

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

Call to Order: Chair Llew Jones-R, on April 05, 2023 at 3:34 PM, in Room 102

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Llew Jones, Chair (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Bob Keenan, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)
Rep. Naarah Hastings (R)
Rep. Mike Hopkins (R)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Rep. Bill Mercer (R)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)
Rep. Joe Read (R)
Rep. Jerry Schillinger (R)
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)
Rep. Paul Tuss (D)

Members Excused: Rep. David Bedey (R)
Rep. Terry Falk (R)
Rep. John Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Jane Gillette (R)
Rep. Lyn Hellegaard (R)
Rep. Matt Regier (R)
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Staff Present: Quinn Holzer, Fiscal Analyst
Julie Johnson, Research Analyst
Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

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 19 04/04/2023

SB 229 04/04/2023

SB 89 04/04/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SB 19 - Generally revise disorderly conduct sentencing laws

Opening Statement:

15:36:08 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 19, Generally revise disorderly conduct sentencing laws.

Proponent Testimony:

15:37:54 Brian Thompson, Montana County Attorneys Association, (MCAA)

15:38:20 Barry Usher, Senator, SD 20

Opponent Testimony:

15:39:35 Maggie Bornstein, ACLU of Montana

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:40:41 Vice Chair Mary Caferro

15:40:57 Sen. Keith Regier-R

15:41:19 Vice Chair Mary Caferro

Closing Statement:

15:41:25 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, closed the hearing on SB 19.

15:42:07 Rep. Bedey has arrived

15:42:14 Rep. Falk has arrived

15:42:22 Rep. Hastings has left

15:45:20 Rep. Hopkins has left

15:45:43 Rep. Windy Boy has arrived

15:45:56 Rep. Mercer has left

HEARING ON SB 229 - Reimburse counties for actual witness costs

Opening Statement:

15:41:59 Sen. Barry Usher (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 229, Reimburse counties for actual witness costs.

Proponent Testimony:

15:44:39 Karen Alley, Montana Association of Counties, (MACo)

15:48:27 Brian Thompson, Montana County Attorneys Association , (MCAA)

15:49:03 Allan Doane, Montana Department of Justice, (DOJ)

15:50:40 John Ostlund, Yellowstone County, Commissioner

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:51:45 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

15:52:20 Allan Doane, DOJ

15:52:39 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

15:53:00 Allan Doane, DOJ

15:53:29 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

15:53:54 Karen Alley, MACo

15:54:24 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

15:54:37 Karen Alley, MACo

15:54:50 Rep. Fiona Nave

15:55:13 Allan Doane, DOJ

15:55:28 Rep. Fiona Nave
15:55:56 Allan Doane, DOJ
15:56:14 Rep. Fiona Nave
15:56:30 Brian Thompson, MACC
15:57:07 Rep. David Bedey
15:57:44 Sen. Barry Usher-R
15:58:07 Rep. Fiona Nave
15:58:43 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter

Closing Statement:

15:59:17 Sen. Barry Usher (R), SD 40, closed the hearing on SB 229.

16:00:20 Rep. Hellegaard has arrived

HEARING ON SB 89 - Create pretrial diversion pilot program

Opening Statement:

16:02:25 Sen. Ryan Lynch (D), SD 76, opened the hearing on SB 89, Create pretrial diversion pilot program.

Proponent Testimony:

16:03:28 Brian Thompson, Montana County Attorneys Association, (MACC)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

16:04:29 Sen. Ryan Lynch (D), SD 76, closed the hearing on SB 89.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:07:56

Kathlyn Walker, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230405APHaad\)](#)