

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Keith Regier, on March 13, 2019 at 9:00 AM, in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Keith Regier, Chair (R)
Sen. Jennifer Fielder, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Diane Sands, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Bryce Bennett (D)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Sen. Scott Sales (R)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julianne Burkhardt, Legislative Branch
Noah Horan, 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 98, 3/8/2019; HB 238, 3/8/2019; HB 244, 3/8/2019; HB 245, 3/8/2019; HB 322, 3/8/2019

HEARING ON HB 98**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:03:00 Rep. Frank Garner (R), HD 7, opened the hearing on HB 98, Generally revise peace officer statutes.

09:03:03 Sen. Gross entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:04:49 Perry Johnson, Montana Public Safety Officer Standards and Training Council (POST)

09:08:05 Steve Crawford, chief of police, City of Bozeman

09:10:47 Dave Galt, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

09:11:10 Dave Jeseritz, investigations chief, Gambling Control Division, Montana Department of Justice (DOJ)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:13:59 Sen. Fielder

09:14:16 Mr. Johnson, POST

09:14:53 Sen. Fielder

09:15:33 Sen. Gross

09:16:44 Mr. Johnson

09:17:12 Sen. Gross

09:17:30 Mr. Crawford, City of Bozeman

09:18:08 Sen. Gross

09:18:42 Mr. Crawford

09:19:19 Sen. Gross

09:19:40 Mr. Crawford

09:20:05 Sen. Sands

09:20:43 Mr. Crawford

09:22:53 Sen. Sands

09:23:26 Chair Regier

09:23:37 Mr. Johnson

09:24:27 Chair Regier

09:24:33 Mr. Johnson

Closing by Sponsor:

09:24:41 Rep. Garner

HEARING ON HB 322**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:26:25 Rep. John Fuller (R), HD 8, opened the hearing on HB 322, Remove requirement to provide SSN on concealed weapons permit application.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

09:28:36 Dave Galt, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:28:54 Sen. Sands
09:29:14 Mr. Galt, MSPOA
09:29:30 Sen. Sands
09:29:43 Mr. Galt
09:30:29 Sen. Fielder
09:31:03 Rep. Fuller
09:31:46 Sen. MacDonald
09:32:17 Mr. Galt
09:32:22 Sen. MacDonald
09:32:47 Mr. Galt

Closing by Sponsor:

09:33:12 Rep. Fuller

HEARING ON HB 238**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:34:05 Rep. Theresa Manzella (R), HD 85, opened the hearing on HB 238, Revise penalties for false reporting of crimes.

[EXHIBIT\(jus51a01\)](#)**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:36:54 Jackie Jones, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA)
09:41:45 Dave Galt, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)
09:42:17 Perry Johnson, self

09:43:25 President Sales entered the hearing.

Opponents' Testimony:

09:43:39 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)
09:47:57 Sam Forstag, Montana Associated Students
09:50:22 Zuri Moreno, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLU)

Informational Testimony:

09:51:57 Greg Mohr, Montana Magistrates Association (MMA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:52:15 Sen. Sands
09:52:58 Ms. Jones, MCAA
09:53:14 Sen. Sands
09:53:20 Ms. Jones
09:53:26 Sen. Sands
09:54:11 Ms. Jones

09:55:32 Sen. Sands
09:55:47 Ms. Jones
09:56:51 Sen. Sands
09:57:27 Ms. Jones
09:57:36 Sen. Sands
09:58:12 Sen. MacDonald
09:58:26 Ms. Jones
09:58:36 Sen. MacDonald
09:59:13 Ms. Jones
09:59:25 Sen. Fielder
10:00:16 Mr. Johnson, self
10:02:03 Sen. Fielder
10:02:35 Mr. Johnson
10:03:13 Chair Regier
10:03:33 Ms. Young, MCADSV
10:04:25 Chair Regier
10:04:29 Ms. Young
10:04:44 Chair Regier
10:05:04 Ms. Jones
10:07:10 Sen. Sands
10:07:51 Ms. Jones
10:08:47 Sen. Sands
10:09:14 Ms. Jones
10:09:56 Sen. Sands
10:10:28 Ms. Jones
10:11:23 Mr. Mohr, MMA
10:11:38 Sen. Sands
10:12:11 Mr. Mohr
10:12:27 Sen. Fielder
10:12:59 Ms. Young

Closing by Sponsor:

10:14:05 Rep. Manzella

HEARING ON HB 244

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:19:22 Rep. Steve Gunderson (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HB 244, Constitutional amendment to change const. amendment signature requirements.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:24:23 Michael Toppen, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

10:25:19 Stuart Fuller, Montana Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:25:40 Sen. Sands

10:25:58 Rep. Gunderson
10:26:53 Sen. MacDonald
10:27:10 Rep. Gunderson
10:27:31 Sen. MacDonald
10:27:59 Rep. Gunderson

Closing by Sponsor:

10:29:56 Rep. Gunderson

HEARING ON HB 245

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:31:01 Rep. Steve Gunderson (R), HD 1, opened the hearing on HB 245, Constitutional amendment to revise initiative signature requirements.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:32:20 Michael Toppen, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

10:32:48 Stuart Fuller, Montana Secretary of State's Office (SOS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:33:10 Sen. Bennett
10:33:40 Rep. Gunderson

Closing by Sponsor:

10:34:30 Rep. Gunderson

10:35:03 Chair Regier

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:36 AM

Noah Horan, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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