

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Barry Usher, on February 11, 2021 at 8:00 AM, in Room 137
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Barry Usher, Chair (R)
Rep. Kathy Kelker, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Amy Regier, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)
Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R)
Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen (D)
Rep. Frank Fleming (R)
Rep. Tom France (D)
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)
Rep. Brandon Ler (R)
Rep. Bob Phalen (R)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)
Rep. Mallerie Stromswold (R)
Rep. Danny Tenenbaum (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Jane Gillette (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Lydia Balian, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch
Hallie Swain, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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: SB 17, 2/8/2021; SB 127, 2/8/2021; HB 331, 2/8/2021

HEARING ON SB 17**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:04:02 Sen. Jen Gross (D), SD 25, opened the hearing on SB 17, Clarify minors' ability to disaffirm contracts for housing is restricted.

08:05:05 Rep. Gillette joined the meeting. Rep Skees left the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:08:09 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)

08:09:16 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

08:10:42 Sue Runkle, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:12:52 Rep. Fleming

08:13:13 Sen. Gross

Closing by Sponsor:

08:14:39 Sen. Gross

HEARING ON SB 127**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:15:35 Sen. Chris Friedel (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 127, Revise laws on the selection of municipal court judges.

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Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:19:56 Rep. Gillette

08:20:41 Sen. Friedel

08:21:43 Rep. Fleming

08:22:55 Sen. Friedel

08:23:30 Rep. Hawk

08:23:59 Sen. Friedel

08:24:35 Rep. Lenz

08:25:03 Rep. Tenenbaum

08:25:32 Sen. Friedel

08:26:21 Rep. Stafman

08:27:27 Sen. Friedel

Closing by Sponsor:

08:29:29 Sen. Friedel

08:30:28 Brief Recess

08:37:42 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 331

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:37:58 Rep. Casey Knudsen (R), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 331, Requiring legislators to have access to adult and youth correctional facilities.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:40:40 Clemente Arciga, self

08:41:35 Laurie Little Dog, self

Opponents' Testimony:

08:43:12 Nikolas Griffith, Boyd Andrew Community Services

Informational Testimony:

08:44:29 Director Brian Gootkin, Department of Corrections (DOC)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

08:45:02 Rep. Fleming

08:45:22 Nikolas Griffith, Boyd Andrew Community Services

08:45:57 Rep. Fleming

08:47:48 Rep. C. Knudsen

08:48:45 Rep. J. Hinkle

08:50:18 Nikolas Griffith, Boyd Andrew Community Services

08:50:38 Rep. Skees

08:52:06 Rep. C. Knudsen

Closing by Sponsor:

08:52:54 Rep. C. Knudsen

08:56:57 Rep. J. Hinkle

08:57:31 Chair Usher

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 08:57:59

Lydia Balian, Secretary

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