

**MINUTES**  
**MONTANA SENATE**  
**68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**  
**COMMITTEE ON (S) NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** Chair Sen. Jeffrey Welborn-R, on January 23, 2023 at 2:52 PM, in 303

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Sen. Jeffrey Welborn, Chair (R)  
Sen. Shane Morigeau, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Walt Sales, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Bob Brown (R)  
Sen. Willis Curdy (D)  
Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R)  
Sen. Mike Lang (R)  
Sen. Jason Small (R)  
Sen. Barry Usher (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Pat Flowers (D)  
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)

**Staff Present:** Jason Mohr, Research Analyst  
Jodi Mott, 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 83 01/19/2023

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON SB 83 - Create western Montana conservation commission**

**Opening Statement:**

14:53:12 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 83, Create western Montana conservation commission.

**Proponent Testimony:**

14:58:35 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor, Governor's Office

15:00:15 Mark Bostrom, Upper Columbia Conservation Commission, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

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15:07:45 Ann Schwend, Sustainable Communities and Planning Advocate

15:10:06 Chris Dorrington, Director, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

15:10:34 Dustin Temple, Deputy Director, Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

15:11:08 Mark Lambrecht, Director, Montana Electrical Cooperatives' Association

15:11:52 Colin Cooney, Trout Unlimited

15:13:07 Onno Wieringa, self

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:16:23 Sen. Willis Curdy

15:18:48 Mark Bostrom, DNRC

15:18:57 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn

15:19:03 Jason Mohr

15:19:38 Sen. Willis Curdy

**Closing Statement:**

15:19:54 Sen. Mike Cuffe (R), SD 1, closed the hearing on SB 83.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 15:21:00

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Jodi Mott, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230123NASaad\)](#)