

House Committee

COMMITTEE MINUTES for NATURAL RESOURCES

Date: *February 17, 2026*

Location: *RM 19*

Convened: *11:10 AM*

Adjourned: *11:20 AM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Wood-CH, Golding-VC, Levin-RM, Andrews, Baeth, Barker, Collins, Fisher, Gearhart, Gjerde, Harris, Hermanson, Jacoby, Judge, Mommsen, Scholten, Smith, Wengryn, Wulf, Zabner

Absent:

Excused: Representative Nielsen

Chair Wood called the Natural Resources committee to order at 11:08 a.m. after both parties arrived from caucus. Roll call was taken, and all members were present, except for Representative Nielsen, who was excused.

The previous meeting minutes were approved.

Chair Wood recognized Representative Collins for opening comments on [HF 2038](#). Representative Gearhart made opening comments. There was an amendment .2407. Representative Collins made comments on amendment .2407. Chair Wood asked if the committee members had any further questions or comments on amendment .2407. There was no discussion. Representative Collins moved amendment .2407. With the yeas appearing to have it, amendment .2425 passed unanimously on a voice note.

Chair Wood asked if the committee members had any further questions or comments on [HF 2038](#) as amended. There was discussion. Representative Collins moved [HF 2038](#) on a roll call vote. With 13 yeas (Representatives Wood, Golding, Andrews, Barker, Collins, Fisher, Gearhart, Harris, Hermanson, Mommsen, Smith, Wengryn, Wulf), 7 nays (Representatives Levin, Baeth, Gjerde, Jacoby, Judge, Scholten, Zabner), and 1 excused (Representative Nielsen), [HF 2038](#) amended, passed, and moves to the floor as a committee bill.

Chair Wood recognized Representative Golding for opening comments on [HSB 713](#). Representative Golding made opening comments. There was an amendment .2655. Representative Golding made comments on amendment .2655. There was discussion. Representative Golding moved amendment .2655. With the yeas appearing to have it, amendment .2655 passed on a voice note.

Chair Wood asked if the committee members had any further questions or comments on [HSB 713](#) as amended. There was no discussion. Representative Golding moved [HSB 713](#) on a roll call vote. With 16 yeas (Representatives Wood, Golding, Levin, Andrews, Barker, Collins, Fisher, Gearhart, Harris, Hermanson, Judge, Mommsen, Smith, Wengryn, Wulf, Zabner), 4 nays (Representatives Baeth, Gjerde, Jacoby, Scholten), and 1 excused (Representative Nielsen), [HSB 713](#) amended, passed, and moves to the floor as a committee bill.

With no further business to come before the Committee, Representative Smith moved to arise at 11:16 a.m.

Representative Devon Wood

Bridgett Murphy, Committee Secretary