

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Keith Regier, on January 13, 2021 at 9:00 AM, in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee:

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. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)
Sen. Theresa Manzella (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Diane Sands, Vice Chair (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 69, 1/7/2021; SB 68, 1/7/2021; SB 67, 1/7/2021

HEARING ON SB 67**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:02:05 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB67, Revise laws pertaining to law enforcement.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:04:05 Brian Thompson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association
09:05:40 Jesse Slaughter, Cascade County sheriff, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association
09:07:42 Mike Linder, Yellowstone County sheriff

[EXHIBIT\(jus08a01\)](#)

09:08:44 Jessie Luther, Association of Montana Troopers

Opponents' Testimony:

09:10:01 Travis McAdam, Montana Human Rights Network

[EXHIBIT\(jus08a02\)](#)**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:13:16 Sen. Manzella
09:13:53 Sen. Fitzpatrick
09:14:43 Sen. Gross
09:15:38 Mr. Linder, Yellowstone County
09:15:58 Sen. Bennett
09:16:21 Sen. Fitzpatrick

Closing by Sponsor:

09:16:42 Sen. Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON SB 68**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:17:44 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB68, Provide homestead exemption for a revocable trust.

Proponents' Testimony: None**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:20:29 Sen. Brown
09:21:00 Sen. Fitzpatrick
09:21:36 Chair Regier
09:21:45 Sen. Fitzpatrick
09:22:19 Sen. Hinebauch

09:22:32 Sen. Fitzpatrick
09:23:09 Sen. Hinebauch
09:23:18 Chair Regier
09:23:22 Sen. Regier
09:23:28 Sen. McGillvray
09:23:45 Sen. Fitzpatrick

Closing by Sponsor:

09:24:06 Sen. Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON SB 69

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

09:24:27 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB69, Revise settlement laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:27:09 Mark Noennig, Billings
[EXHIBIT\(jus08a03\)](#)

Additional testimony received:

[EXHIBIT\(jus08a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:31:17 Chair Regier
09:31:32 Sen. Fitzpatrick

Closing by Sponsor:

09:31:51 Sen. Fitzpatrick

Committee Business:

09:33:20 Chair Regier
09:32:52 Sen. Gross
[EXHIBIT\(jus08a05\)](#)

09:34:09 Chair Regier
09:34:24 Sen. Sands
09:34:41 Chair Regier
09:34:50 Julianne Burkhardt, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
09:35:11 Sen. Gross
09:35:25 Ms. Burkhardt, LSD
09:36:01 Chair Regier

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:36 AM

Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jus08aad.pdf](#))