

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Keith Regier, on February 4, 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: HB 171, 1/27/2021; HB 136, 1/27/2021

Committee Business:

09:01:41 Sen. Sands

HEARING ON HB 171**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:02:28 Rep. Sharon Greef (R), HD 88, opened the hearing on HB171, Adopt the Montana Abortion-Inducing Drug Risk Protocol Act.

Proponents' Testimony:

09:06:36 Ingrid Skop, doctor, San Antonio TX

[EXHIBIT\(jus24a01\)](#)

09:14:49 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation

09:18:54 Carolyn Truscott, Helena

09:20:32 Sharon Nason, president, Pro Life Helena

[EXHIBIT\(jus24a02\)](#)

09:23:20 Katline Ruch, president, Students for Life Pro Life Helena

09:25:15 Cathy Carlson, Pro Life Helena

09:27:50 Garrett Bacon, East Helena

09:28:40 Gilda Clancy, citizen

09:29:12 Raye Newmeyer, citizen

09:29:40 Donna Elford, citizen

09:32:27 Matthew Brower, executive director, Montana Catholic Conference

[EXHIBIT\(jus24a03\)](#)

09:34:17 Katie Glenn, Government Affairs Council, Americans United for Life

[EXHIBIT\(jus24a04\)](#)**Additional Testimony Received:**[EXHIBIT\(jus24a05\)](#)**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:37:03 Kelsen Young, executive director, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

09:43:08 Ada Montague, Missoula

[EXHIBIT\(jus24a06\)](#)

09:44:17 Caitlin Borgmann, executive director, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

[EXHIBIT\(jus24a07\)](#)

09:51:00 SJ Howell, executive director, Montana Women Vote, Montana Reproductive Rights

[EXHIBIT\(jus24a08\)](#)

09:53:35 Jan Strout, president, Montana Chapter, National Organization for Women

[EXHIBIT\(jus24a09\)](#)

09:56:22 Sandra Burch, Hamilton
[EXHIBIT\(jus24a10\)](#)

09:58:27 Rebecca Frucht, Livingston
[EXHIBIT\(jus24a11\)](#)

10:00:36 Martha Stahl, president, CEO, Planned Parenthood of Montana
[EXHIBIT\(jus24a12\)](#)

10:04:18 Nicole Smith, doctor, Susan Wicklund Fund; Montanans for Choice
[EXHIBIT\(jus24a13\)](#)

10:08:29 Ann Truesdell, Montana National Association of Social Workers
[EXHIBIT\(jus24a14\)](#)

10:09:24 Hayden Ramsey

Additional Testimony Received:
[EXHIBIT\(jus24a15\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:12:01 Sen. Manzella
10:15:29 Rep. Greef
10:16:02 Sen. McGillvray
10:16:39 Ms. Skop, doctor
10:18:33 Sen. McGillvray
10:19:42 Ms. Young, MCADSV
10:20:09 Ms. Stahl, Planned Parenthood
10:20:43 Sen. Sands
10:21:17 Ms. Stahl
10:22:39 Sen. Brown
10:23:18 Rep. Greef

Closing by Sponsor:

10:23:31 Rep. Greef

HEARING ON HB 136

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

10:25:26 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R), HD 22, opened the hearing on HB136,
Establish pain-capable unborn child protection act.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:32:05 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation
10:35:29 Robin Pierucci, Charlotte Lozier Institute
[EXHIBIT\(jus24a16\)](#)

10:41:05 Cathy Carlson, Pro Life Helena

10:45:45 Sharon Nason, president, Pro Life Helena

[EXHIBIT\(jus24a17\)](#)

10:47:19 Caroline Truscott, Pro Life Helena

10:48:47 Donna Elford, citizen

10:51:30 Dirk Nelson, citizen

10:53:36 Raye Newmeyer, citizen

10:54:17 Katlin Ruch, president, Students for Life, Pro Life Helena

10:56:04 Garrett Bacon, East Helena

10:57:11 Matthew Brower, executive director, Montana Catholic Conference

[EXHIBIT\(jus24a18\)](#)

10:59:28 Katie Glenn, Americans United for Life

[EXHIBIT\(jus24a19\)](#)

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(jus24a20\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

11:00:59 Laurel Hesse, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

11:03:58 Laura Terrill, Planned Parenthood

[EXHIBIT\(jus24a21\)](#)

11:07:03 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
(MCADSV)

[EXHIBIT\(jus24a22\)](#)

11:07:58 Grace Benasutti, Forward Montana

[EXHIBIT\(jus24a23\)](#)

11:09:21 Nicole Smith, Missoula

[EXHIBIT\(jus24a24\)](#)

11:10:50 Deb Fassnacht, Missoula

[EXHIBIT\(jus24a25\)](#)

11:16:19 SJ Howell, Montana Women Vote

[EXHIBIT\(jus24a26\)](#)

11:17:20 Katelyn Thornton, Bozeman

[EXHIBIT\(jus24a27\)](#)

11:19:19 Katharine Kajawa, Bozeman

[EXHIBIT\(jus24a28\)](#)

11:24:31 Willa Fouts, Bozeman

[EXHIBIT\(jus24a29\)](#)

11:26:47 Maggie Bornstein, Missoula

[EXHIBIT\(jus24a30\)](#)

11:29:59 Rebecca Frucht, Livingston

[EXHIBIT\(jus24a31\)](#)

11:32:35 Ann Truesdell, National Association of Social Workers - Montana

[EXHIBIT\(jus24a32\)](#)

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(jus24a33\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

11:33:47 Chair Regier

11:34:03 Ms. Smith, Missoula

11:34:10 Chair Regier

11:34:17 Ms. Smith

Closing by Sponsor:

11:34:34 Rep. Galloway

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:38 AM

Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jus24aad.pdf](#))