

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

Call to Order: Chair Bob Keenan-R, on April 21, 2023 at 10:33 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. 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. Jerry Schillinger (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Terry Falk (R)
Rep. John Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)

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 442

SB 294

SB 14

SB 296

SB 522

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 442 - Allow marijuana tax revenue to be used for county road maintenance

10:36:13 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 442 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

10:36:18 Rep. Falk and Rep. Fitzpatrick joined the meeting.

10:36:59 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

10:37:43 Rep. David Bedey

10:36:13 **Vote:** Motion carried 17 - 6 by roll call vote with Rep. Falk, Rep. Jones, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Moore, Rep. Read, Rep. Regier, voting no.
Rep. Read, Rep. Regier, By Proxy

10:36:13 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Marty Malone

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 294 - Establish the end of watch trust

10:39:24 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 294 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:39:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:39:24 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Neil Duram

10:40:21 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 294 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:42:56 Rep. Bill Mercer

10:43:31 Rep. Jim Hamilton

10:43:54 Chair Llew Jones

10:44:03 Quinn Holzer

10:40:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:44:46 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 294 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:45:04 Rep. Jim Hamilton

- 10:46:04 Vice Chair Caferro joined the meeting.
- 10:44:46 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 10:44:46 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Neil Duram

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 14 - Revise MEDIA Act film credit cap

- 10:46:58 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 14 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 10:46:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 10:46:58 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Brad Barker
- 10:47:39 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 14 BE AMENDED.**
- Discussion:**
- 10:47:54 Rep. Jim Hamilton
- 10:49:47 Chair Llew Jones
- 10:50:26 Rep. Jim Hamilton
- 10:47:39 **Vote:** Motion failed 15 - 8 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Falk, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting yes.
- 10:52:23 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 14 BE AMENDED.**
- Discussion:**
- 10:52:48 Rep. Jim Hamilton
- 10:54:51 Chair Llew Jones
- 10:52:23 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 10:56:10 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 14 BE AMENDED.**
- 10:56:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 16 - 7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bedey, Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.
- 10:57:50 **Motion:** Rep. John Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 14 BE AMENDED.**
- 10:57:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 19 - 4 by roll call vote with Rep. Binkley, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, voting no.
- 11:01:14 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 14 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**
- 11:01:14 **Vote:** Motion carried 15 - 8 by roll call vote with Rep. Gillette, Rep. Hastings, Rep. Keenan, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Moore, Rep. Nave, Rep. Regier, Rep.

Schillinger, voting no.
Rep. Regier, By Proxy

11:01:14 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Brad Barker

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 296 - Revise nursing home and/or assisted living funding

11:02:42 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 296 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:02:42 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:02:42 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Michael Yakawich

11:03:13 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 296 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:03:26 Rep. Bill Mercer

11:03:13 **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.

11:05:33 **Motion:** Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter moved that **SB 296 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:06:10 Vice Chair Mary Caferro

11:06:29 Rep. Bill Mercer

11:08:49 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

11:09:42 Vice Chair Mary Caferro

11:12:42 Quinn Holzer

11:14:57 Rep. Bill Mercer

11:17:08 Vice Chair Bob Keenan

11:05:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:19:34 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 296 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:19:52 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

11:21:20 Vice Chair Mary Caferro

11:23:26 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

11:24:26 Vice Chair Bob Keenan

11:25:40 Rep. Jane Gillette

11:19:34 **Vote:** Motion carried 14 - 9 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Falk, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Hastings, Rep. Hellegaard, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Moore, Rep. Regier, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, voting no.
Rep. Regier, By Proxy

11:19:34 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Michael Yakawich

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 522 - Provide hotels with grants to shelter victims of violence and human trafficking

11:55:08 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 522 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:55:08 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:55:08 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Jill Cohenour

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:58:51

Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230421APHaad\)](#)