

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

Call to Order: Chair Amy Regier-R, on April 04, 2023 at 4:10 PM, in 455

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. Caleb Hinkle (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Jodee Etchart (R)
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Rep. SJ Howell (D)
Rep. Greg Kmetz (R)
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)
Rep. Wayne Rusk (R)
Rep. Laura Smith (D)
Rep. Zoey Zephyr (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 326 04/01/2023

SB 443 04/01/2023

SB 459 04/01/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SB 459 - Revise laws related to pretrial release

Opening Statement:

16:11:36 Sen. Ryan Lynch (D), SD 76, opened the hearing on SB 459, Revise laws related to pretrial release.

Proponent Testimony:

16:12:37 Maggie Bornstein, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLU)

16:13:26 Robin Turner, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

Opponent Testimony:

16:14:36 Anne Peterson, Montana Magistrates Association (MMA)

16:16:49 John Looney, Montana Bail Agents Association

16:18:49 Kelly Resbeck, Bail Montana Incorporated

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

16:20:36 Rep. Tom France

16:23:20 Anne Peterson, MMA

Closing Statement:

16:23:44 Sen. Ryan Lynch (D), SD 76, closed the hearing on SB 459.

HEARING ON SB 443 - Revise POST council membership

Opening Statement:

16:55:48 Sen. Chris Friedel (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 443, Revise POST council membership.

Proponent Testimony:

16:57:28 Shelby DeMars, Montana Police Protective Association

16:58:17 Steve Ette, Gallatin County Court Services

17:00:19 Shellie Brady, Gallatin County Court Services

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

17:02:08 Timothy Allred, POST

Questions from Committee:

17:02:31 Rep. Neil Duram

17:11:18 Sen. Chris Friedel

Closing Statement:

17:12:43 Sen. Chris Friedel (R), SD 26, closed the hearing on SB 443.

HEARING ON SB 326 - Generally revise crime laws

Opening Statement:

17:12:53 Sen. Chris Friedel (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 326, Generally revise crime laws.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

17:15:53 John Looney, Montana Bail Agents Association

17:18:06 Maggie Bornstein, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLU)

17:19:05 Kelly Reisbeck, Montana Bail Agents Association

17:20:24 John J. Willoughby, Self

17:21:19 Scott Restvedt, Self

17:22:02 Rod Young, Self

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

17:23:37 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle

17:31:41 Sen. Chris Friedel

Closing Statement:

17:31:57 Sen. Chris Friedel (R), SD 26, closed the hearing on SB 326.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:34:54

Jamie Van Valkenburg, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230404JUHbad\)](#)