

MINUTES
MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (H) FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS

Call to Order: Chair Ross Fitzgerald-R, on April 13, 2023 at 4:00 PM, in Room 172

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Ross Fitzgerald, Chair (R)
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Denise Baum (D)
Rep. Edward Butcher (R)
Rep. Lee Deming (R)
Rep. Neil Duram (R)
Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D)
Rep. Denley Loge (R)
Rep. Eric Matthews (D)
Rep. Russel Miner (R)
Rep. Gary Parry (R)
Rep. Bob Phalen (R)
Rep. Tanner Smith (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Paul Fielder (R)
Rep. Tom France (D)
Rep. Brandon Ler (R)
Rep. Marilyn Marler (D)
Rep. Tyson Running Wolf (D)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

Staff Present: Toni Henneman, Research Analyst
LJ Jennings, Secretary
Rolf Johnson, 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 298 04/06/2023

SB 533 04/06/2023

Executive Action:

16:02:04 Vice Chair France has arrived
16:02:18 Rep. Marler has arrived
16:02:46 Chair Fitzgerald has left
16:03:10 Rep. Running Wolf has arrived
16:34:02 Chair Fitzgerald has arrived

HEARING ON SB 533 - Revise laws related to out of state hunting & fishing

Opening Statement:

16:02:32 Sen. Mark Noland (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 533, Revise laws related to out of state hunting & fishing.

Proponent Testimony:

16:06:30 Greg Munther, Montana Sportsman Alliance

Opponent Testimony:

16:08:14 Nicole Bealer, Self
16:09:49 Maggie Bell, Montana Associated Students
16:10:57 Lorelei Michael-Owens, Associated Students of Montana State University, (ASMSU)
16:11:49 Ethan Hanley, Associated Students of University of Montana, (ASUM)
16:13:06 Blake Henning, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation
[EXHIBIT\(230413FIHa1\)](#)
16:16:07 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation
16:18:25 Charles Denowh, United Property Owners of Montana

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:21:40 Emily Cooper, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)

Questions from Committee:

16:22:05	Rep. Russel Miner
16:22:30	Sen. Mark Noland-R
16:22:42	Rep. Russel Miner
16:23:09	Sen. Mark Noland-R
16:24:00	Rep. Russel Miner
16:24:05	Rep. Jonathan Karlen
16:24:58	Ethan Hanley, ASUM
16:25:38	Rep. Gary Parry
16:26:13	Sen. Mark Noland-R
16:27:33	Rep. Gary Parry
16:28:11	Emily Cooper, FWP
16:28:29	Rep. Marilyn Marler
16:29:36	Sen. Mark Noland-R
16:31:44	Rep. Tanner Smith
16:32:04	Emily Cooper, FWP
16:32:19	Rep. Denley Loge
16:32:55	Emily Cooper, FWP
16:33:19	Rep. Russel Miner
16:33:44	Ben Lamb, MWF
16:34:37	Rep. Russel Miner
16:35:05	Emily Cooper, FWP
16:35:24	Rep. Tyson Running Wolf
16:35:42	Emily Cooper, FWP

16:35:52 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf
16:36:13 Emily Cooper, FWP
16:36:40 Rep. Jonathan Karlen
16:37:07 Emily Cooper, FWP
16:37:24 Rep. Lee Deming
16:37:55 Emily Cooper, FWP
16:38:06 Vice Chair Jedediah Hinkle
16:38:35 Emily Cooper, FWP

Closing Statement:

16:38:52 Sen. Mark Noland (R), SD 10, closed the hearing on SB 533.

