

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Amy Regier-R, on January 23, 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. 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. Zooey Zephyr (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Jodee Etchart (R)  
Rep. Laura Smith (D)

**Staff Present:** Jamie Van Valkenburg, Secretary  
Maddie Krezowski, 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 266 01/19/2023

HB 255 01/17/2023

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HB 255 - Generally revise catalytic converter sale laws**

**Opening Statement:**

08:02:32 Rep. Greg Oblander (R), HD 40, opened the hearing on HB 255, Generally revise catalytic converter sale laws.

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:09:03 Dan Smith, Police Protective Association (PPA)

08:10:03 Brian Thompson, Montana Sheriff and Peace Officers Association, Montana County Attorney Association, (MSPOA, MCA)

**Opponent Testimony:**

08:11:55 Maggie Bornstein, American Civil Liberties Union Montana, (ACLUM)

**Questions from Committee:**

08:14:59 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway

08:15:24 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle left the meeting.

08:15:32 Brian Thompson (MSPOA, MCAA)

08:16:03 Rep. Casey Knudsen

08:17:02 Rep. Greg Oblander-R

08:17:40 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway

08:18:01 Rep. Greg Oblander-R

08:19:38 Rep. Tom France

08:20:21 Rep. Greg Oblander-R

08:21:15 Rep. Tom France

**Closing Statement:**

08:22:11 Rep. Greg Oblander (R), HD 40, closed the hearing on HB 255.

**HEARING ON HB 266 - Eliminate the advisory council on concealed weapon permits**

**Opening Statement:**

08:23:51 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 266, Eliminate the advisory council on concealed weapon permits.

**Proponent Testimony:**

08:25:24 Kristen Juras, Lieutenant Governor

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**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

08:27:17 Natalia Bowser, Montana Board of Crime Control (MBCC)

**Closing Statement:**

08:28:40 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, closed the hearing on HB 266.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 08:30:36

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Jamie Van Valkenburg, Secretary

Additional Documents:[EXHIBIT\(230123JUHaad\)](#)