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BUSINESS REPORT

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

HOUSE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Date: Friday, January 23, 2015
Place: Capitol

Time: 3:00 PM
Room: 172

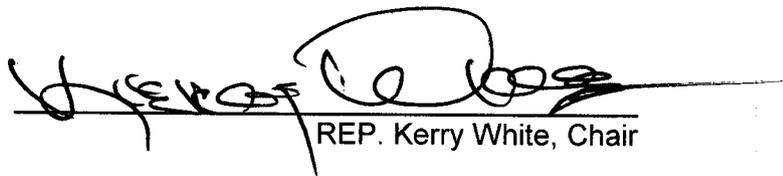
BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

HJ 5 - Study reasonable water use - Rep. Clayton Fiscus
HB 239 - Revise asbestos laws - Rep. Jeff Essmann

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

None Taken

Comments:


REP. Kerry White, Chair



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MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NAT. RESOURCES COMMITTEE

ROLL CALL

| NAME | PRESENT | ABSENT/EXCUSED |
|---------------------------------------|---------|----------------|
| REP. ED LIESER, VICE CHAIRMAN | ✓ | |
| REP. JERRY BENNETT | ✓ | |
| REP. BOB BROWN | ✓ | |
| REP. ZACH BROWN | ✓ | |
| REP. VIRGINIA COURT | ✓ | |
| REP. MARY ANN DUNWELL | | ✓ |
| REP. STEVE FITZPATRICK, VICE CHAIRMAN | ✓ | |
| REP. KELLY FLYNN | ✓ | |
| REP. THERESA MANZELLA | ✓ | |
| REP. NATE MCCONNELL | ✓ | |
| REP. DALE MORTENSEN | ✓ | |
| REP. MARK NOLAND | ✓ | |
| REP. ANDREA OLSEN | | ✓ |
| REP. KEITH REGIER | | ✓ |
| REP. RAY SHAW | | ✓ |
| REP. SCOTT STAFFANSON | ✓ | |
| REP. KATHLEEN WILLIAMS | ✓ | |
| REP. KERRY WHITE, CHAIR | ✓ | |

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January 20, 2015

The State of Montana House of Representatives
Natural Resource House Committee
via email to: SherriRow@mt.gov

RE: House Bill 239

Dear Honorable House of Representatives Natural Resource Committee Members,

Ingraham Environmental, a family firm with over 25 years of experience in the Montana asbestos industry, has had the opportunity to review HB239. We feel that you should join us in ensuring that the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Montana be given the protections that were enacted by a previous Montana Legislature.

The protections in place (i.e. three square or linear feet of asbestos) conforms to the federal Environmental Protection Agencies requirements of 40 C.F.R. 763.91(f); which protects school children and employees from asbestos exposures. Doesn't that same school child or employee continue to deserve the same piece of mind that where they shop, dine or recreate is reasonably safe from asbestos contamination.

The current Montana Code, if properly enforced through well propagated Administrative Rules, is clearer, more concise and in order with protections established by federal agencies. Further, proper use of the Administrative Rule process allows for the department to craft regulatory responses that protect exposure to a known carcinogen. To create a different level of protections in this matter could create unwarranted regulatory confusion leading to increased asbestos exposure of Montana's; or worse Montana children.

Sincerely,

Douglas O. Ingraham
Ingraham Environmental, Inc.