise petroleum storage tank cleanup definitions.

Proponent Testimony:

17:12:16 Amy Steinmetz, Department of Environmental Quality, (DEQ)

17:14:32 Brad Longcake, Montana Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association, (MPMCSA)

17:20:39 John Monahan, Petroleum Tank Conservation Board

Opponent Testimony:

17:18:15 Darin Gaub, Self

Informational Witness Testimony:

17:21:19 John Harrington, Legislative Audit Division, (LSD)

17:21:29 Terry Wadsworth, Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board, (PTRCB)

Questions from Committee:

17:21:59 Rep. Jill Cohenour

17:22:18 Amy Steinmetz, DEQ

17:22:29 Rep. Jill Cohenour

17:23:06 Amy Steinmetz, DEQ

17:24:00 Rep. Jill Cohenour

17:24:26 Terry Wadsworth, PTRCB

17:24:51 Rep. Jill Cohenour

17:25:07 Terry Wadsworth, PTRCB

17:25:38 Rep. Jill Cohenour

17:25:57 Terry Wadsworth, PTRCB

17:26:15 Rep. Gary Parry
17:26:50 Amy Steinmetz, DEQ
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17:29:35 Amy Steinmetz, DEQ
17:30:21 Rep. Gary Parry
17:30:53 Chair Steve Gunderson
17:30:57 Amy Steinmetz, DEQ
17:31:14 Chair Steve Gunderson
17:31:19 Amy Steinmetz, DEQ
17:31:36 Chair Steve Gunderson
17:31:38 Amy Steinmetz, DEQ
17:32:15 Chair Steve Gunderson
17:32:24 Terry Wadsworth, PTRCB
17:33:00 Chair Steve Gunderson
17:33:02 Terry Wadsworth, PTRCB
17:33:47 Chair Steve Gunderson
17:34:17 Terry Wadsworth, PTRCB
17:34:48 Rep. Kenneth Walsh
17:35:16 Terry Wadsworth, PTRCB
17:36:03 Rep. Gary Parry

17:36:41 Terry Wadsworth, PTRCB

17:38:46 Chair Steve Gunderson

Closing Statement:

17:39:09 Sen. John Esp (R), SD 30, closed the hearing on SB 334.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:46:16

LJ Jennings, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230412NAHaad\)](#)