

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**Call to Order:** Chair Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, on January 8, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 137 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, Chair (R)  
Rep. Virginia Court, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Alan Doane, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)  
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)  
Rep. Clayton Fiscus (R)  
Rep. Stephanie Hess (R)  
Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill (D)  
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)  
Rep. Sarah Laszloffy (R)  
Rep. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)  
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)  
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)  
Rep. G. Bruce Meyers (R)  
Rep. Matthew Monforton (R)  
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)  
Rep. Zac Perry (D)  
Rep. Andrew Person (D)  
Rep. Randall Pinocci (R)  
Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Keith Regier (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** McKenzie Chambers, Committee Secretary  
Helen Thigpen, Legislative Branch

**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: Agency Presentations, 1/5/2015; HB 134, 1/5/2015; HB 136, 1/5/2015

00:39:54 Chair J. Bennett

[EXHIBIT\(juh04a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(juh04a02\)](#)

### AGENCY PRESENTATIONS

#### Montana Department of Corrections

00:41:23 Mike Batista, Director, Department of Corrections (DOC)

#### Montana Department of Justice

00:48:37 Jon Bennion, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice (DOJ)

[EXHIBIT\(juh04a03\)](#)

#### County Attorneys

00:54:03 Mark Murphy, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA), Montana Association of Chiefs of Police (MACOP), Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA), and Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

[EXHIBIT\(juh04a04\)](#)

00:58:08 Larry Epstein, MCAA, MACOP, and MPPA

00:59:26 Jim Smith, MCAA and MSPOA

#### Courts

01:00:55 Mike McGrath, Chief Justice, Montana Supreme Court

01:04:26 Beth McLaughlin, Court Administrator, Office of the Court Administrator, Montana Supreme Court, and Administrator, Montana Judicial Branch

[EXHIBIT\(juh04a05\)](#)

01:10:52 Mary Phippen, Montana Association of Clerks of District Court and Montana Magistrates Association

[EXHIBIT\(juh04a06\)](#)

#### Office of the Public Defenders

01:12:08 Fritz Gillespie, Chairman, Public Defender Commission, Office of the State Public Defender (OPD)

[EXHIBIT\(juh04a07\)](#)

01:19:57 Chair J. Bennett

01:20:54 Recess

01:38:15 Reconvened

01:38:16 Rep. Hill and Rep. Fiscus absent.

01:38:22 Chair J. Bennett

**HEARING ON HB 134**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:39:37 Rep. Jennifer Eck (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 134, Prohibit a youth from being transferred to adult supervision without a felony.

**EXHIBIT(juh04a08)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:41:28 Adrienne Slaughter, Director, Government Relations, Montana Department of Corrections (DOC)  
01:42:24 Rep. Fiscus rejoined the meeting.  
01:43:52 Larry Epstein, MCAA and MPPA

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:44:56 Rep. Eck  
  
01:45:29 Chair J. Bennett

**HEARING ON HB 136**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:45:58 Rep. Jennifer Eck (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 136, Allow victim notification via email or telephone.

**EXHIBIT(juh04a09)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:46:56 Adrienne Slaughter, DOC  
01:47:37 Larry Epstein, MCAA

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:48:57 Rep. Wagoner  
01:49:43 Adrienne Slaughter, DOC  
01:49:56 Rep. Monforton  
01:50:20 Adrienne Slaughter, DOC

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:50:46 Rep. Eck

01:51:51 Chair J. Bennett

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:53:10

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McKenzie Chambers, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([juh04aad.pdf](#))**