

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

Call to Order: Chair Steve Hinebauch-R, on April 04, 2023 at 3:12 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. John Fuller (R)
Sen. Greg Hertz (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Sen. Terry Vermeire (R)

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

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

HB 419 03/29/2023
HB 440 03/23/2023
HB 456 03/23/2023
HB 600 03/23/2023

Executive Action:

HB 440 BE CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED
HB 438 BE CONCURRED IN

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 440 - Revise campsite reservation system laws

- 14:49:51 **Motion:** Sen. Bob Brown moved that **HB 440 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 15:50:09 **Motion:** Sen. Bob Brown moved that **HB 440 BE AMENDED.**
- 15:50:09 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 15:50:46 **Motion:** Sen. Bob Brown moved that **HB 440 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**
- 15:50:46 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 15:50:46 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Greg Hertz

HEARING ON HB 440 - Revise campsite reservation system laws

Opening Statement:

- 15:13:50 Rep. Steve Gunderson (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HB 440, Revise campsite reservation system laws.

Proponent Testimony:

- 15:16:18 Jeff Herbert, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)
- 15:16:21 Sen. Mark Noland joined the meeting.
- 15:17:23 Anne Jolliff, Wild Montana
- 15:18:27 Colin Cooney, Trout Unlimited
- 15:19:02 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)
- 15:19:29 Hope Stockwell, Administrator of the Parks and Outdoor Recreation Division, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
- 15:19:58 Sen. Pat Flowers joined the meeting.
- 15:20:37 Dale Tribby, self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:22:07 Sen. Greg Hertz
15:22:44 Rep. Steve Gunderson
15:23:02 Sen. John Fuller
15:23:18 Rep. Steve Gunderson
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15:23:54 Hope Stockwell, FWP
15:24:22 Sen. Greg Hertz
15:26:13 Hope Stockwell, FWP
15:26:20 Chair Steve Hinebauch
15:26:33 Hope Stockwell, FWP
15:26:44 Vice Chair Bob Brown
15:28:33 Hope Stockwell, FWP
15:29:12 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty
15:30:16 Hope Stockwell, FWP
15:30:45 Sen. Mark Noland
15:31:11 Hope Stockwell, FWP
15:31:38 Chair Steve Hinebauch
15:31:55 Anne Jolliff, Wild Montana

Closing Statement:

15:32:11 Rep. Steve Gunderson (R), HD 1, closed the hearing on HB 440.

HEARING ON HB 600 - Revise acreage for landowner preference hunting licenses

Opening Statement:

15:33:15 Rep. Marty Malone (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 600, Revise acreage for landowner preference hunting licenses.

15:46:47 **Recessed**

15:47:34 **Reconvened**

HEARING ON HB 456 - Revise FWP super tag program laws

Opening Statement:

15:51:37 Rep. Brandon Ler (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 456, Revise FWP super tag program laws.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

15:53:16 Marcus Strange, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

15:55:31 Dale Tribby, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:56:51 Emily Cooper, Licensing Bureau Chief, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee:

15:57:09 Sen. John Fuller

15:58:21 Emily Cooper, FWP

15:58:28 Vice Chair Bob Brown

15:59:15 Emily Cooper, FWP

15:59:28 Sen. Greg Hertz

16:00:00 Emily Cooper, FWP

16:00:10 Sen. Greg Hertz

16:00:41 Vice Chair Bob Brown

16:01:04 Emily Cooper, FWP

16:01:22 Sen. Daniel Emrich

16:02:15 Rep. Brandon Ler

Closing Statement:

16:02:46 Rep. Brandon Ler (R), HD 35, closed the hearing on HB 456.

HEARING ON HB 419 - Allow bonding for injunctions that prevent hunting or harvesting of game

Opening Statement:

16:03:41 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R), HD 67, opened the hearing on HB 419, Allow bonding for injunctions that prevent hunting or harvesting of game.

16:05:05 Sen. Hertz has left

Proponent Testimony:

16:06:02 Matthew Monforton, Outdoor Heritage Coalition (OHC)

16:10:18 Kris Killorn, Safari Club International (SCI)

16:11:40 Matt Lumley, Montana Trappers Association (MTA)

16:13:31 Mac Minard, Executive Director, Montana Outfitters and Guides Association (MOGA)

Opponent Testimony:

16:15:47 Marc Cooke, Wolves of the Rockies

16:19:30 Jeff Herbert, Montana Sportsmen Alliance (MSA)

16:21:04 KC York, Trap Free Montana Public Lands

16:25:00 Dale Tribby, self

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

16:26:30 Sen. Pat Flowers

16:27:42 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle

16:27:53 Matthew Monforton, OHC

16:28:20 Sen. Pat Flowers

16:30:16 Matthew Monforton, OHC
16:31:20 Sen. Pat Flowers
16:31:58 Chair Steve Hinebauch
16:32:11 Matthew Monforton, OHC
16:33:19 Vice Chair Bob Brown
16:34:22 Matthew Monforton, OHC

Closing Statement:

16:35:47 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R), HD 67, closed the hearing on HB 419.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 438 - Revise public access agreement laws

16:39:19 **Motion:** Sen. Bob Brown moved that **HB 438 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:39:41 Sen. Willis Curdy
16:40:54 Hope Stockwell, Administrator of the Parks and Outdoor Recreation Division,
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)
16:41:22 Sen. John Fuller
16:39:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
16:39:19 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Bob Brown

16:43:18 **Motion:** Sen. Bob Brown moved that HB 522 BE CONCURRED IN.

16:43:59 **Motion:** Sen. Pat Flowers moved that HB 522 BE AMENDED.

16:47:58 **Motion:** Sen. Pat Flowers withdrew motion that HB 522 BE AMENDED.

16:48:02 **Motion:** Sen. Bob Brown withdrew motion that HB 522 BE CONCURRED
IN.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:48:51

Lynnette Sena, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230404FISaad\)](#)