

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

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Keith Regier-R, on May 16, 2022 at 11:26 AM, 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:

HJ 1 05/16/2022

Executive Action:

HJ 1 BE CONCURRED IN
HJ 1

HEARING ON HJ 1

Opening Statement:

11:26:57 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 81, opened the hearing on HJ 1, Study criminal proceedings and commitment of people with mental illness.

Proponent Testimony:

11:27:08 Matt Kuntz, NAMI Montana

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11:28:02 Dr. Gary Mihelish, citizen

11:28:47 Brian Gootkin, director, Department of Corrections

11:29:15 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

11:29:37 Jennifer Preble, citizen

11:29:56 Nancy Leifer, League of Women Voters Montana

11:30:29 Zach Brown, Gallatin County Commission

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

11:26:59 Exhibit 1

11:32:20 Sen. Bryce Bennett

11:32:23 Rep. Mary Caferro-D

11:32:27 Mr. Kuntz

11:32:42 Sen. Bryce Bennett

11:32:45 Rep. Mary Caferro-D

Closing Statement:

11:33:02 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 81, closed the hearing on HJ 1.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 1

- 11:33:48 **Motion:** Sen. Diane Sands moved that **HJ 1 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 11:33:48 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 11:33:48 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Bryce Bennett

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:34:37

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(220516JUSaad\)](#)