

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Amy Regier-R, on January 12, 2023 at 8:03 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)

**Members Excused:** 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 169 01/05/2023

HB 193 01/10/2023

HB 205 01/10/2023

Executive Action:

HB 111 DO PASS

HB 149 DO PASS  
HB 92 DO PASS AS AMENDED  
HB 83 DO PASS

**HEARING ON HB 193 - Revise law for driving without insurance**

**Opening Statement:**

08:05:18 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 193, Revise law for driving without insurance.

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:08:48 Dan Smith, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)

**Opponent Testimony:**

08:10:52 Maggie Bornstein, American Civil Liberties Union

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

08:12:50 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway

08:14:14 Rep. Fred Anderson-R

08:14:18 Rep. Jennifer Carlson

08:15:40 Dan Smith (MPPA)

08:18:26 Rep. Neil Duram

08:18:29 Rep. Fred Anderson-R

08:19:19 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle

08:19:51 Rep. Fred Anderson-R

08:20:57 Rep. SJ Howell

08:21:10 Dan Smith (MPPA)

**Closing Statement:**

08:24:06 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, closed the hearing on HB 193.

**HEARING ON HB 205 - Revise minimum allowable amounts for automotive liability insurance**

**Opening Statement:**

08:24:47 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 205, Revise minimum allowable amounts for automotive liability insurance.

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:29:03 Frank Cote, Government Affairs Director for State Auditor

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

08:30:15 Greg Van Horsen, Attorney, State Farm

**Closing Statement:**

08:31:49 Rep. Fred Anderson (R), HD 20, closed the hearing on HB 205.

**HEARING ON HB 169 - Clarify confirmation requirements for interim judicial appointees**

**Opening Statement:**

08:33:22 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 169, Clarify confirmation requirements for interim judicial appointees.

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:34:52 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Closing Statement:**

08:40:29 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, closed the hearing on HB 169.

08:40:50 **Recessed**

09:18:15 **Reconvened**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 111 - Revise laws related to assignment of counsel at public expense**

09:18:39 **Motion:** Rep. Brandon Ler moved that **HB 111 DO PASS.**

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 149 - Generally revise laws related to 9-1-1 program**

09:20:06 **Motion:** Rep. Brandon Ler moved that **HB 149 DO PASS.**

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 92 - Revise laws related to addiction counselor assessments in DUI cases**

09:20:45 **Motion:** Rep. Brandon Ler moved that **HB 92 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

09:20:55 Rachel Weiss

09:21:18 Rep. Laura Smith

09:21:38 **Motion:** Rep. Brandon Ler moved that **HB 92 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

09:21:47 Rep. Laura Smith

09:22:33 Rep. Neil Duram

09:23:02 Rep. Laura Smith

09:23:46 Rep. Neil Duram

09:24:10 Rep. Laura Smith

09:24:36 Rep. Neil Duram

09:25:01 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

09:27:08 **Motion:** Rep. Brandon Ler moved that **HB 92 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 83 - Revise administration of Family Violence Prevention Services Act grants**

09:27:35        **Motion:** Rep. Brandon Ler moved that **HB 83 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

09:27:46        Rachel Weiss

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Committee Discussion:**

09:29:16                      Rep. Amy Regier

09:29:16                      Rep. Neil Duram

09:29:27                      Rep. Caleb Hinkle

09:29:41                      Rep. Casey Knudsen

09:30:26                      Rep. Jennifer Carlson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 09:30:57

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Jamie Van Valkenburg, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230112JUHaad\)](#)