

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Amy Regier-R, on February 10, 2023 at 8:00 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. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R)
Rep. Lee Deming (R)
Rep. Neil Duram (R)
Rep. Jodee Etchart (R)
Rep. Tom France (D)
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)
Rep. Jedediah 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. Zoey Zephyr (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)
Rep. Laura Smith (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:

SB 134 02/07/2023
SB 135 02/07/2023
SB 136 02/07/2023
HB 376 02/07/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SB 134 - Revise injunction laws

Opening Statement:

08:02:56 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 134, Revise injunction laws.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:07:00 Rep. Jennifer Carlson
08:07:11 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R
08:07:29 Rep. SJ Howell
08:08:10 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R
08:08:42 Rep. Tom France
08:08:58 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R

Closing Statement:

08:09:17 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, closed the hearing on SB 134.

HEARING ON SB 135 - Revise injunction laws

Opening Statement:

08:09:27 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 135, Revise injunction laws.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:11:48 Rep. Tom France
08:12:42 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R
08:13:19 Rep. Tom France
08:13:41 Rep. Laura Smith joined the meeting.
08:14:01 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R
08:14:24 Rep. Tom France
08:14:28 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R
08:14:48 Rep. Tom France
08:14:58 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway
08:15:11 Rep. Tom France
08:15:42 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R
08:16:34 Rep. Lee Deming
08:17:12 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R
08:17:34 Rep. Laurie Bishop
08:18:12 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R
08:18:53 Rep. Laurie Bishop

08:19:03 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R
08:19:18 Rep. Greg Kmetz
08:19:25 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R
08:19:37 Rep. Greg Kmetz
08:19:45 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R
08:20:53 Rep. Jennifer Carlson
08:21:10 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle left the meeting.
08:21:22 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R
08:21:24 Rep. Jennifer Carlson
08:21:27 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R
08:21:32 Rep. Zooey Zephyr
08:21:56 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R
08:22:10 Rep. Zooey Zephyr
08:23:07 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R
08:23:22 Rep. Zooey Zephyr
08:23:46 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R
08:24:17 Rep. Zooey Zephyr
08:24:28 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R
08:25:10 Rep. Neil Duram
08:25:22 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R
08:25:29 Rep. Neil Duram
08:25:46 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R
08:26:21 Rep. Tom France
08:26:57 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle joined the meeting.

Closing Statement:

08:27:36 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, closed the hearing on SB 135.

HEARING ON SB 136 - Revise injunction laws

Opening Statement:

08:27:42 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 136, Revise injunction laws.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:29:47 Rep. Zooey Zephyr

08:30:45 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R

08:31:59 Rep. Zooey Zephyr

08:32:19 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R

08:32:29 Rep. Zooey Zephyr

08:32:38 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick-R

Closing Statement:

08:32:56 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, closed the hearing on SB 136.

HEARING ON HB 376 - Establish Patient Bill of Rights

Opening Statement:

08:33:24 Rep. Jane Gillette (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 376, Establish Patient Bill of Rights.

Proponent Testimony:

08:37:44 Susan Williams, Self

08:40:32 Rep. Zooey Zephyr left the meeting.

08:44:20 Phyllis Lamping, Self

08:44:55 Donna Elford, Self

08:47:45 Jane Hamman, Self

08:49:18 Rep. Tom France left the meeting.

08:50:18 Henry Kriegel, Legislative Liaison, Americans for Prosperity (AFP)

08:51:46 Rep. Zooey Zephyr joined the meeting.

08:52:28 James Walker, Self

08:54:56 Juanita Boynton, Self

08:56:12 Duane Preshinger, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

08:57:24 Scott Boulanger, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

08:57:58 Connie Jerome, Self

08:58:48 Shawn Reagor, Self

08:59:58 Cindy Roscoe, Self

09:01:41 Chelsea Culpon, Self

09:04:01 Rep. Laura Smith left the meeting.

09:04:09 Anna Shchemelinin, Self

09:05:36 Rep. Tom France joined the meeting.

09:06:19 Andrew Kotsanis, Self

09:08:19 Cheryl Tusken, Self

09:19:35 Rebecca Campbell, Self

09:51:23 Debbie Moran, Self

Opponent Testimony:

09:12:33 Robert Filipovich

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:17:43 Rep. Brandon Ler left the meeting.

09:18:02 Rep. Jodee Etchart left the meeting.

Questions from Committee:

09:19:55 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway

09:20:08 Rep. Jane Gillette-R

09:20:49 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway

09:21:34 Duane Preshinger, MHA

09:21:48 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway

09:21:52 Duane Preshinger, MHA

09:22:14 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle

09:25:04 Rep. Jane Gillette-R

09:25:46 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle

09:26:48 Rep. Jane Gillette-R

09:27:55 Rep. Neil Duram

09:29:06 Rep. Jane Gillette-R

09:31:18 Rep. Greg Kmetz

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09:35:46 Rep. Jennifer Carlson
09:36:31 Rep. Jane Gillette-R
09:36:40 Rep. Laurie Bishop
09:36:48 Robert Filipovich
09:41:52 Rep. Laurie Bishop
09:42:09 Robert Filipovich
09:42:23 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
09:43:36 Rep. Jane Gillette-R
09:44:11 Rep. Jennifer Carlson
09:45:35 Duane Preshinger, MHA
09:45:57 Rep. Zooey Zephyr
09:46:33 Rep. Jane Gillette-R
09:47:55 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway
09:48:37 Rep. Jane Gillette-R

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:56:28

Jamie Van Valkenburg, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230210JUHaad\)](#)