

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

Call to Order: Chair Bruce Gillespie-R, on March 30, 2023 at 3:03 PM, in 335

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Mike Lang, Chair (R)
Sen. Bruce Gillespie, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dan Bartel (R)
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Dennis Lenz (R)
Sen. Wendy McKamey (R)
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)
Sen. Daniel Salomon (R)
Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Staff Present: Grace Gibney, Secretary
Trevor Graff, Research Analyst
Devlin Kelly, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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 276 03/14/2023

SB 561 03/29/2023

Executive Action:

HB 276

SB 561 DO PASS

HEARING ON HB 276 - Establish a farm to food bank grant program

Opening Statement:

15:04:53 Rep. Marty Malone (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 276, Establish a farm to food bank grant program.

Proponent Testimony:

15:06:24 Shawna Stephenson, Good Mama Farm

15:08:57 Jasmine Krotkov, Montana Farmers Union (MFA)

15:11:40 Lorianne Burhop, Montana Food Bank Network (MFBN)

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15:15:07 Katie Adams, Teton Valley Foodbank

15:17:25 Ethan Hanley, Associated Students of University of Montana (ASUM)

15:18:28 Heather Bilden, self

15:21:09 Carilla French, District Four Resources Council

15:23:44 Ryan Cremer, Family Service

15:25:11 Maura Henn, Grow Montana

15:27:31 George Peirce, Livingston Food Resource Center

15:28:55 Jamie Quinn, Flathead Food Bank

15:30:41 Andrea Buckingham, Community Food and Agriculture Coalition (CFAC)

15:35:26 Marie Hirsch, Arlee Community Development Corporation

15:38:48 Tate Besser, self

15:40:34 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:43:12 Cort Jensen, Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA)

Questions from Committee:

15:44:01 Sen. Daniel Salomon

15:44:20 Cort Jensen, MDA

15:45:20 Sen. Daniel Salomon

15:46:08 Lorianne Burhop, MFBN

15:48:50 Sen. Dan Bartel

15:49:03 Cort Jensen, MDA

15:50:24 Rep. Marty Malone-R

15:50:54 Sen. Daniel Salomon

15:51:29 Trevor Graff

15:52:12 Vice Chair Bruce Gillespie

15:53:11 Carilla French, District Four Resources Council

15:55:48 Vice Chair Bruce Gillespie

15:56:04 Shawna Stephenson, Good Mama Farm

15:56:39 Sen. Wendy McKamey

15:57:27 Sen. Dan Bartel

15:57:55 Cort Jensen, MDA

16:02:06 Sen. Wendy McKamey

16:02:45 Rep. Marty Malone-R

Closing Statement:

16:03:37 Rep. Marty Malone (R), HD 59, closed the hearing on HB 276.

HEARING ON SB 561 - Create veterinary retail facility permits

Opening Statement:

16:05:51 Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R), SD 18, opened the hearing on SB 561, Create veterinary retail facility permits.

Proponent Testimony:

16:11:05 Nathan Shakelford, Plentywood Food Share

16:16:46 Todd McCabe, self

16:23:44 Representative Brandon Ler, self

16:24:55 Raylee Honeycutt, Montana Stock Growers Association (MSGA)

16:26:08 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)

Opponent Testimony:

16:28:02 Jeanne Rankin, self

16:39:03 Doctor Linda Kauffman, self

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:43:37 Marcie Bough, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee:

16:43:57 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn

16:44:35 Sen. Steve Hinebauch-R

16:46:26 Sen. Daniel Salomon

16:47:10 Nathan Shakelford, Plentywood Food Share

16:48:48 Marcie Bough, DLI

16:52:23 Sen. Shannon O'Brien

16:53:24 Jeanne Rankin, self

16:57:30 Sen. Dan Bartel

16:57:52 Nathan Shakelford, Plentywood Food Share
17:00:21 Vice Chair Bruce Gillespie
17:01:27 Jeanne Rankin, self
17:02:04 Sen. Wendy McKamey
17:02:58 Jeanne Rankin, self
17:05:53 Chair Mike Lang
17:06:14 Marcie Bough, DLI

Closing Statement:

17:10:02 Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R), SD 18, closed the hearing on SB 561.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 276 - Establish a farm to food bank grant program

17:22:03 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bruce Gillespie moved that **HB 276 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

17:22:20 Sen. Shannon O'Brien

17:22:35 Sen. Dan Bartel

17:23:10 Sen. Daniel Salomon

15:29:00 **Vote:** Motion carried 9 - 2 by voice vote with Sen. Lang, Sen. Lenz, voting no.

17:22:03 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Wendy McKamey

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 561 - Create veterinary retail facility permits

17:24:20 **Motion:** Vice Chair Bruce Gillespie moved that **SB 561 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:24:41 Sen. Daniel Salomon

17:25:48 Sen. Ellie Boldman

17:26:03 Sen. Wendy McKamey

17:28:01 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn

17:28:46 Vice Chair Bruce Gillespie

17:30:16 Sen. Wendy McKamey
17:30:19 Trevor Graff
17:30:26 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn
17:30:51 Sen. Daniel Salomon
15:29:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:32:08

Grace Gibney, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230330AGSaad\)](#)