17:51:31 Rep. Fielder has arrived

HEARING ON SB 298 - Revise laws related to hunting by disabled persons

Opening Statement:

16:43:51 Sen. Brad Molnar (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 298, Revise laws related to hunting by disabled persons.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230413FIHa2\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230413FIHa3\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230413FIHa4\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

16:56:48 Sean Slanger, Self
16:59:53 Dr. James Sprott, Self
17:01:26 Chris Killorn, Self
17:07:28 Tim Gardipee, Self

17:11:34 Wayne Walker, Self
17:17:46 Keegan Medrano, ACLU of Montana
17:20:33 David Helmers, Self

Opponent Testimony:

17:24:19 Liberty Brown, Self
17:27:22 Ken Schultz, Self
17:32:53 Marlon Clapham, Montana Bowhunter's Association, (MBA)
17:36:33 Stephanie Prater, Montana Elk Citizen Management Council and Montana Bowhunter's Association, (MBA)
17:39:25 Greg Munther, Montana Sportsman Alliance, (MSA)
17:43:34 Michael Shepard, Self
17:48:17 Stephen LePage, Pope and Young Club, (PYC)
17:50:21 Jake Schwaller, Self
17:52:26 Bill Siebrasse, Traditional Bowhunters of Montana, (TBM)
17:54:57 Dr. Amy LePage, Self
17:55:31 Jess Wagner, Self
17:57:00 Steve Schindler, Self

Informational Witness Testimony:

17:57:46 Quentin Kujala, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, (FWP)

Questions from Committee:

16:02:55 Vice Chair J. Hinkle assumed position of the chair.
16:34:08 Chair Fitzgerald assumed position of the chair.
17:58:31 Rep. Tanner Smith
17:58:48 Quentin Kujala, FWP
17:59:08 Rep. Neil Duram

17:59:13	Quentin Kujala, FWP
17:59:41	Rep. Neil Duram
18:00:01	Quentin Kujala, FWP
18:00:24	Rep. Neil Duram
18:00:36	Quentin Kujala, FWP
18:00:54	Rep. Neil Duram
18:01:11	Quentin Kujala, FWP
18:01:31	Rep. Jonathan Karlen
18:01:53	Sen. Brad Molnar-R
18:02:54	Rep. Jonathan Karlen
18:03:26	Sen. Brad Molnar-R
18:04:25	Rep. Jonathan Karlen
18:04:41	Sen. Brad Molnar-R
18:05:31	Rep. Marilyn Marler
18:05:51	Quentin Kujala, FWP
18:06:02	Rep. Marilyn Marler
18:06:03	Quentin Kujala, FWP
18:06:10	Rep. Marilyn Marler
18:06:40	Quentin Kujala, FWP
18:06:46	Rep. Marilyn Marler
18:06:55	Quentin Kujala, FWP
18:07:46	Rep. Denise Baum
18:08:26	Quentin Kujala, FWP
18:08:31	Rep. Denise Baum

18:08:52	Quentin Kujala, FWP
18:09:03	Rep. Denise Baum
18:09:18	Quentin Kujala, FWP
18:09:30	Rep. Edward Butcher
18:09:48	Sen. Brad Molnar-R
18:10:03	Rep. Edward Butcher
18:10:04	Sen. Brad Molnar-R
18:10:39	Rep. Edward Butcher
18:11:15	Sen. Brad Molnar-R
18:12:34	Vice Chair Jedediah Hinkle
18:13:19	Sen. Brad Molnar-R
18:14:32	Rep. Denise Baum
18:15:40	Sen. Brad Molnar-R
18:16:40	Rep. Denise Baum
18:16:51	Sen. Brad Molnar-R
18:18:03	Rep. Denise Baum
18:19:18	Sen. Brad Molnar-R
18:19:52	Chair Ross Fitzgerald
18:20:12	Marlon Clapham, MBA
18:20:37	Chair Ross Fitzgerald
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18:25:48 Rep. Lee Deming
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18:27:52 Quentin Kujala, FWP
18:28:39 Rep. Bob Phalen
18:28:58 Sen. Brad Molnar-R

Closing Statement:

18:29:15 Sen. Brad Molnar (R), SD 28, closed the hearing on SB 298.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 18:38:42

LJ Jennings, Secretary

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