

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Keith Regier, on April 20, 2021 at 10:00 A.M., 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. John Esp (R)
Sen. Chris Friedel (R)
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)
Sen. Theresa Manzella (R)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

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

Members Excused:

Sen. Bob Brown (R)

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: SJ 26, 4/14/2021

Executive Action: SJ 26 Do Pass

HEARING ON SJ 26**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:01:15 Sen. Diane Sands (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SJ26, Interim study of the women's prison.

Proponents' Testimony:

10:06:12 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana
10:07:19 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
10:09:47 May Simmons, Polson
10:14:01 Patrick Yawakie, Black Feet Tribe (BFT)

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

10:17:34 Brian Gootkin, director, Department of Corrections (DOC)
10:17:54 Gayle Butler, DOC
10:18:16 Jennie Hansen, warden, Montana Women's Prison, DOC

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

10:18:35 Chair Regier
10:18:52 Sen. Sands
10:19:29 Chair Regier
10:19:38 Julianne Burkhardt, Legislative Services Division
10:19:55 Chair Regier
10:22:35 Mr. Yawakie, BFT
10:23:40 Sen. Webber
10:24:05 Sen. Sands
10:24:30 Mr. Gootkin, DOC
10:25:02 Sen. Webber

10:26:05 Sen. Hinebauch and Sen. McGillvray left the meeting.

10:27:32 Ms. Hansen, DOC
10:27:57 Chair Regier
10:28:02 Cynthia Wolken, deputy director, DOC
10:28:17 Sen. Webber
10:28:29 Ms. Wolken

10:29:10 Sen. Gross left the meeting.

10:31:05 Sen. Webber
10:31:19 Ms. Wolken
10:32:41 Chair Regier
10:33:12 Ms. Hansen

Closing by Sponsor:

10:35:10 Sen. Sands

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 26

10:38:07

Motion/Vote: Sen. Sands moved that **SJ 26 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Brown, Sen. Gross, Sen. Hinebauch and Sen. McGillvray voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:39 AM

Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

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