

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Joshua Kassmier-R, on April 25, 2023 at 3:04 PM, in 137

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Joshua Kassmier, Chair (R)  
Rep. Dave Fern, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Fred Anderson (R)  
Rep. Brad Barker (R)  
Rep. James Bergstrom (R)  
Rep. Tony Brockman (R)  
Rep. Julie Dooling (R)  
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)  
Rep. Kenneth Walsh (R)  
Rep. Zack Wirth (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Bob Carter (D)  
Rep. Paul Green (R)  
Rep. Greg Kmetz (R)  
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Marty Malone (R)  
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)  
Rep. Marvin Weatherwax (D)

**Staff Present:** Andria Hardin, Research Analyst  
Rose Harmon, Secretary  
Loran Nelson, 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:

HJ 27 04/21/2023

Executive Action:

HJ 27 DO PASS



**HEARING ON HJ 27 - Request an interim study of ag data collection**

**Opening Statement:**

15:06:06 Rep. Katie Sullivan (D), HD 89, opened the hearing on HJ 27, Request an interim study of ag data collection.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:08:25 Rachel Prevost, Montana Farmer's Union (MFU)

15:10:01 John Semple, Montana Grain Grower's Association

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:11:50 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

15:11:55 Rep. Katie Sullivan

15:13:06 Rachel Prevost, MFU

15:13:30 Rep. Kenneth Walsh

15:13:48 Rachel Prevost, MFU

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15:14:36 Rep. James Bergstrom

15:15:40 Rachel Prevost, MFU

15:16:25 Rep. Fred Anderson

15:17:11 Rachel Prevost, MFU

15:18:00 Vice Chair Dave Fern

15:18:26 Rep. Katie Sullivan-D

15:18:40 Rep. Julie Dooling

15:19:07 Rep. Katie Sullivan-D

**Closing Statement:**

15:20:13 Rep. Katie Sullivan (D), HD 89, closed the hearing on HJ 27.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 27 - Request an interim study of ag data collection**

15:21:57 **Motion:** Rep. Katie Sullivan moved that **HJ 27 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

15:22:05 Rep. Frank Smith

15:23:22 Rep. James Bergstrom

15:22:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 15:24:56

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Rose Harmon, Secretary

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