

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Amy Regier-R, on January 26, 2023 at 7:59 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. SJ Howell (D)
Rep. Greg Kmetz (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)
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)

Staff Present: Jamie Van Valkenburg, Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Research Analyst

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

SB 7 01/23/2023

SB 91 01/23/2023

Executive Action:

HB 272 DO PASS

HB 282 DO PASS AS AMENDED

HB 283 DO PASS

HEARING ON SB 7 - Revising laws related state prisons and county detention center telecommunications

Opening Statement:

08:02:50 Sen. Tom McGillvray (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 7, Revising laws related state prisons and county detention center telecommunications.

Proponent Testimony:

08:06:56 Brian Thompson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

08:07:41 Julia Maxon, Montana Women Vote (MWV)

08:08:27 Robin Turner, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLUM)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:10:03 Rep. SJ Howell

08:10:28 Sen. Tom McGillvray-R

08:10:33 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway

08:10:53 Sen. Tom McGillvray-R

08:11:05 Rep. Greg Kmetz

08:11:49 Sen. Tom McGillvray-R

08:12:35 Rep. Zooey Zephyr

08:12:59 Sen. Tom McGillvray-R

08:13:08 Brian Thompson (MSPOA)

Closing Statement:

08:14:30 Sen. Tom McGillvray (R), SD 23, closed the hearing on SB 7.

HEARING ON SB 91 - Eliminate jail penalties for littering

Opening Statement:

08:15:49 Sen. Daniel Emrich (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 91, Eliminate jail penalties for littering.

Proponent Testimony:

08:16:11 Robin Turner, American Civil Liberties Union Montana (ACLU)

08:16:34 Julia Maxon, Montana Women Vote (MWV)

08:17:09 Eldina Bear Don't Walk, Office of Public Defender (OPD)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:15:21 Rep. Ler has left

08:19:00 Rep. Tom France

08:19:21 Sen. Daniel Emrich-R

08:20:00 Rep. Greg Kmetz

08:20:47 Sen. Daniel Emrich-R

08:21:34 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway

08:21:57 Sen. Daniel Emrich-R

08:22:34 Eldena Bear Don't Walk (OPD)

08:23:06 Rep. Zooney Zephyr

08:23:47 Sen. Daniel Emrich-R

08:24:44 Rep. Laura Smith

08:25:20 Sen. Daniel Emrich-R

Closing Statement:

08:25:45 Sen. Daniel Emrich (R), SD 11, closed the hearing on SB 91.

08:27:28 **Recessed**

09:33:35 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 272 - Revise alcohol laws relating to contrived events and employees of licensees

09:34:14 **Motion:** Rep. Brandon Ler moved that **HB 272 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

09:34:14 Rachel Weiss

09:34:32 Rep. Neil Duram

09:35:13 Rep. Zoey Zephyr

Vote: Motion carried 18 - 1 by roll call vote with Rep. Duram, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 282 - Generally revise rental laws

09:37:23 **Motion:** Rep. Brandon Ler moved that **HB 282 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

09:37:21 Rachel Weiss

09:38:08 **Motion:** Rep. Brandon Ler moved that **HB 282 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

09:38:21 Rachel Weiss

09:40:20 Rep. Casey Knudsen

09:40:40 Rachel Weiss

09:41:41 Rep. SJ Howell

09:42:41 Rep. Laura Smith

09:43:25 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway

09:45:31 Rep. Casey Knudsen

09:46:30 Rep. Neil Duram

09:48:07 Rep. Tom France
09:49:34 Rep. Zooey Zephyr
09:50:40 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
09:51:29 Rep. Jennifer Carlson
09:54:18 Rep. Laura Smith
09:54:23 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway

Vote: Motion carried 11 - 8 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Carlson, Rep. France, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Howell, Rep. Rusk, Rep. Smith, Rep. Zephyr, voting no.

09:56:29 **Motion:** Rep. Braxton Mitchell moved that **HB 282 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

09:56:52 Rep. Zooey Zephyr
09:57:49 Rep. Casey Knudsen
09:58:35 Rep. Zooey Zephyr
09:59:13 Rep. Wayne Rusk
10:00:05 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
10:02:14 Rep. SJ Howell
10:05:06 Rep. Jodee Etchart
10:06:23 Rep. Zooey Zephyr
10:07:04 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
10:08:10 Rep. Jennifer Carlson
10:10:57 Rachel Weiss
10:11:28 Rep. Jennifer Carlson
10:11:41 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway

Vote: Motion carried 10 - 9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Carlson, Rep. Duram, Rep. France, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Howell, Rep. Rusk, Rep. Smith, Rep. Zephyr, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 283 - Generally revise rental laws

10:14:17 **Motion:** Rep. Brandon Ler moved that **HB 283 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

10:14:10 Rachel Weiss

10:14:29 Rep. Zooey Zephyr

Vote: Motion carried 10 - 9 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Carlson, Rep. France, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Howell, Rep. Knudsen, Rep. Rusk, Rep. Smith, Rep. Zephyr, voting no.

Committee Discussion:

10:17:35 Rep. Laura Smith

10:17:37 Rep. Casey Knudsen

10:17:40 Rep. Jennifer Carlson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:17:51

Jamie Van Valkenburg, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230126JUHaad\)](#)