

**MINUTES**  
**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**  
**COMMITTEE ON (H) JUDICIARY**

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Amy Regier-R, on January 03, 2023 at 8:02 AM, in 137

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Amy Regier, Chair (R)  
Rep. Laurie Bishop, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Brandon Ler, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R)  
Rep. Lee Deming (R)  
Rep. Neil Duram (R)  
Rep. Jodee Etchart (R)  
Rep. Tom France (D)  
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)  
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R)  
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)  
Rep. SJ Howell (D)  
Rep. Greg Kmetz (R)  
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)  
Rep. Wayne Rusk (R)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)  
Rep. Laura Smith (D)  
Rep. Zooley Zephyr (D)

**Staff Present:** Jamie Van Valkenburg, Secretary  
Rachel Weiss, Research Analyst

**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 18 12/22/2022

Executive Action:

**Committee Discussion:**

08:03:03	Rachel Weiss
08:04:46	Jamie Van Valkenburg
08:04:58	Maddie Krezowski
08:05:14	Craig Myers
08:05:30	Rep. Amy Regier
08:05:38	Rep. Brandon Ler
08:05:56	Rep. Braxton Mitchell
08:06:01	Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway
08:06:23	Rep. Laura Smith
08:06:39	Rep. Jennifer Carlson
08:07:05	Rep. Caleb Hinkle
08:07:09	Rep. Neil Duram
08:07:39	Rep. SJ Howell
08:07:58	Rep. Donavon Hawk
08:08:14	Rep. Zooey Zephyr
08:08:28	Rep. Lee Deming
08:08:45	Rep. Tom France
08:09:10	Rep. Casey Knudsen
08:09:37	Rep. Jodee Etchart
08:09:43	Rep. Greg Kmetz
08:09:57	Rep. Wayne Rusk
08:10:19	Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
08:10:24	Rep. Wayne Rusk

08:10:27 Rep. Laurie Bishop

08:22:10 **Motion:** Rep. Knudsen moved to allow proxy voting.  
**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

08:24:25 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Carlson moved to adopt informational witnesses only testify when asked during committee questions. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

08:25:25 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Knudsen moved to adopt rules as amended. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Committee Discussion:**

08:27:29 Bruce Spencer

08:28:00 Jeff Laszloffy

08:30:27 Shelby DeMars

08:31:39 SK Rossi

08:32:57 Keegan Medrano

08:33:09 Maggie Bornstein

08:34:45 Karen Alley

08:35:40 Shawn Reagor

08:41:16 Rachel Weiss

08:41:21 Rep. Amy Regier

08:41:22 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle

08:43:13 **Recessed**

09:01:24 **Reconvened**

**HEARING ON HB 18 - Establish missing persons response team training grant program**

**Opening Statement:**

09:01:50 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf (D), HD 16, opened the hearing on HB 18, Establish missing persons response team training grant program.

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:14:52            Audrey Walleser, Self  
09:19:21            Jade Bahr, MBPC  
09:20:40            Caroline Cancurios, Northern Plains  
09:21:48            Keegan Medrano, American Civil Liberties  
09:24:39            Shawn Reagor, Montana Human Rights Network  
09:25:24            Joan Kresich, Northern Planes

**Opponent Testimony:**

09:27:52            None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

09:27:17            Dana Toole, Montana Department of Justice

**Questions from Committee:**

09:28:18            Rep. Amy Regier  
09:28:19            Rep. Jennifer Carlson  
09:28:22            Rep. Tyson Running Wolf-D  
09:30:54            Rep. Neil Duram  
09:31:04            Rep. Tyson Running Wolf-D  
09:33:30            Dana Toole, DOJ  
09:36:44            Rep. Donavon Hawk  
09:36:46            Rep. Tyson Running Wolf-D  
09:38:47            Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway  
09:38:58            Dana Toole, DOJ  
09:42:19            Rep. Brandon Ler  
09:42:26            Rep. Tyson Running Wolf-D  
09:43:43            Rep. Laurie Bishop

09:43:50 Dana Toole, DOJ  
09:48:54 Rep. Laura Smith  
09:49:21 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf-D  
09:50:05 Dana Toole, DOJ  
09:52:52 Rep. Greg Kmetz  
09:53:00 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf-D

**Closing Statement:**

09:54:45 Rep. Tyson Running Wolf (D), HD 16, closed the hearing on HB 18.

**Committee Discussion:**

09:57:55 Rep. Amy Regier  
09:57:58 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle  
09:58:01 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway  
09:58:07 Rep. Tom France

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 09:58:40

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Jamie Van Valkenburg, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230103JUHaad\)](#)