

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Amy Regier-R, on January 04, 2023 at 8:00 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. Zooey 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 57 12/30/2022

HB 77 12/30/2022

HB 78 12/22/2022

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HB 77 - Revise laws related to public safety officer appointing authorities**

**Opening Statement:**

08:09:23 Rep. Steven Galloway (R), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 77, Revise laws related to public safety officer appointing authorities.

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:10:40 Timothy Allred, Public Safety

08:11:27 Dan Smith, Police Protective Association (PPA)

08:12:33 Brian Thompson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

08:13:10 Russ Christoferson

**Questions from Committee:**

08:14:03 Rep. Jennifer Carlson

08:14:05 Russ Christoferson

08:15:33 Rep. Casey Knudsen

08:15:41 Timothy Allred

08:15:57 Rep. Tom France

08:16:00 Timothy Allred

**Closing Statement:**

08:16:59 Rep. Steven Galloway (R), HD 24, closed the hearing on HB 77.

**HEARING ON HB 78 - Revise laws related to public safety officer appointing authorities**

**Opening Statement:**

08:17:45 Rep. Steven Galloway (R), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 78, Revise laws related to public safety officer appointing authorities.

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:18:50 Timothy Allred  
08:19:46 Dan Smith (PPA)  
08:20:17 Brian Thompson (MSPOA)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

08:21:13 Russ Christofferson, Motor Carrier Services Enforcement Division

**Questions from Committee:**

08:21:58 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle  
08:22:01 Rep. Steven Galloway-R  
08:22:42 Rep. Casey Knudsen  
08:22:45 Timothy Allred  
08:24:31 Rep. Donavon Hawk  
08:24:33 Timothy Allred

**Closing Statement:**

08:25:57 Rep. Steven Galloway (R), HD 24, closed the hearing on HB 78.

**HEARING ON HB 57 - Generally revise eluding a peace officer laws**

**Opening Statement:**

08:48:12 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 57, Generally revise eluding a peace officer laws.

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:49:58 Allen Doane, Department of Justice  
08:52:03 Dan Smith (PPA)  
08:53:21 Brian Thompson (MSPOA)

08:54:17 Neil Duram, HD 2

**Opponent Testimony:**

08:57:33 Maggie Bornstein, American Civil Liberties

**Questions from Committee:**

08:59:22 Rep. Brandon Ler

08:59:25 Maggie Bornstien

08:59:38 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle

09:00:05 Rep. Tony Brockman-R

09:00:16 Allen Doane, DOJ

09:03:36 Rep. SJ Howell

09:05:12 Allen Doane, DOJ

09:07:28 Rep. Tom France

09:07:43 Allen Doane, DOJ

09:11:32 Rep. Jennifer Carlson

09:12:56 Allen Doane, DOJ

09:13:57 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway

09:14:33 Allen Doane, DOJ

09:15:17 Rep. Laura Smith

09:16:16 Allen Doane, DOJ

09:17:49 Rep. Tom France

09:18:28 Rep. Neil Duram

**Closing Statement:**

09:20:18 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, closed the hearing on HB 57.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 09:23:08

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Jamie Van Valkenburg, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230104JUHaad\)](#)