

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

Call to Order: Chair Amy Regier-R, on January 18, 2023 at 8:02 AM, in 137

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Amy Regier, Chair (R)
Rep. Brandon Ler, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Lee Deming (R)
Rep. Neil Duram (R)
Rep. Jodee Etchart (R)
Rep. Tom France (D)
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)
Rep. SJ Howell (D)
Rep. Greg Kmetz (R)
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)
Rep. Wayne Rusk (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Laura Smith (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
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 163 01/05/2023

HB 174 01/13/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 174 - Requiring certain costs paid to detention centers to be based on actual costs

Opening Statement:

- 08:03:27 Rep. Seekins-Crowe (R), HD 43, opened the hearing on HB 174, Requiring certain costs paid to detention centers to be based on actual costs.
- 08:04:58 Rep. Zephyr has arrived

Proponent Testimony:

- 08:07:00 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association, (MSPOA)
- 08:08:30 Rep. Carlson left the meeting.
- 08:13:03 Rep. C. Knudsen joined the meeting.
- 08:13:11 Jason Rittle, Montana Association of Counties, (MAC)
- 08:15:32 Dan Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce, (BCC)
- 08:17:04 Don Jones, Yellowstone County Commissioner, (YCC)
- 08:19:53 Mike Linder, Yellowstone County Sheriff, (YCS)
- 08:21:05 Nicholas Eisele, Montana Sheriff and Peace Officers Association, (MSPOA)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

- 08:23:47 Cynthia Wolken, Department of Commerce, (DOC)

Questions from Committee:

- 08:24:10 Rep. France
- 08:24:40 Cinthia Wolken, DOC
- 08:25:58 Rep. Kmetz
- 08:26:01 Mike Linder, MSPOA
- 08:27:38 Rep. Duram

08:28:12 Cinthia Wolken, DOC
08:31:52 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
08:32:25 Mike Linder, MPSOA
08:34:46 Rep. Hawk
08:35:28 Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe-R
08:35:44 Nanette Gilbertson, MSPOA
08:37:24 Rep. Zephyr
08:37:55 Cinthia Wolken, DOC
08:38:35 Rep. Howell
08:39:10 Cinthia Wolken, DOC
08:39:18 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
08:39:37 Cinthia Wolken, DOC
08:40:07 Rep. Duram
08:40:24 Cinthia Wolken, DOC

Closing Statement:

08:41:39 Rep. Seekins-Crowe (R), HD 43, closed the hearing on HB 174.

HEARING ON HB 163 - Revise and extend Missing Indigenous Persons Task Force

Opening Statement:

08:44:07 Rep. Running Wolf (D), HD 16, opened the hearing on HB 163, Revise and extend Missing Indigenous Persons Task Force.

Proponent Testimony:

08:52:52 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe, (BT)
08:54:15 Jade Bahr, Montana Budget and Policy Center, (MBPC)

08:56:24 Alan Doane, Montana Attorney General Office, Department of Justice,
(MAGO, DOJ)

08:57:26 Dana Toole, Department of Justice, (DOJ)

08:59:00 Rep. C. Knudsen joined the meeting.

09:02:18 Jeffery Tiberri, World Montana, (WM)

09:03:41 Keegan Medrano, American Civil Liberties of Montana, (ACLUM)

09:12:46 Stacy Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association, (MPCA)

09:13:45 Edward Barta, Northern Plains Resource Council, (NPRC)

09:15:01 Danielle Vasquez, Montana Women Vote, (MWV)

09:16:03 Ellie Bundy, Missing Indigenous Persons Task Force, (MIPTF)

09:19:07 Travis McAdam, Montana Human Rights Network, (MHRN)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:08:42 Rep. Carlson

09:09:17 Keegan Medrano, ACLUM

09:11:39 Rep. Lee Deming

09:12:03 Keegan Medrano, ACLUM

09:20:40 Rep. Duram

09:21:08 Rep. Running Wolf

09:22:32 Rep. France left the meeting.

09:22:52 Rep. Carlson

09:25:04 Dana Toole, DOJ

09:27:15 Rep. Zephyr
09:29:21 Rep. Running Wolf
09:29:37 Rep. L. Smith
09:30:01 Dana Toole, DOJ

Closing Statement:

09:31:51 Rep. Running Wolf (D), HD 16, closed the hearing on HB 163.

Committee Discussion:

09:35:10 Rachel Weiss, LSD
09:41:41 Chair A. Regier
09:41:46 Rep. L. Smith
09:42:30 Rachel Weiss, LSD
09:43:24 Vice Chair Bishop

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:44:45

Jamie Van Valkenburg, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230118JUHaad\)](#)