

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

Call to Order: Chair Brandon Ler-R, on March 10, 2023 at 9:00 AM, in 137

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Amy Regier, 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. Caleb Hinkle (R)
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Rep. SJ Howell (D)
Rep. Greg Kmetz (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (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. Jennifer Carlson (R)
Rep. Brandon Ler (R)
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)

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 12 03/02/2023

SB 13 03/02/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SB 12 - Revising laws on public defender representation related to local ordinances

Opening Statement:

09:01:34 Sen. Ryan Lynch (D), SD 76, opened the hearing on SB 12, Revising laws on public defender representation related to local ordinances.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

09:03:23 Thomas Jodoin, Montana League of Cities and Towns

09:05:56 Rep. Jennifer Carlson joined the meeting.

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:07:11 Eldena Bear Don't Walk, Office of the Public Defender

Closing Statement:

09:07:38 Sen. Ryan Lynch (D), SD 76, closed the hearing on SB 12.

HEARING ON SB 13 - Revise DUI laws related to admissible tests for presence of drugs

Opening Statement:

09:08:54 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 13, Revise DUI laws related to admissible tests for presence of drugs.

Proponent Testimony:

09:10:45 Jessie Luther, Montana Troopers

09:11:30 Nanatte Gilbertson, Montana County Attorney's Association

09:12:22 Dan Smith, Montana Police Protective Association

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:13:07 Eldena Bear Don't Walk, Office of the Public Defender

Questions from Committee:

09:13:38 Rep. Greg Kmetz

09:13:45 Eldena Bear Don't Walk, OPD

09:14:33 Jessie Luther

Closing Statement:

09:21:13 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, closed the hearing on SB 13.

09:21:51 **Committee Discussion:** Discussion on Conflict Checking

09:22:08 Rachel Weiss

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 09:24:29

Jamie Van Valkenburg, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230310JUHaad\)](#)