

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

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones-R, on April 26, 2023 at 3:10 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. Terry Falk (R)
Rep. John Fitzpatrick (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. Bill Mercer (R)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)

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:

SB 481 04/26/2023

SB 536 04/26/2023

Executive Action:

SB 536 BE CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED

SB 538 BE CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED

SB 481 BE CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED

HEARING ON SB 536 - Provide funding for local government road maintenance

Opening Statement:

15:11:46 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 536, Provide funding for local government road maintenance.

Discussion:

15:12:08 Rep. Hopkins left the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

15:13:49 Larry Flynn, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation (MDT)

15:16:15 Thomas Jodoin, Deputy Director, General Counsel, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

15:17:04 Greg Chilcott, self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:18:00 Rep. Bill Mercer

15:19:16 Larry Flynn, MDT

15:25:00 Rep. Terry Falk

15:25:59 Chair Llew Jones

15:27:05 Larry Flynn, MDT

15:32:26 Rep. David Bedey

15:32:54 Larry Flynn, MDT

15:38:03 Rep. Paul Tuss

15:38:29 Larry Flynn, MDT

Closing Statement:

15:40:22 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, closed the hearing on SB 536.

HEARING ON SB 481 - Require cast vote records

Opening Statement:

15:41:05 Sen. Carl Glimm (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 481, Require cast vote records.

Discussion:

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Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:44:28 Rep. David Bedey

15:44:57 Rep. Lyn Hellegaard

15:45:13 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

15:45:46 Rep. Lyn Hellegaard

15:46:27 Rep. Terry Falk

15:47:22 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy

15:48:21 Rep. Lyn Hellegaard

15:51:44 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

15:52:06 Rep. Lyn Hellegaard
15:53:19 Rep. Jim Hamilton
15:53:35 Rep. Lyn Hellegaard
15:59:40 Rep. Jane Gillette

Closing Statement:

16:00:07 Sen. Carl Glimm (R), SD 6, closed the hearing on SB 481.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 536 - Provide funding for local government road maintenance

16:00:41 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 536 BE CONCURRED IN.**
16:00:41 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Steve Gist
16:01:12 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 536 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:01:34 Vice Chair Mary Caferro
16:02:08 Rep. Hopkins joined the meeting.
16:02:31 Chair Llew Jones
16:04:05 Rep. Terry Falk
16:01:12 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
16:05:05 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 536 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:05:18 Rep. Jerry Schillinger
16:05:05 **Vote:** Motion carried 19 - 4 by roll call vote with Rep. Falk, Rep. Moore, Rep. Nave, Rep. Regier, voting no.
Rep. Regier, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 538 - Generally revise marijuana laws

16:07:02 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 538 BE CONCURRED IN.**
16:07:02 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Bob Carter

16:08:06 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 538 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:09:50 Rep. Lyn Hellegaard

16:12:18 Vice Chair Mary Caferro

16:12:57 Chair Llew Jones

16:08:06 **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.

16:28:30 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 538 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

16:28:30 **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.

16:13:59 **Recessed**

16:25:52 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 481 - Require cast vote records

16:29:37 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 481 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:29:37 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Bob Phalen

16:30:35 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 481 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:30:40 Rep. David Bedey

16:30:42 Rep. Fitzpatrick joined the meeting.

16:32:17 Rep. Jim Hamilton

16:33:44 Rep. Lyn Hellegaard

16:30:35 **Vote:** Motion carried 14 - 9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bedey, Rep. Binkley, Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.

16:35:17 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bob Keenan moved that **SB 481 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:35:33 Rep. Jim Hamilton

16:36:10 Rep. Lyn Hellegaard
16:36:36 Vice Chair Mary Caferro
16:36:53 Rep. Lyn Hellegaard
16:36:59 Vice Chair Mary Caferro
16:37:25 Rep. Paul Tuss
16:37:44 Rep. Lyn Hellegaard
16:35:17 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 10 by roll call vote with Rep. Bedey, Rep. Binkley, Rep. Caferro, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Hopkins, Rep. Keogh, Rep. Kerr-Carpenter, Rep. Stewart Peregoy, Rep. Tuss, Rep. Windy Boy, voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:39:49

Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230426APHaad\)](#)