

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Amy Regier-R, on January 13, 2023 at 8:01 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. 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)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R)  
Rep. Jodee Etchart (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 183 01/10/2023

HB 202 01/10/2023

Executive Action:

HB 202 TO TABLE

**HEARING ON HB 183 - Revise the Crime Victims Restitution Fund relating to burial amounts**

**Opening Statement:**

08:04:04 Rep. Nelly Nicol (D), HD 83, opened the hearing on HB 183, Revise the Crime Victims Restitution Fund relating to burial amounts.

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:07:53 Joan Eliel, Montana Department of Justice

08:09:20 Beth Brenneman, Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

08:10:32 Brad Longcake, Montana Funeral Directors Association

08:11:02 Maggie Bornstein, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

08:11:48 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway

08:12:40 Brad Longcake, MTFD

**Closing Statement:**

08:13:25 Rep. Nelly Nicol (D), HD 83, closed the hearing on HB 183.

**HEARING ON HB 202 - Revise public safety laws**

**Opening Statement:**

08:14:08 Rep. Ed Stafman (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on HB 202, Revise public safety laws.

**Discussion:**

[EXHIBIT\(230113JUH1\)](#)

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:23:41 Erin Harris, Self

08:26:11 Susan DeBree, Self  
08:32:05 Shani Henry, Self  
08:36:19 Beth Brenneman, Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence  
08:37:43 Nicole Gomez, Montana Women Vote

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

08:39:55 Rep. Jennifer Carlson  
08:40:10 Rep. Amy Regier  
08:40:15 Rep. Neil Duram  
08:42:40 Rep. Ed Stafman-D  
08:46:00 Rep. Braxton Mitchell  
08:46:27 Rep. Ed Stafman-D  
08:46:32 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway  
08:47:03 Rep. Ed Stafman-D  
08:48:47 Rep. Brandon Ler  
08:49:06 Rep. Ed Stafman-D  
08:50:53 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle  
08:51:44 Beth Brenneman  
08:52:47 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle  
08:53:59 Rep. Ed Stafman-D  
08:55:54 Rep. Amy Regier  
08:56:14 Rep. Ed Stafman-D  
08:57:12 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle  
08:58:53 Rep. Ed Stafman-D

09:01:19 Rep. SJ Howell

09:02:18 Rep. Ed Stafman-D

**Closing Statement:**

09:03:39 Rep. Ed Stafman (D), HD 62, closed the hearing on HB 202.

**Discussion:**

[EXHIBIT\(230113JUH2\)](#)

**Committee Discussion:**

09:09:00 Rep. Amy Regier

09:09:07 Rep. Donavon Hawk

09:09:09 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle

09:09:25 Rep. Amy Regier

09:09:27 Rep. Tom France

09:09:33 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle

09:09:40 Rep. Brandon Ler

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 202 - Revise public safety laws**

09:11:19 **Motion:** Rep. Brandon Ler moved that **HB 202 BE TABLED.**

**Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 6 by voice vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. France, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Howell, Rep. Smith, Rep. Zephyr, voting no.

**Committee Discussion:**

09:15:02 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle

09:15:04 Rep. Laurie Bishop

09:15:38 Rep. Jennifer Carlson

09:15:40 Rep. Amy Regier

09:16:05 Rep. Tom France

09:17:05 Rep. Casey Knudsen

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 09:17:52

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Jamie Van Valkenburg, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230113JUHaad\)](#)