

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

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones-R, on April 13, 2023 at 9:09 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. 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)

Members Excused: Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
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:

Executive Action:

SB 29 TO TABLE
SB 89 BE CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED
SB 28 TO TABLE
SB 132 TO TABLE
SB 94 BE CONCURRED IN

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 29 - Increase and Extend the PERS Supplemental Employer Contribution

09:10:39 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 29 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

09:10:46 Rep. Terry Moore

09:10:39 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Kenneth Walsh

09:11:53 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Terry Moore moved that **SB 29 TO TABLE.**

Discussion:

09:12:03 Chair Llew Jones

09:11:53 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 89 - Create pretrial diversion pilot program

09:13:47 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 89 BE CONCURRED IN.**

09:13:47 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Jennifer Carlson

09:14:22 **Motion:** Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter moved that **SB 89 BE AMENDED.**

09:14:22 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:15:09 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 89 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

09:15:09 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 28 - Provide funding for conservation districts

09:16:06 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 28 BE CONCURRED IN.**

09:16:06 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Marty Malone

09:17:51 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Fiona Nave moved that **SB 28 TO TABLE.**

Discussion:

09:18:01 Rep. Jim Hamilton

09:18:41 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

09:19:07 Chair Llew Jones

09:17:51 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried 14 - 9 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Fitzpatrick, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Schillinger, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no. Rep. Windy Boy, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 132 - Revise agricultural education laws

09:22:28 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 132 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

09:22:32 Rep. David Bedey

09:23:18 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. John Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 132 TO TABLE.**

09:23:18 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried 17 - 6 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.
Rep. Windy Boy, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 94 - Generally revise laws related to recovery residences

09:24:38 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 94 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

09:24:43 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:25:03 Rep. Jim Hamilton

09:25:41 Rep. Bill Mercer

09:28:26 Rep. David Bedey

09:24:38 **Vote:** Motion carried 19 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Caferro, voting no.

09:24:38 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Tom France

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:42:24

Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230413APHaad\)](#)