

JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS
NATURAL RESOURCES

February 12, 2024
01:00 PM

Hearing Room H-170

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Michael Dembrow, Co-Chair
Sen. Dick Anderson
Sen. Lew Frederick

Rep. Khanh Pham, Co-Chair
Rep. Vikki Breese-Iverson
Rep. Paul Holvey
Rep. Bobby Levy

MEMBER(S) EXCUSED:

Rep. Emerson Levy

STAFF PRESENT:

Wendy Gibson, Legislative Fiscal Office
Lilah Walsh, Committee Assistant

EXHIBITS:

Exhibits from this meeting are available [here](#)

00:00:35 [Meeting Called to Order](#)

00:00:36 Senator Dembrow, Presiding Co-Chair

00:01:47 [Department of Geology and Mineral Industries Report - ePermitting](#)

00:01:58 Wendy Gibson, Legislative Fiscal Office

00:02:21 Sarah Lewis, Mineral Lands Regulation and Reclamation Program Manager,
Department of Geology and Mineral Industries

00:08:43 Co-Chair Dembrow

00:09:27 Ms. Lewis

00:10:09 Kendra Beck, Chief Financial Office, Department of Administrative Services

00:10:24 Ms. Gibson

00:10:34 MOTION: Co-Chair Pham moves the federal grant application to the Full
Committee with the LFO recommendation to approve the request

00:10:47 VOTE: 7-0-1

Ayes: Sens. Anderson, Debrow, Frederick; Reps. Breese-Iverson, Holvey, B. Levy,

Pham
Exc: Rep. E. Levy
MOTION CARRIES
Carrier: Rep. Pham

00:11:18 **Department of Agriculture Report - Japanese Beetle and Emerging Pests**
00:11:29 Wendy Gibson, Legislative Fiscal Office
00:12:14 Jonathan Sandau, Assistant Director, Department of Agriculture
00:15:01 Chris Benemann, Plant Protection and Conservation Program Director,
Department of Agriculture
00:19:45 Sen. Frederick
00:19:56 Co-Chair Dembrow
00:19:58 Sen. Frederick
00:20:10 Co-Chair Dembrow
00:20:21 Ms. Benemann
00:21:32 Co-Chair Dembrow
00:21:47 Ms. Benemann
00:28:56 Co-Chair Dembrow
00:30:28 Ms. Benemann
00:31:07 Co-Chair Dembrow
00:31:10 Sen. Frederick
00:31:53 Mr. Sandau
00:32:16 Co-Chair Pham
00:32:44 Ms. Benemann
00:34:04 Co-Chair Pham
00:34:09 Ms. Benemann
00:34:20 Co-Chair Dembrow
00:34:28 Ms. Benemann
00:34:40 Rep. Holvey
00:35:07 Ms. Benemann
00:35:47 Rep. Holvey
00:36:20 Co-Chair Dembrow
00:37:05 Ms. Benemann
00:37:45 Sen. Frederick
00:38:15 Sione Filimoehala, Chief Financial Office, Department of Administrative Services
00:38:34 Ms. Gibson
00:38:41 MOTION: Co-Chair Pham moves the report to the Full Committee with the LFO
recommendation to acknowledge receipt
00:38:53 VOTE: 7-0-1
Ayes: Sens. Anderson, Dembrow, Frederick; Reps. Breese-Iverson, Holvey, B.
Levy, Pham
Exc: Rep. E. Levy
MOTION CARRIES
Carrier: Sen. Frederick

00:39:22 Department of Energy Grant - Grid Resilience
00:39:40 Wendy Gibson, Legislative Fiscal Office
00:40:43 Michael Williams, Assistant Director for Central Services, Department of Energy
00:45:15 Rep. B. Levy
00:45:31 Mr. Williams
00:45:57 Rep. B. Levy
00:46:06 Co-Chair Dembrow
00:46:21 Mr. Williams
00:47:10 Co-Chair Dembrow
00:47:29 Mr. Williams
00:47:52 Rep. Holvey
00:48:27 Mr. Williams
00:49:24 Sione Filimoehala, Chief Financial Office, Department of Administrative Services
00:49:37 Ms. Gibson
00:49:47 MOTION: Co-Chair Pham moves the federal application to the Full Committee
with the LFO recommendation to approve the request
00:49:55 VOTE: 7-0-1
Ayes: Sens. Anderson, Debrow, Frederick; Reps. Breese-Iverson, Holvey, B. Levy,
Pham
Exc: Rep. E. Levy
MOTION CARRIES
Carrier: Sen. Dembrow
00:51:14 Michael Williams, Assistant Director Central Services, Department of Energy
00:58:06 Rep. B. Levy
00:58:12 Mr. Williams
00:58:15 Rep. B. Levy
00:58:42 Mr. Williams
00:58:47 Rep. B. Levy
00:58:54 Mr. Williams
00:59:55 Rep. B. Levy
01:00:07 Mr. Williams
01:00:49 Co-Chair Dembrow
01:00:57 Mr. Williams
01:01:26 Co-Chair Dembrow
01:01:55 Mr. Williams
01:03:21 Rep. Breese-Iverson
01:03:40 Mr. Williams
01:05:11 Ms. Gibson

01:05:47 Meeting Adjourned