

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

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Steve Hinebauch-R, on January 31, 2023 at 3:23 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. Pat Flowers (D)
Sen. John Fuller (R)
Sen. Greg Hertz (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Terry Vermeire (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Mark Noland (R)

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

HB 74 01/25/2023

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HB 74 - Eliminate requirement to release pheasants from Upland Game
Bird Program**

Opening Statement:

15:25:16 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 74, Eliminate requirement to release pheasants from Upland Game Bird Program.

Proponent Testimony:

15:26:44 Ken McDonald, Administrator, Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

15:26:45 Sen. Mark Noland joined the meeting.

15:30:45 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

15:31:30 Kevin Farron, Montana Chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers (BHA)

15:34:02 Trent Kleppen, Chair, Upland Game Bird Enhancement Program (UGBEP) Advisory Council

15:36:29 Dale Tribby, self

15:37:39 Rick Sojda, UGBEP Advisory Council, Montana Pheasants Forever Program

15:40:01 Jeff Herbert, Montana Sportsman Alliance

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:41:28 Sen. John Fuller

15:41:51 Ken McDonald, FWP

15:42:08 Sen. John Fuller

15:42:12 Ken McDonald, FWP

15:42:31 Sen. Bob Brown

15:43:43 Ken McDonald, FWP

15:45:13 Sen. Bob Brown
15:45:30 Ken McDonald, FWP
15:46:38 Sen. Bob Brown
15:47:06 Ken McDonald, FWP
15:48:22 Sen. Willis Curdy
15:48:46 Ken McDonald, FWP
15:49:59 Sen. Willis Curdy
15:50:05 Ken McDonald, FWP
15:50:49 Sen. Daniel Emrich
15:51:17 Ken McDonald, FWP
15:51:33 Sen. Daniel Emrich
15:52:08 Ken McDonald, FWP
15:52:49 Sen. Bob Brown
15:53:09 Ken McDonald, FWP
15:53:39 Sen. Bob Brown
15:53:57 Ken McDonald, FWP

Closing Statement:

15:54:19 Rep. Ross Fitzgerald (R), HD 17, closed the hearing on HB 74.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:54:51

Lynnette Sena, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230131FISaad\)](#)