

MINUTES
MONTANA SENATE
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (S) FISH AND GAME

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Steve Hinebauch-R, on January 12, 2023 at 2:59 PM, in 422

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Steve Hinebauch, Chair (R)
Sen. Bob Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Fox, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Willis Curdy (D)
Sen. Daniel Emrich (R)
Sen. John Fuller (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Mark Noland (R)
Sen. Terry Vermeire (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. Greg Hertz (R)

Staff Present: Joe Kolman, Research Analyst
Casey Pallister, Research Analyst
Lynnette Sena, Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

SB 84 01/09/2023

Executive Action:

SB 58 DO PASS
SB 88 DO PASS
SB 76 DO PASS AS AMENDED

HEARING ON SB 84 - Revise laws related to hunting and aircraft use

Opening Statement:

15:00:48 Sen. Bob Brown (R), SD 13, opened the hearing on SB 84, Revise laws related to hunting and aircraft use.

Discussion:

15:01:18 Sen. Pat Flowers joined the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

15:02:00 Ron Howell, Chief of Enforcement for Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

15:04:04 Katjana Stutzer, Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (BHA)

Opponent Testimony:

15:05:24 Nick Gevock, Endangered Species Coalition

15:08:02 Marc Cooke, Wolves of the Rockies

15:13:16 Amy Seaman, Montana Audubon

15:15:15 KC York, Trap Free Montana Public Lands

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:17:33 Sen. John Fuller

15:17:55 Ron Howell, FWP

15:18:06 Sen. Willis Curdy

15:21:07 Hank Worsech, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

15:21:18 Sen. Steve Hinebauch

15:21:25 Sen. Mike Fox

15:21:46 Hank Worsech, FWP

15:22:05 Sen. Mark Noland

15:23:21 Ron Howell, FWP

15:23:38 Sen. Daniel Emrich

15:24:15 Ron Howell, FWP

15:25:03 Sen. Willis Curdy

15:26:02 Ron Howell, FWP

15:26:32 Sen. Steve Hinebauch

15:26:47 Ron Howell, FWP

15:27:08 Sen. Pat Flowers

15:30:07 Ron Howell, FWP

15:30:16 Sen. Steve Hinebauch

15:30:37 Sen. Willis Curdy
15:31:11 Joe Kolman
15:31:30 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty
15:32:44 Ron Howell, FWP
15:33:13 Sen. Bob Brown

Closing Statement:

15:33:43 Sen. Bob Brown (R), SD 13, closed the hearing on SB 84.
15:36:31 Recessed
15:40:30 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 58 - Increase landowner payment cap for block management

15:40:47 **Motion:** Sen. Bob Brown moved that **SB 58 DO PASS.**
15:40:47 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion:

15:41:35 Sen. Steve Hinebauch

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 88 - Exempt lifetime fishing licenses for the blind from AIS
pass**

15:42:53 **Motion:** Sen. Willis Curdy moved that **SB 88 DO PASS.**
15:42:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion:

15:42:55 Sen. Willis Curdy

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 76 - Remove requirement to attach paper tags to a game
animal carcass**

15:44:11 **Motion:** Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty moved that **SB 76 BE AMENDED.**
15:44:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion:

15:44:18 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty
15:44:39 Sen. Daniel Emrich
15:44:47 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty
15:48:10 Casey Pallister
15:49:01 **Motion:** Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty moved that **SB 76 DO PASS AS
AMENDED.**
15:49:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:49:48

Lynnette Sena, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230112FISaad\)](#)