

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Mike Lang-R, on April 06, 2023 at 3:16 PM, in 335

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Members Excused:** Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)  
Sen. Daniel Salomon (R)  
Sen. Susan Webber (D)  
Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R)

**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 487 04/04/2023

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HB 487 - Prohibit seed cleaning/conditioning without declaration**

**Opening Statement:**

15:17:30 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, opened the hearing on HB 487, Prohibit seed cleaning/conditioning without declaration.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:18:48 Gord Pearce, Montana Seed Trade Association (MSTA)

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15:23:40 Tyler Heupel, Montana Seed Trade Association (MSTA)

15:27:15 Mitch Ereaux, Nutrien Ag Solutions

15:29:10 Chad Becker, Treasure State Seed

15:31:14 Krista Lee Evans, Montana Agricultural Business Association (MABA)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

15:32:44 Cort Jensen, Montana Department of Agriculture

**Questions from Committee:**

15:33:36 Sen. Daniel Salomon

15:34:12 Chad Becker, Treasure State Seed

15:34:59 Sen. Dennis Lenz

15:36:09 Mitch Ereaux, Nutrien Ag Solutions

15:44:48 Vice Chair Bruce Gillespie

15:46:00 Chad Becker, Treasure State Seed

15:47:59 Sen. Wendy McKamey

15:48:43 Chad Becker, Treasure State Seed  
15:49:41 Chair Mike Lang  
15:50:22 Tyler Heupel, MSTA  
15:54:28 Chair Mike Lang  
15:54:43 Cort Jensen, Montana Department of Agriculture

**Closing Statement:**

16:01:41 Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R), HD 27, closed the hearing on HB 487.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:04:27

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Grace Gibney, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230406AGSaad\)](#)