

MINUTES
MONTANA SENATE
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (S) AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Mike Lang-R, on January 24, 2023 at 3:00 PM, in 335

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Mike Lang, Chair (R)
Sen. Bruce Gillespie, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Susan Webber, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Dan Bartel (R)
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)
Sen. Daniel Salomon (R)
Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Dennis Lenz (R)
Sen. Wendy McKamey (R)
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)

Staff Present: Grace Gibney, Secretary
Trevor Graff, Research Analyst
Heather Vande-Sandt, Attorney

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:

HB 59 01/19/2023

Executive Action:

HB 59

HEARING ON HB 59 - Extend sunset date for livestock loss board and predatory control funding

Opening Statement:

15:22:24 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 59, Extend sunset date for livestock loss board and predatory control funding.

Proponent Testimony:

15:23:24 George Edwards, Livestock Loss Board (LLB)

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15:24:13 Brian Simonson, Department of Livestock (DOL)

15:25:48 Cali Michaels, MT Sheep Growers Association (MSGA)

15:26:40 Rachel Cone, MT Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

15:27:07 Jasmine Krotkov, MT Farmers Union (MFU)

15:27:41 Nick Gevock, Endangered Species Collation (ESC)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:31:14 Sen. Mike Lang

15:31:26 Brian Simonson, DOL

15:34:09 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

15:34:17 George Edwards, LLB

Closing Statement:

15:40:45 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, closed the hearing on HB 59.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 59 - Extend sunset date for livestock loss board and predatory control funding

15:43:05 **Motion:** Sen. Bruce Gillespie moved that **HB 59 BE CONCURRED IN.**

15:43:05 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:43:05 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Bruce Gillespie

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:43:32

Grace Gibney, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230124AGSaad\)](#)