

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON (H) ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Katie Zolnikov-R, on April 27, 2023 at 12:30 PM, in 472

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Katie Zolnikov, Chair (R)
Rep. Steven Galloway, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Katie Sullivan, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Larry Brewster (R)
Rep. Paul Green (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Kelly Kortum (D)
Rep. Bob Phalen (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Paul Fielder (R)
Rep. Derek Harvey (D)
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)
Rep. Greg Kmetz (R)

Staff Present: Brigitte Bellefleur, Secretary
Trevor Graff, Research Analyst

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 40 04/27/2023

Executive Action:

HJ 40 TO TABLE

12:31:06 **Recessed**

12:35:51 **Reconvened**

HEARING ON HJ 40 - Interim study of cryptocurrency energy impacts

Opening Statement:

12:36:02 Rep. Dave Fern (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HJ 40, Interim study of cryptocurrency energy impacts.

Proponent Testimony:

12:40:35 Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center

[EXHIBIT\(230427FEHa1\)](#)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

12:44:23 Rep. Bob Phalen

12:44:28 Ann Hedges

12:45:35 Rep. Bob Phalen

12:45:37 Ann Hedges

Closing Statement:

12:46:59 Rep. Dave Fern (D), HD 5, closed the hearing on HJ 40.

12:49:47 **Recessed**

12:54:23 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 40 - Interim study of cryptocurrency energy impacts

12:54:33 **Motion:** Vice Chair Steven Galloway moved that **HJ 40 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

12:54:53 Vice Chair Katie Sullivan

12:55:48 Vice Chair Steven Galloway

12:57:03 Rep. Larry Brewster

12:54:33 **Vote:** Motion failed 8 - 5 by voice vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Green, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Sullivan, voting yes.
Rep. Bishop, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Kortum, By Proxy

12:59:20 **Motion:** Vice Chair Steven Galloway moved that **HJ 40 TO TABLE.**

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 13:00:20

Brigitte Bellefleur, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230427FEHaad\)](#)