

**MINUTES**  
**MONTANA SENATE**  
**68th LEGISLATURE - SPECIAL SESSION**  
**COMMITTEE ON (S) JUDICIARY**

**Call to Order:** Chair Sen. Keith Regier-R, on May 09, 2022 at 2:28 PM, in Room 303

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** 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)  
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

**Staff Present:** Julianne Burkhardt, Research Analyst  
Nadine Spencer, 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 14 05/09/2022

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON SB 14**

**Opening Statement:**

14:29:09 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3 opened the hearing on SB 14, Revise laws relating to the judiciary.

**Proponent Testimony:**

14:29:54 Kristen Juras, Lt. Gov.  
[EXHIBIT\(220509JUSa1\)](#)

14:30:13 Mark Parker, citizen

14:30:38 Henry Kriegel, Americans for Prosperity Montana

14:31:05 Richard Cebull, Billings

14:31:22 John Brenden, Scobey

14:31:36 Additional Testimony,  
[EXHIBIT\(220509JUSa2\)](#)

**Opponent Testimony:**

14:31:59 John Brown, Gallatin County

14:32:23 Ed Bartlett, State Bar of Montana  
[EXHIBIT\(220509JUSa3\)](#)

14:33:05 Bruce Spencer, Montana State Bar  
[EXHIBIT\(220509JUSa4\)](#)

14:33:28 Greg Dorrington, Defense Lawyers Association

14:33:58 Sam Forstag, ACLU

14:34:17 Greg Todd, Judges Association  
[EXHIBIT\(220509JUSa5\)](#)

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

14:35:05 Sen. Diane Sands

14:35:05 Sen. Chris Friedel

14:35:06 Sen. Susan Webber

14:35:12 Sen. Steve Hinebauch

14:35:12 Sen. Bob Brown

14:35:13 Sen. Tom McGillvray

14:35:14 Sen. Jen Gross

**Closing Statement:**

14:35:20 Sen. Regier closed the hearing on SB 14.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 14:35:35

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Nadine Spencer, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(220509JUSaad\)](#)