

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Amy Regier-R, on January 11, 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. 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. Zoey Zephyr (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R)

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 79 12/28/2022

HB 112 12/30/2022

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 79 - Create sexual assault response network program and committee

Opening Statement:

08:02:33 Rep. Amy Regier (R), HD 6, opened the hearing on HB 79, Create sexual assault response network program and committee.

Proponent Testimony:

08:04:58 Alan Doane, Montana Attorney General Office

08:06:39 Dana Toole, Montana Department of Justice (DOJ)

08:10:26 Dr. Keely Bowman, Bozeman Health Deaconess Regional Center

08:14:15 Whitney Brothers, St. Peter's Health

08:17:19 Heather O'Hara, Montana Hospital Association

08:18:59 Dan Smith, Police Protective Association

08:19:38 Robin Turner, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

08:27:03 Keegan Medrano, American Civil Liberties Union

08:30:43 Amy Grmoljez, Attorney, Billings Clinic

08:32:59 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana County Association, and Montana Sheriff and Peace Officers Association

08:33:49 Scott Phillips, Mission Family Fellowship

08:35:55 Doreen Buck, Self

08:39:00 Becky Stockman, Self

08:39:44 Donna Elford, Self

08:42:00 Bonnie Stevens, International Ministries

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:43:42 Kayla Bragg, Montana Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee:

08:43:21 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
08:44:41 Rep. Laura Smith
08:44:53 Dana Toole (DOJ)
08:46:48 Dana Toole (DOJ)
08:47:24 Kayla Bragg (DOJ)
08:50:18 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
08:51:42 Rep. Jennifer Carlson
08:52:19 Aimee Grmoljez
08:53:39 Rep. Greg Kmetz
08:54:35 Dana Toole (DOJ)
08:57:01 Rep. Neil Duram
08:57:26 Robin Turner (MCADSV)

Closing Statement:

08:59:18 Rep. Amy Regier (R), HD 6, closed the hearing on HB 79.

HEARING ON HB 112 - Generally revise human trafficking laws

Opening Statement:

09:00:53 Rep. Jodee Etchart (R), HD 48, opened the hearing on HB 112, Generally revise human trafficking laws.

Proponent Testimony:

09:04:32 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General
09:10:48 Selene Koepke, Assistant Attorney General
09:13:01 Steven Crawford, Narcotics Bureau Montana Division of Criminal Investigation, Department of Justice
09:14:11 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association

09:15:44 Toman Baukema, Montana Division of Criminal Justice
09:16:47 Donna Elford, Self
09:19:03 Scot Phillips, Self
09:19:59 Becky Stockman, Self
09:26:20 Shelby DeMars, Montana Police Association
09:27:10 Mario Martinez, United Brotherhood of Carpenters

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:30:45 Rep. Neil Duram
09:31:39 Toman Baukema, DOJ
09:35:47 Rep. Laurie Bishop
09:36:26 Selene Koepke, Assistant Attorney General
09:37:11 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway
09:37:57 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General
09:41:53 Rep. SJ Howell
09:43:21 Selene Koepke, Assistant Attorney General
09:44:28 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
09:45:20 Austin Knudsen, Attorney General
09:46:12 Selene Koepke, Assistant Attorney General
09:47:20 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle

Closing Statement:

09:47:53 Rep. Jodee Etchart (R), HD 48, closed the hearing on HB 112.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:48:23

Jamie Van Valkenburg, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230111JUHaad\)](#)