

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Keith Regier, on January 6, 2021 at 9:00 AM, in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Keith Regier, Chair (R)
Sen. Tom McGillvray, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Bryce Bennett (D)
Sen. Bob Brown (R)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Chris Friedel (R)
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)
Sen. Theresa Manzella (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Diane Sands, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julianne Burkhardt, Legislative Branch
Taylor Tyson, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Jacelyn Sterling, 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: SB 19, 12/28/2020; SB 47, 12/28/2020; SB 50, 12/28/2020

Committee Business:

09:02:04 Chair Regier
09:03:04 Sen. Brown
09:03:14 Chair Regier
09:03:25 Sen. Sands
09:04:19 Chair Regier
09:04:46 Jacelyn Sterling, committee secretary
09:05:45 Chair Regier

HEARING ON SB 47**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:06:05 Sen. Ryan Lynch (D), SD 37, opened the hearing on SB47, Generally revise laws related to DOC commits.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:08:19 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana County Attorneys Association, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers
09:09:37 Jessie Luther, Community Counseling and Correction Services
09:10:37 Shelby DeMars, Montana Police Protective Association
09:12:06 May Simmons, self

[EXHIBIT\(jus03a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

09:14:14 Brian Gootkin, director, Department of Corrections (COR)
09:14:51 Megan Coy, bureau chief, COR

Additional Written Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(jus03a02\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:15:24 Sen. Brown
09:16:50 Sen. Lynch
09:17:11 Sen. Bennett
09:17:22 Sen. Gross
09:18:58 Sen. Lynch
09:19:48 Sen. Gross
09:20:15 Ms. Coy, COR
09:20:41 Sen. McGillvray
09:21:16 Ms. Simmons
09:23:58 Sen. Manzella
09:24:24 Sen. Lynch
09:24:46 Chair Regier
09:25:24 Sen. Lynch
09:25:33 Chair Regier
09:25:47 Mr. Gootkin, COR
09:26:13 Sen. Sands
09:28:50 Sen. Lynch

09:29:57 Sen. Webber
09:30:43 Ms. Coy
09:31:18 Sen. Gross
09:32:06 Sen. Lynch
09:33:14 Sen. Gross

Closing by Sponsor:

09:33:45 Sen. Lynch

HEARING ON SB 50

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:34:45 Sen. Diane Sands (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB50, Revise membership of the Board of Crime Control.

[EXHIBIT\(jus03a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

09:42:52 Kelsen Young, executive director, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

[EXHIBIT\(jus03a04\)](#)

09:46:58 May Simmons, self

[EXHIBIT\(jus03a05\)](#)

Additional Written Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(jus03a06\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

09:50:26 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA); Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

09:52:39 Adrienne Cotton, Montana Board of Crime Control (MBCC)

Informational Testimony:

09:54:22 Brian Gootkin, director, Department of Corrections (COR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:54:47 Sen. Brown
09:58:05 Sen. Sands
09:59:28 Sen. Webber
09:59:52 Ms. Cotton, MBCC
10:00:08 Sen. Webber
10:02:29 Ms. Gilbertson, MCAA, MSPOA
10:02:50 Chair Regier
10:03:06 Sen. Webber
10:03:24 Sen. Manzella
10:04:01 Mr. Gootkin, COR
10:04:20 Sen. Manzella
10:04:28 Mr. Gootkin
10:04:33 Sen. Manzella
10:05:14 Chair Regier

10:05:25 Sen. Manzella
10:05:35 Mr. Gootkin
10:05:50 Sen. Manzella
10:06:27 Ms. Cotton

Closing by Sponsor:

10:07:56 Sen. Sands

10:13:14 Chair Regier turned the duties of the Chair over to Vice Chair McGillvray.

HEARING ON SB 19**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:13:30 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB19, Revise staffing and structure of Board of Crime Control.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:16:47 Alan Doane, Department of Justice
10:17:12 Shelby DeMars, Montana Police Protective Association
10:18:42 Adrienne Cotton, Montana Board of Crime Control
10:21:07 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association; Montana County Attorneys Association

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

10:22:42 Natalia Bowser, bureau chief, Department of Corrections

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:23:08 Sen. Friedel
10:24:35 Sen. Regier

Closing by Sponsor:

10:25:11 Sen. Regier

10:25:30 Sen. Regier resumed the duties of the Chair.

Committee Business:

10:26:14 Julianne Burkhardt, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
10:27:00 Chair Regier
10:28:57 Ms. Burkhardt, LSD
10:29:37 Chair Regier
10:29:44 Sen. Sands
10:31:11 Ms. Burkhardt
10:33:42 Sen. McGillvray
10:33:58 Ms. Burkhardt
10:34:41 Sen. Gross
10:35:52 Chair Regeir
10:36:15 Taylor Tyson, remote meeting coordinator
10:36:26 Chair Regier

10:36:57 Sen. Manzella
10:37:24 Jacelyn Sterling, committee secretary
10:38:06 Sen. Webber
10:38:17 Chair Regier
10:38:22 Sen. Hinebauch
10:38:31 Chair Regier
10:39:05 Sen. Friedel

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:39 AM

Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jus03aad.pdf](#))