

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Sen. Steve Hinebauch-R, on January 19, 2023 at 2:41 PM, in 422 - meeting after Senate floor adjourns

**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. Pat Flowers (D)  
Sen. Mark Noland (R)  
Sen. Terry Vermeire (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R)  
Sen. John Fuller (R)  
Sen. Greg Hertz (R)  
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)

**Staff Present:** Casey Pallister, Research Analyst  
Lynnette Sena, Secretary

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**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted:

Executive Action:

HB 73 BE CONCURRED IN  
SB 84 DO PASS AS AMENDED  
SB 85 DO PASS AS AMENDED

**Discussion on HB86:**

14:42:22 Sen. Bob Brown  
14:43:24 Sen. Mark Noland  
14:44:07 Sen. Pat Flowers  
14:44:21 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty joined the meeting.  
14:44:27 Sen. Willis Curdy  
14:44:42 Sen. Greg Hertz joined the meeting.  
14:44:53 Recessed  
14:52:09 Reconvened

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 73 - Repeal surety bond requirements for FWP license agents**

14:52:27 **Motion:** Sen. Bob Brown moved that **HB 73 BE CONCURRED IN.**  
14:52:27 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
14:52:27 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Bob Brown

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 84 - Revise laws related to hunting and aircraft use**

14:54:44 **Motion:** Sen. Bob Brown moved that **SB 84 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

14:55:48 Casey Pallister  
14:57:36 Sen. Bob Brown  
14:54:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
14:58:57 **Motion:** Sen. Bob Brown moved that **SB 84 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**  
14:58:57 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 85 - Require management of delisted grizzly bears at sustainable levels**

14:59:43 **Motion:** Sen. Pat Flowers moved that **SB 85 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

15:01:10 Sen. Pat Flowers

14:59:43 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:02:56 **Motion:** Sen. Bob Brown moved that **SB 85 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

15:03:05 Sen. Willis Curdy

15:03:36 Sen. John Fuller joined the meeting.

15:06:35 Sen. Bob Brown

15:02:56 **Vote:** Motion carried 10 - 2 by roll call vote with Sen. Curdy, Sen. McClafferty, voting no.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 15:08:54

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Lynnette Sena, Secretary

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