

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

**Call to Order:** Chair Keith Regier, on April 28, 2021 at 8:30 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. Diane Sands, Vice Chair (D)  
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. Susan Webber (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Joe Carroll, 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: HJ 29, 4/27/2021; HJ 47, 4/27/2021; HJ 48, 4/27/2021

Executive Action: HJ 29 Be Concurred In; HJ 47 Be Concurred In; HJ 48 Be Concurred In

**HEARING ON HJ 47**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:30:40 Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R), HD 43, opened the hearing on HJ47, Request interim study and audit of educational programs for incarcerated.

[EXHIBIT\(jus81a01\)](#)

08:30:45 Sen. Friedel entered the meeting.

08:32:26 Sen. Gross entered the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:38:11 Sen. Sands

08:38:31 Rep. Seekins-Crowe

08:38:50 Sen. Sands

08:39:03 Rep. Seekins-Crowe

**Closing by Sponsor:**

08:39:34 Rep. Seekins-Crowe

**HEARING ON HJ 29**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:40:04 Rep. Neil Duram (R), HD 2, opened the hearing on HJ29, Study of victim services and funding in Montana.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

08:42:03 Natalia Bowser, bureau chief, Board of Crime Control, Department of Corrections (DOC)

08:46:19 Brian Thompson, Montana County Attorneys' Association; Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association

08:46:55 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

08:49:26 Benjamin Halverson, City of Billings; Violence Against Women Act

[EXHIBIT\(jus81a02\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

08:51:12 Sen. Friedel

08:51:47 Mr. Halverson, Billings

08:52:19 Sen. Manzella

08:52:48 Ms. Bowser, DOC

08:52:59 Sen. Manzella  
08:53:15 Ms. Bowser  
08:54:28 Sen. Manzella  
08:54:35 Ms. Bowser  
08:54:56 Sen. Manzella  
08:55:04 Ms. Bowser  
08:55:41 Chair Regier  
08:55:57 Ms. Bowser  
08:56:24 Chair Regier  
08:56:30 Sen. Sands  
08:56:41 Ms. Bowser  
08:56:56 Sen. Sands  
08:57:40 Ms. Bowser  
  
08:57:45 Sen. Brown and Sen. Hinebauch entered the meeting.  
  
08:57:53 Sen. Sands  
08:58:08 Ms. Bowser  
08:58:36 Sen. Sands  
08:59:03 Ms. Bowser  
08:59:32 Sen. Sands  
09:00:18 Ms. Bowser  
09:00:26 Sen. Gross  
09:01:06 Ms. Young, MCADSV  
09:02:48 Sen. Gross  
09:03:21 Mr. Halverson  
09:04:15 Sen. Gross  
09:04:59 Ms. Bowser

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:06:23 Rep. Duram

**HEARING ON HJ 48****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:09:48 Rep. Katie Sullivan (D), HD 89, opened the hearing on HJ48, Interim study of facial recognition technology.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:13:55 Sen. Sands  
09:14:27 Rep. Sullivan  
09:15:07 Sen. Sands  
09:15:40 Rep. Sullivan  
09:15:57 Sen. Friedel

09:16:24 Rep. Sullivan  
09:17:30 Sen. Friedel  
09:17:49 Rep. Sullivan  
09:17:52 Sen. Manzella  
09:18:17 Rep. Sullivan  
09:19:07 Sen. Manzella  
09:19:24 Chair Regier  
09:20:01 Rep. Sullivan  
09:20:51 Chair Regier  
09:20:58 Sen. McGillvray  
09:21:10 Rep. Sullivan

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:22:34 Rep. Sullivan

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 47**

09:23:23 Chair Regier

09:23:28 **Motion:** Sen. McGillvray moved that **HJ 47 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

09:23:36 Sen. Sands  
09:24:03 Chair Regier  
09:24:23 Sen. Sands

09:25:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Sands will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 29**

09:25:55 **Motion:** Sen. McGillvray moved that **HJ 29 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

09:26:03 Sen. Sands  
09:27:08 Chair Regier  
09:27:17 Sen. Gross  
09:27:39 Sen. McGillvray  
09:27:47 Sen. Gross  
09:28:13 Chair Regier  
09:28:32 Sen. Gross  
09:29:08 Sen. Sands  
09:29:51 Chair Regier  
09:29:58 Sen. Sands  
09:30:07 Sen. McGillvray  
09:30:43 Sen. Sands

09:31:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Gross will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 48**

09:32:22     **Motion/Vote:** Sen. McGillvray moved that **HJ 48 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Friedel will carry the bill.

**Committee Business:**

09:33:02     Chair Regier  
09:33:09     Sen. Esp  
09:33:48     Sen. Sands  
09:33:58     Chair Regier  
09:34:04     Sen. Sands  
09:34:09     Chair Regier

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 9:34 AM

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Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([jus81aad.pdf](#))**