

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

Call to Order: Chair Steve Gunderson-R, on April 24, 2023 at 5:19 PM, in Room 172

ROLL CALL

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

Members Excused: Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

HJ 39 04/24/2023

Executive Action:

HJ 39 DO PASS
SB 402 TO TAKE FROM THE
TABLE

17:23:06 Rep. Karlen has arrived
17:24:25 Rep. Cohenour has arrived

HEARING ON HJ 39 - Interim study of wildland fire costs

Opening Statement:

17:20:24 Vice Chair Steve Gist (R), HD 25, opened the hearing on HJ 39, Interim study of wildland fire costs.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

17:22:17 Rep. Gary Parry
17:22:48 Rep. Steve Gist-R
17:24:53 Rep. Gary Parry
17:25:12 Rep. Steve Gist-R
17:25:39 Rep. Marty Malone
17:26:08 Rep. Steve Gist-R
17:26:57 Rep. Marty Malone

Closing Statement:

17:27:07 Vice Chair Steve Gist (R), HD 25, closed the hearing on HJ 39.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 39 - Interim study of wildland fire costs

17:28:44 **Motion:** Vice Chair Steve Gist moved that **HJ 39 DO PASS.**

17:28:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 402 - Allow for firefighter hazard pay

17:31:15 **Motion:** Rep. Ross Fitzgerald moved that **SB 402 TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE.**

17:31:15 **Vote:** Motion failed 6 - 5 by roll call vote with Rep. Cohenour, Rep. Fitzgerald, Rep. France, Rep. Karlen, Rep. Marler, voting yes.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:32:50

LJ Jennings, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230424NAHbad\)](#)