

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Keith Regier, on January 26, 2017 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Keith Regier, Chair (R)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)
Sen. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Sen. Mary Moe (D)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Scott Sales (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Todd Everts, Legislative Branch
Pam Schindler, Committee Secretary

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: HB 59, 1/18/2017; HB 87, 1/18/2017; HB 135, 1/18/2017; HB 65, 1/18/2017

00:00:30 Chairman Regier
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HEARING ON HB 59

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:18 Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 59, Revise appointment of public defender for putative father in neglect cases.

Proponents' Testimony:

None

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:05:26 Sen. Fielder
00:06:12 Rep. Dudik
00:07:01 Sen. Sands
00:07:14 Rep. Dudik
00:08:14 Sen. Moe
00:09:01 Rep. Dudik
00:10:11 Sen. Fielder
00:10:26 Rep. Dudik
00:11:07 Chairman Regier
00:11:12 Rep. Dudik
00:12:25 Sen. Sands
00:13:07 Chairman Regier

Closing by Sponsor:

00:13:15 Rep. Dudik

HEARING ON HB 135

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:14:33 Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 135, Revise Youth Court Act to allow information sharing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:13 John Daugherty, interim deputy director, Department of Corrections
00:19:49 Beth McLaughlin, administrator, Montana Supreme Court (MSC)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:22:07 Sen. Sands
00:22:22 Rep. Dudik
00:22:45 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC
00:23:45 Sen. Gross
00:24:01 Rep. Dudik
00:24:29 Sen. Moe
00:25:15 Ms. McLaughlin
00:27:16 Chairman Regier

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:23 Rep. Dudik

HEARING ON HB 65

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:12 Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 65, Revise budget consultation between public defender offices.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:29:52 Rep. Kimberly Dudik, HD 94

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:30:24 Rep. Holmlund

HEARING ON HB 87

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:31:05 Rep. Kathy Swanson (D), HD 77, opened the hearing on HB 87, Transfer jury list duties from secretary of state to court administrator.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:33:29 Mark Van Alstyne, IT director, Montana Secretary of State

00:34:52 Beth McLaughlin, administrator, Montana Supreme Court (MSC)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:35:25 Sen. Sands

00:35:58 Ms. McLaughlin, MSC

Closing by Sponsor:

00:36:33 Rep. Swanson

00:37:12 Chairman Regier

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:39 A.M.

Pam Schindler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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