

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Amy Regier-R, on January 17, 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. 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 233 01/13/2023

Executive Action:

HB 16 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 62 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 79 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 169 DO PASS

HB 183 DO PASS
HB 193 TO TABLE
HB 205 DO PASS

HEARING ON HB 233 - Require the refund of residential lease application fees

Opening Statement:

08:03:44 Rep. Kelly Kortum (D), HD 65, opened the hearing on HB 233, Require the refund of residential lease application fees.

Proponent Testimony:

08:05:43 Ethan Hanley, Associated Students University of Montana
08:07:06 Maggie Bell, Montana Associated Students
08:08:52 Lorelei Michael-Owens, Associated Students of Montana State University
08:09:56 Ronda Wiggers, Self
08:12:36 Jake Brown, Shelter Whitefish
08:12:56 Rep. Neil Duram left the meeting.
08:13:19 Sam Forstag, Cities of Missoula and Bozeman
08:14:38 Kelli Twotceth, Self
08:16:00 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living Services, Inc
08:17:57 Izzy Milch, Forward Montana
08:19:16 Hannah Kosel, Self
08:21:50 Melody Cunningham, Self
08:23:58 Alexander Newby, Montana Democratic Socialist of America
08:25:25 Joseph Morrison, Self

Opponent Testimony:

08:27:54 John Sinrud, Montana Landlords Association

Questions from Committee:

08:35:16 Rep. Zooey Zephyr
08:35:57 Rep. Kelly Kortum,
08:36:15 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway

08:37:18 Rep. Kelly Kortum
08:37:54 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
08:38:40 Rep. Kelly Kortum
08:41:04 Rep. SJ Howell
08:41:14 Rep. Laura Smith
08:41:16 Rep. Laurie Bishop
08:42:21 Rep. Kelly Kortum
08:43:34 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
08:45:06 Rep. Kelly Kortum
08:45:44 Rep. Jennifer Carlson
08:46:41 John Sinroot, Montana Landlords Association
08:49:55 Rep. Tom France
08:50:28 John Sinroot, Montana Landlords Association

Closing Statement:

08:51:53 Rep. Kelly Kortum (D), HD 65, closed the hearing on HB 233.
08:53:20 **Recessed**
09:38:26 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 16 - Revise laws relating to child abuse and neglect proceedings

09:39:43 **Motion:** Rep. Brandon Ler moved that **HB 16 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

09:39:57 Rachel Weiss

09:41:02 **Motion:** Rep. Jennifer Carlson moved that **HB 16 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

09:41:25 Rachel Weiss

09:42:38 Rep. Laura Smith

09:44:35 Rep. Neil Duram
09:45:07 Rep. Jennifer Carlson
09:45:15 Rep. Neil Duram
09:45:47 Rep. Laura Smith
09:47:58 Rep. Neil Duram
09:49:24 Rep. Jennifer Carlson

Vote: Motion carried 15 - 4 by roll call vote with Rep. Carlson, Rep. Duram, Rep. Hinkle, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway, voting no.

09:53:40 **Motion:** Rep. Brandon Ler moved that **HB 16 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

09:54:10 Rep. Laura Smith
09:58:27 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway
10:00:17 Rep. Jennifer Carlson
10:02:23 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway
10:02:47 Rep. Jennifer Carlson
10:03:06 Rep. Laura Smith
10:03:19 Rep. Neil Duram
10:04:02 Rep. Laurie Bishop
10:05:05 Rep. Laura Smith

Vote: Motion failed 13 - 6 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. France, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Howell, Rep. Smith, Rep. Zephyr, voting yes.

10:07:46 **Motion:** Rep. Ler moved that **HB 16 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 62 - Generally revise laws related to bail bonds

10:09:00 **Motion:** Rep. Brandon Ler moved that **HB 62 DO PASS.**

10:09:09 **Motion:** Rep. Brandon Ler moved that **HB 62 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:10:31 Rachel Weiss

10:12:33 Rep. SJ Howell

10:13:35 Rep. Zooney Zephyr

10:14:31 Rep. Neil Duram

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:18:33 **Motion:** Rep. Brandon Ler moved that **HB 62 BE AMENDED.**

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:18:57 **Motion:** Rep. Brandon Ler moved that **HB 62 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Vote: Motion carried 16 - 3 by voice vote with Rep. Kmetz, Rep. Rusk, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway, voting no.

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

10:18:50 **Motion:** Rep. Brandon Ler moved that **HB 79 DO PASS.**

10:18:58 **Motion:** Rep. Brandon Ler moved that **HB 79 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:19:02 Rachel Weiss

10:21:13 Rep. Laurie Bishop

10:22:07 Rep. Amy Regier

10:22:53 Rep. Jennifer Carlson

10:23:54 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway

10:24:29 Rep. Laurie Bishop

10:25:58 Rep. Casey Knudsen

Vote: Motion failed 10 - 9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Carlson, Rep. Deming, Rep. France, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Howell, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway, Rep. Smith, Rep. Zephyr, voting yes.

10:28:33 **Motion:** Rep. Brandon Ler moved that **HB 79 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:28:44 Rachel Weiss

10:29:46 Rep. Amy Regier

10:29:48 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:32:03 **Motion:** Rep. Brandon Ler moved that **HB 79 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:32:30 Rep. Amy Regier

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:32:36 **Motion:** Rep. Brandon Ler moved that **HB 79 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:33:47 Rachel Weiss

10:33:55 Rep. Amy Regier

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

10:33:00 **Motion:** Rep. Brandon Ler moved that **HB 79 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 169 - Clarify confirmation requirements for interim judicial appointees

10:35:40 **Motion:** Rep. Brandon Ler moved that **HB 169 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:35:48 Rachel Weiss

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 183 - Revise the Crime Victims Restitution Fund relating to burial amounts

10:36:20 **Motion:** Rep. Brandon Ler moved that **HB 183 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:36:28 Rachel Weiss

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 193 - Revise law for driving without insurance

10:37:26 **Motion:** Rep. Brandon Ler moved that **HB 193 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:37:34 Rachel Weiss

10:37:45 Rep. Casey Knudsen

10:38:16 Rep. Donavon Hawk

10:38:33 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle

Vote: Motion failed 12 - 7 by roll call vote with Rep. Deming, Rep. Kmetz, Rep. Ler, Rep. Mitchell, Rep. Regier, Rep. Rusk, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway, voting yes.

10:39:44 **Motion:** Rep. Brandon Ler moved that **HB 193 BE TABLED.**

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 205 - Revise minimum allowable amounts for automotive liability insurance

10:42:08 **Motion:** Rep. Brandon Ler moved that **HB 205 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:42:15 Rachel Weiss

10:42:15 Rep. Neil Duram

10:42:19 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle

10:42:46 Rep. Laurie Bishop

Vote: Motion carried 12 - 7 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Hinkle, Rep. Howell, Rep. Ler, Rep. Mitchell, Rep. Smith, Rep. Zephyr, voting no.

Committee Discussion:

10:44:49 Rachel Weiss

10:45:05 Rep. Neil Duram

10:45:06 Rep. Amy Regier

10:45:12 Rep. Laurie Bishop

10:45:27

Rep. Jedediah Hinkle

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:45:46

Jamie Van Valkenburg, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230117JUHaad\)](#)