

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**Call to Order:** Chair Alan Doane, on January 11, 2019 at 8:00 AM, in Room 137 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Alan Doane, Chair (R)  
Rep. Kathy Kelker, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Barry Usher, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)  
Rep. Barbara Bessette (D)  
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Bob Brown (R)  
Rep. Greg DeVries (R)  
Rep. David Dunn (R)  
Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen (D)  
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)  
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Jasmine Krotkov (D)  
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)  
Rep. Theresa Manzella (R)  
Rep. Terry Moore (R)  
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)  
Rep. Zac Perry (D)  
Rep. Derek Skees (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Abigail Konen, Committee Clerk  
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch  
Joe Carroll, 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: HB 89, 1/3/2019; HB 116, 1/3/2019; HB 117, 1/3/2019

08:03:10 Chair Doane  
08:04:46 Rep. Skees

### **HEARING ON HB 89**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:06:10 Rep. Shane Morigeau (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on HB 89, Revise public defender fees.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

08:07:43 Rhonda Schaffer, Office of Public Defender (OPD)

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

None

#### **Informational Testimony:**

None

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

None

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

08:08:42 Rep. Morigeau

### **HEARING ON HB 116**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:09:20 Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 116, Revise public defender fees.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

08:10:39 Rhonda Schaffer, Office of Public Defender (OPD)

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

08:12:15 Robert Filipovich, Self

08:13:57 SK Rossi, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLU)

#### **Informational Testimony:**

None

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:15:29 Rep. Farris-Olsen  
08:15:46 Rhonda Schaffer, OPD  
08:16:00 Vice Chair Kelker  
08:16:23 Rhonda Schaffer, OPD  
08:16:44 Vice Chair Kelker  
08:17:06 Rhonda Schaffer, OPD  
08:17:34 Rep. Bishop  
08:18:05 SK Rossi, ACLU  
08:18:48 Chair Doane

08:19:05 Rep. Farris-Olsen  
08:19:26 Rhonda Schaffer, OPD  
08:19:46 Rep. Manzella  
08:20:01 Rhonda Schaffer, OPD  
08:20:19 Rep. C. Knudsen  
08:20:53 Rhonda Schaffer, OPD  
08:21:02 Rep. C. Knudsen  
08:21:11 Rhonda Schaffer, OPD  
08:21:30 Chair Doane  
08:22:25 SK Rossi, ACLU  
08:22:43 Chair Doane  
08:22:55 Rhonda Schaffer, OPD  
08:23:11 Chair Doane  
08:23:17 Rhonda Schaffer, OPD  
08:24:05 Vice Chair Kelker  
08:24:50 Rhonda Schaffer, OPD  
08:25:19 Vice Chair Usher  
08:26:14 Rhonda Schaffer, OPD

**Closing by Sponsor:**

08:26:26 Rep. Holmlund

**HEARING ON HB 117**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:28:28 Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB 117, Revise laws relating to eligibility for public defender services.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

08:29:14 Rhonda Schaffer, Office of Public Defender (OPD)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:30:49 Rep. Farris-Olsen  
08:31:09 Rhonda Schaffer, OPD  
08:31:19 Rep. Farris-Olsen  
08:31:31 Rhonda Schaffer, OPD  
08:32:02 Chair Doane  
08:32:24 Rhonda Schaffer, OPD

**Closing by Sponsor:**

08:32:56 Rep. Holmlund

08:34:11 Chair Doane  
08:34:50 Rep. Bishop

08:35:28 Chair Doane  
08:35:36 Rep. Farris-Olsen  
08:36:06 Vice Chair Usher  
08:36:29 Chair Doane

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 08:36:53

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Abigail Konen, Clerk

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([juh05aad.pdf](#))