

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

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones-R, on April 25, 2023 at 3:03 PM, 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. John Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Jane Gillette (R)
Rep. Naarah Hastings (R)
Rep. Lyn Hellegaard (R)
Rep. Connie Keogh (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)

Members Excused: Rep. Terry Falk (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Staff Present: Quinn Holzer, Fiscal Analyst
Julie Johnson, Research Analyst
Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

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:

Executive Action:

SB 516

SB 529 BE CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 516 - Provide for the Preserving Fertility Act

15:04:25 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 516 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

15:04:58 Rep. Terry Moore

15:05:09 Rep. Falk, Rep. Hamilton, and Rep. Hopkins joined the meeting.

15:06:03 Rep. Read joined the meeting.

15:06:35 Rep. Jane Gillette

15:06:36 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter joined the meeting.

15:08:35 Rep. Fiona Nave

15:09:49 Rep. Paul Tuss

15:10:37 Rep. David Bedey

15:11:08 Rep. Bill Mercer

15:04:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 14 - 9 by roll call vote with Rep. Falk, Rep. Fitzpatrick, Rep. Gillette, Rep. Hellegaard, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Moore, Rep. Read, Rep. Regier, Rep. Schillinger, voting no.
Rep. Regier, By Proxy

15:04:25 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Katie Zolnikov

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 529 - Provide property tax exemption for wireless infrastructure

15:15:06 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 529 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

15:17:02 Chair Jones

15:20:07 Jaret Coles, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

15:20:27 Chair Jones

15:21:17 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter

15:22:08 Jaret Coles, LSD

15:22:25 Rep. Jane Gillette

15:23:27 Rep. Bill Mercer

15:24:15 Rep. Fiona Nave

15:24:37 Jaret Coles, LSD

15:27:40 Chair Jones

15:28:38 Rep. Jim Hamilton

15:30:33 Jaret Coles, LSD

15:31:07 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

15:32:05 Rep. Jane Gillette

15:32:53 Chair Llew Jones

15:33:29 Rep. David Bedey

15:35:01 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

15:38:39 Rep. Bill Mercer

15:39:05 Jaret Coles, LSD

15:15:06 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Tom Welch

15:39:59 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 529 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:40:46 Chair Llew Jones

15:41:19 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

15:41:27 Jaret Coles, LSD

15:42:23 Rep. Bill Mercer

15:42:41 Rep. Jane Gillette

15:39:59 **Vote:** Motion carried 18 - 5 by roll call vote with Rep. Gillette, Rep. Mercer, Rep. Nave, Rep. Read, Rep. Regier, voting no.
Rep. Regier, By Proxy

15:44:21 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 529 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:44:34 Chair Llew Jones

15:45:02 Rep. David Bedey

15:45:28 Jaret Coles, LSD

15:44:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:46:52 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 529 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:47:05 Rep. David Bedey

15:47:17 Rep. Jim Hamilton

15:47:33 Rep. David Bedey

15:48:29 Rep. Windy Boy joined the meeting.

15:48:42 Jaret Coles, LSD

15:48:53 Rep. Bill Mercer

15:50:18 Rep. John Fitzpatrick

15:46:52 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:54:54 **Motion:** Rep. John Fitzpatrick moved that **SB 529 BE AMENDED.**

15:54:54 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:55:54 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 529 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:56:03 Rep. Jane Gillette

15:57:13 Chair Llew Jones

15:59:07 Rep. Joe Read

15:55:54 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 10 by roll call vote with Rep. Caferro, Rep. Falk, Rep. Gillette, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Hastings, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Moore, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:04:51

Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230425APHbad\)](#)