

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

Call to Order: Chair Rep. Amy Regier-R, on February 14, 2023 at 8:05 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. 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. Zoey Zephyr (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

HB 399 02/08/2023
HB 414 02/08/2023
HB 415 02/08/2023
HB 432 02/08/2023

HB 410 02/10/2023
Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 399 - Revise certain reporting requirements related to child sexual abuse

Opening Statement:

08:05:27 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 399, Revise certain reporting requirements related to child sexual abuse.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

08:15:31 Cory Swanson, County Attorneys Association

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:22:13 Nikki Grossberg, Child and Family Services

Questions from Committee:

08:22:35 Rep. Neil Duram

08:27:23 Rep. Bill Mercer-R

08:29:54 Rep. Greg Kmetz

08:30:49 Rep. Bill Mercer-R

08:32:03 Rep. Tom France

08:35:38 Rep. Bill Mercer-R

Closing Statement:

08:36:37 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, closed the hearing on HB 399.

HEARING ON HB 432 - Generally revise abortion laws

Opening Statement:

08:37:25 Rep. Laurie Bishop (D), HD 60, opened the hearing on HB 432, Generally revise abortion laws.

Proponent Testimony:

08:45:36 Ann Angus, Self

08:47:39 Eiline Glizer, Blue Mountain Clinic

08:49:59 Robin Turner, American Civil Liberties Union, Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

08:52:17 Shawn Reagor, Montana Human Rights Network

08:53:16 Stephanie McDowell, Bridger Care

08:54:41 Connie Campbell-Pearson, Self

08:56:18 Martha Fuller, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Montana

08:58:00 Madelyn House, Self

08:59:19 Julie Williams, Self

09:00:14 Cherilyn DeVries, Self

09:01:46 Cara Wilder, Self

09:03:09 Jan Strout, National Organization of Women

09:04:48 Elaine Fraticelli, Montana Democratic Socialists of America

09:06:34 Leah Shea, Susan Wicklund Fund

09:08:15 Linda Schmitt, Self

09:10:12 Pari Kemmick, Self

09:11:31 Robyn Morrison, League of Women Voters

09:13:22 Keegan Nashan, Self

Opponent Testimony:

09:15:22 Sue Vinton, HD 56

09:17:03 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation

09:18:55 Sharon Nason, Self

09:21:08 Jill Guthrie, Self

09:23:18 Rhonda Burnett, Self

09:26:08 Donna Elford, Self

09:28:23 Gail Asbury, Self
09:31:22 William Hunthousen, Self
09:33:57 Kaitlyn Ruch, Self
09:36:10 Robin Sertell, Self
09:38:50 Kathy Carlson, Self
09:41:18 Ed Halland, Self
09:43:18 Jim Manion, Self
09:45:24 Bob Leach, Self
09:46:11 Daren Gaub, Restore Liberty, Montanans for Limited Government, and
Montana Freedom Caucus
09:47:22 Glen Fowler, Self
09:49:11 Cindy Roscoe, Self
09:50:31 Jessie Browning, self

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:52:40 Rep. Neil Duram
09:55:01 Rep. Laurie Bishop-D
09:55:25 Rep. Brandon Ler
09:55:38 Jeff Laszloffy (MFF)
09:57:35 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway
09:59:37 Rep. Laurie Bishop-D
10:00:16 Rep. Braxton Mitchell
10:01:27 Rep. Laurie Bishop-D
10:01:44 Rep. Braxton Mitchell

10:01:57 Kaitlyn Ruch, Self
10:03:20 Rep. Lee Deming
10:04:48 Rep. Laurie Bishop-D
10:05:27 Rep. Lee Deming
10:05:37 Shawn Reagor (MHR)
10:06:00 Rep. SJ Howell
10:07:52 Martha Fuller (PPAM)
10:08:59 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway
10:09:41 Aline Glizer, Blue Mountain Clinic
10:10:12 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway
10:10:26 Aline Glizer, Blue Mountain Clinic
10:11:07 Rep. Jodee Etchart
10:11:08 Rep. Laurie Bishop-D

Closing Statement:

10:11:31 Rep. Laurie Bishop (D), HD 60, closed the hearing on HB 432.

HEARING ON HB 415 - Require septic system disclosure

Opening Statement:

10:16:13 Rep. Dave Fern (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 415, Require septic system disclosure.

Proponent Testimony:

10:19:28 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)
10:21:32 Mike Nugent, Self
10:22:36 Shannon Therriault, Environmental Health

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

10:24:56 Lindsey Krywaruchka, Water Quality Administrator, Department of Environmental Quality

10:25:25 Andy Ulven, Water Quality Planning Bureau Chief

Questions from Committee:

10:25:43 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway

10:26:22 Rep. Dave Fern-D

10:27:07 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway

10:27:32 Rep. Dave Fern-D

10:27:48 Lindsey Krywaruchka

10:28:15 Rep. Casey Knudsen

10:29:02 Sam Sill (MAR)

10:29:45 Rep. Jennifer Carlson

10:30:28 Rep. Dave Fern-D

10:31:34 Lindsey Krywaruchka

10:32:01 Rep. Jennifer Carlson

10:32:13 Lindsey Krywaruchka

10:33:11 Rep. Jennifer Carlson

10:33:55 Lindsey Krywaruchka

10:34:45 Rep. Zooey Zephyr

10:35:16 Lindsey Krywaruchka

10:35:45 Sam Sill (MAR)

Closing Statement:

10:36:33 Rep. Dave Fern (D), HD 5, closed the hearing on HB 415.

HEARING ON HB 414 - Allow local governments to use red light cameras

Opening Statement:

10:38:43 Rep. Ed Stafman (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on HB 414, Allow local governments to use red light cameras.

Proponent Testimony:

10:43:46 Logan Smith, Bike Walk Montana
10:47:16 Marilee Brown, Safer Bozeman and Gallatin County
10:49:36 Terry Cunningham, City of Bozeman
10:52:08 Howard Evans, Safer Through Responsible Use of Technology (STRUT)

Opponent Testimony:

10:54:35 Robin Turner, American Civil Liberties Union Montana

Questions from Committee:

10:57:07 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
10:58:14 Rep. Ed Stafman-D
10:59:45 Rep. Greg Kmetz
11:01:00 Howard Evans, STRUT

Closing Statement:

11:02:50 Rep. Ed Stafman (D), HD 62, closed the hearing on HB 414.

HEARING ON HB 410 - Establish a time limit for service of process

Opening Statement:

11:08:00 Rep. Brandon Ler (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 410, Establish a time limit for service of process.

Proponent Testimony:

11:09:17 Sheridan Johnson, Montana Chamber of Commerce
11:10:41 Brian Thompson, Montana Chamber of commerce

Opponent Testimony:

11:11:04 Bruce Spencer

Questions from Committee:

11:12:38 Rep. Casey Knudsen

11:13:03 Bruce Spencer (MJA)

Closing Statement:

11:13:12 Rep. Brandon Ler (R), HD 35, closed the hearing on HB 410.

Committee Discussion:

11:13:54 Rep. Amy Regier

11:13:55 Rep. Neil Duram

11:14:24 Rachel Weiss

11:14:57 Rep. Neil Duram

11:15:32 Rachel Weiss

11:15:41 Rep. Lee Deming

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:15:58

Jamie Van Valkenburg, Secretary

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