

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chair Lee Randall, on March 12, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Lee Randall, Chair (R)
Rep. Christy Clark, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kathleen Williams, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Wylie Galt (R)
Rep. David Halvorson (R)
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)
Rep. Mike Lang (R)
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)
Rep. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Joanne G. Blyton (R)
Rep. Greg Hertz (R)
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: McKenzie Chambers, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 94, 2/26/2013; SB 144, 2/26/2013
Executive Action: SB 252 - Be Concurred In

[EXHIBIT\(agh53a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh53a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh53a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh53a04\)](#)

00:14:25 Rep. Randall

HEARING ON SB 94

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:15:26 Sen. Dee Brown (R), SD 2, opened the hearing on SB 94, Revise laws regarding exchanges between home canners and gardeners.

[EXHIBIT\(agh53a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh53a06\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:17:52 Linda Stoll, Montana's Registered Sanitarians

[EXHIBIT\(agh53a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(agh53a08\)](#)

Informational Testimony:

00:24:46 Jim Murphy, Chief, Communicable Disease Control and Prevention Bureau, Public Health and Safety Division, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

[EXHIBIT\(agh53a09\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:42 Rep. Clark

00:26:00 Jim Murphy, DPHHS

00:26:20 Rep. Clark

00:26:24 Rep. Williams

00:26:45 Sen. D. Brown

00:29:53 Rep. Williams

00:30:31 Sen. D. Brown

00:31:11 Rep. Williams

00:31:15 Sen. D. Brown

00:31:34 Rep. Williams

00:32:02 Sen. D. Brown

00:32:58 Rep. Salomon

00:33:18 Sen. D. Brown

00:33:46 Rep. Salomon

00:34:14 Sen. D. Brown

00:34:59 Rep. Williams

00:35:39 Sen. D. Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:36:11 Sen. D. Brown

HEARING ON SB 144**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:39:02 Sen. Jon Sesso (D), SD 37, opened the hearing on SB 144, Generally revise noxious weed trust fund laws.
00:44:53 Rep. Randall

Proponents' Testimony:

00:45:14 John Moodry, Supervisor, Weed Control, Butte-Silver Bow District, and Mile High Conservation District

EXHIBIT(agh53a10)**EXHIBIT(agh53a11)**

00:51:19 Rep. Blyton joined the meeting.
00:56:44 Sen. Ripley
00:58:19 Steve Johns, Lewis and Clark County Weed District
00:59:21 Jerry Marks, Missoula County Weed District
01:02:16 Maureen Connor, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
01:03:23 Sarah Holden, Mountain Valley Plant Management
01:04:50 Charlie Hahnkamp, Former Chairman, East Binders Stewardship Program, and Former Chairman, Weeds, Resource, Conservation, and Development (RC&D)
01:06:45 Sherry Meador, Smith River Habitat Project (SRHP)
01:07:19 Jim Freeman, Self

EXHIBIT(agh53a12)

01:07:55 Celestine Duncan, Past President, Montana Weed Control Association (MWCA), Member, Montana Noxious Weeds Steering Committee, and First Weed Coordinator, State of Montana
01:08:36 Bryce Christiaens, Manager, Weed District, Missoula Weed County District
01:10:00 Nicole Rolf, Montana Farm Bureau Federation (MFBF)
01:10:42 Ariel Overstreet, Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA), and Montana CattleWomen (MCW)
01:11:53 Jacob Cowgill, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:12:39 Ron de Yong, Director, Montana Department of Agriculture (AGR)

EXHIBIT(agh53a13)

01:27:22 Nico Cantalupo, Member, Montana Noxious Weed Management Advisory Council
01:30:12 Amy Adler, Weed Coordinator, Rosebud County Weed District

EXHIBIT(agh53a14)**EXHIBIT(agh53a15)**

01:34:08 Gary Olsen, Weed Coordinator, Wheatland County Weed District
01:37:41 Rep. Redfield joined the meeting.
01:40:14 Jack Eddie, Weed Coordinator, Beaverhead County Weed District, Beaverhead County Weed Board, and Member, Noxious Weed Management Advisory Council

Informational Testimony:

01:41:17 Shelby DeMars, Montana Weed Control Association (MWCA)
01:43:22 Libbi Lovshin, Administrator, Central Services Division, AGR

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:44:00 Rep. Kerns
01:44:29 Sen. Ripley
01:46:01 Rep. MacDonald
01:46:17 Jacob Cowgill, MFU
01:46:28 Rep. Peppers
01:46:41 Ron de Yong, AGR
01:47:22 Rep. Peppers
01:47:51 Ron de Yong, AGR
01:48:46 Rep. Clark
01:49:53 Ron de Yong, AGR
01:52:18 Rep. Clark
01:52:58 Ron de Yong, AGR
01:53:34 Rep. Clark
01:53:51 Greg Ames, Administrator, Agriculture Sciences Division, AGR
01:57:00 Rep. Clark
01:57:03 Greg Ames, AGR
01:57:18 Rep. Clark
01:57:28 Greg Ames, AGR
01:58:01 Rep. Salomon
01:59:02 Ron de Yong, AGR
02:01:58 Rep. Lynch
02:02:26 Ron de Yong, AGR
02:02:45 Rep. Lynch
02:03:23 Ron de Yong, AGR
02:03:41 Greg Ames, AGR
02:04:46 Rep. Lang
02:05:07 Ron de Yong, AGR
02:05:22 Rep. Lang
02:05:28 Ron de Yong, AGR
02:05:46 Rep. Lang
02:06:15 Jack Eddie, Beaverhead County Weed District
02:06:25 Rep. Lang
02:06:31 Jack Eddie, Beaverhead County Weed District
02:07:05 Rep. Lang
02:07:20 Shelby DeMars, MWCA
02:07:27 Rep. Lang
02:07:47 Ron de Yong, AGR
02:08:06 Rep. Lang
02:08:17 Ron de Yong, AGR
02:09:19 Rep. Lang
02:10:10 Ron de Yong, AGR
02:10:47 Rep. Lang
02:11:17 Ron de Yong, AGR
02:11:33 Greg Ames, AGR

Closing by Sponsor:

02:12:19 Sen. Sesso
02:18:32 Rep. Randall

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 252

02:19:48 **Motion:** Rep. Clark moved that **SB 252 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

02:19:56 Rep. Randall

02:20:09 Rep. MacDonald

02:20:49 Rep. Redfield

02:21:52 Rep. Salomon

02:22:42 Rep. Halvorson

02:23:06 Rep. Randall

02:23:45 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Lynch, Rep. MacDonald and Rep. Pease-Lopez voting no. Rep. Hertz voted by proxy. Rep. Salomon will carry the bill.

02:24:39 Rep. Randall

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:25:20

McKenzie Chambers, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([agh53aad.pdf](#))