

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Barry Usher, on April 9, 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. Ed Stafman (D)
Rep. Danny Tenenbaum (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Jane Gillette (R)
Rep. Bob Phalen (R)
Rep. Derek Skees (R)
Rep. Mallerie Stromswold (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HR 7, 4/8/2021
Executive Action on: HR 7

HEARING ON HR 7**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:01:06 Rep. Sue Vinton (R), HD 56, opened the hearing on HR 7, House resolution authorizing intervention in SB 140 legal proceedings.

09:01:12 Rep. Gillette joined the meeting. Rep. Lenz left the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

09:03:29 Bruce Spencer, State Bar of Montana

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:03:49 Vice Chair Kelker

09:04:13 Bruce Spencer, State Bar of Montana

Closing by Sponsor:

09:05:31 Rep. Vinton

09:05:18 Rep. Hawk left the meeting.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HR 7

09:05:57 **Motion:** Rep. A. Regier moved that **HR 7 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

09:06:18 Rep. France

09:07:58 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bishop moved that **HR 7 BE AMENDED**. Motion failed 7-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. France, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Kelker, Rep. Stafman and Rep. Tenenbaum voting aye. Rep. Hawk, Rep. Lenz, Rep. Phalen, Rep. Skees and Rep. Stromswold voted by proxy.

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09:11:33 Rep. Stafman

09:14:44 Rep. Tenenbaum

09:14:54 Rep. Phalen joined the meeting.

09:16:11 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. France, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Kelker, Rep. Stafman and Rep. Tenenbaum voting no. Rep. Hawk, Rep. Lenz, Rep. Skees and Rep. Stromswold voted by proxy.

09:17:15 Chair Usher

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:18:49

Lydia Balian, Secretary

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