

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

#### 68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON (H) ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Katie Zolnikov-R, on April 05, 2023 at 4:01 PM, in 472

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:** Rep. Katie Zolnikov, Chair (R)  
Rep. Steven Galloway, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Katie Sullivan, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Paul Fielder (R)  
Rep. Paul Green (R)  
Rep. Derek Harvey (D)  
Rep. Kelly Kortum (D)  
Rep. Bob Phalen (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Larry Brewster (R)  
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)  
Rep. Greg Kmetz (R)  
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)

**Staff Present:** Brigitte Bellefleur, Secretary  
Trevor Graff, 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 351 04/03/2023

SB 384 04/03/2023

Executive Action:

SB 32

SB 33

SB 208

SJ 10

**HEARING ON SB 384 - Generally revise consumer privacy laws**

**Opening Statement:**

16:02:43 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 384, Generally revise consumer privacy laws.

**Proponent Testimony:**

16:10:02 Steve Cape, Coalition for Safety and Justice

16:16:31 Bridger Mahlum, Charter Communications

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16:19:12 Margaret Morgan, T -Mobile

16:20:48 Ryan Harkins, Microsoft

**Opponent Testimony:**

16:24:15 Robin Turner, ACLU Montana

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

16:30:32 Rep. Kelly Kortum

16:30:38 Steve Cape, CTSJ

16:34:58 Rep. Kelly Kortum

16:35:33 Sponsor

16:38:03 Vice Chair Steven Galloway

16:38:41 Steve Cape, CTSJ

16:42:21 Vice Chair Steven Galloway

16:42:36 Robin Turner, ACLU

16:44:00 Vice Chair Steven Galloway

16:44:22 Sponsor

16:50:50 Chair Katie Zolnikov

16:50:54 Ryan Harkins

**Closing Statement:**

16:53:12 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R), SD 45, closed the hearing on SB 384.

**HEARING ON SB 351 - Generally revise privacy laws related to biometric data**

**Opening Statement:**

16:55:57 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R), SD 45, opened the hearing on SB 351,  
Generally revise privacy laws related to biometric data.

**Proponent Testimony:**

16:58:15 Steve Cape, Coalition for Safety and Justice

17:02:55 Rep. Laurie Bishop joined the meeting.

17:03:47 Ann Blackwood, Coalition for Genetic Data Protection

17:38:20 Chair Zolnikov

**Opponent Testimony:**

17:06:48 Robin Turner, ACLU Montana

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

17:08:20 Rep. Laurie Bishop

17:08:32 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov-R

**Closing Statement:**

17:09:26 Sen. Daniel Zolnikov (R), SD 45, closed the hearing on SB 351.

17:10:56            **Recessed**

17:21:07            **Reconvened**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 32 - Revising pipeline safety regulation penalties**

17:21:23            **Motion:** Vice Chair Steven Galloway moved that **SB 32 BE CONCURRED IN.**

14:49:46            **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:21:23            **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Steven Galloway

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 33 - Repealing class C motor carrier regulations**

17:22:45            **Motion:** Vice Chair Steven Galloway moved that **SB 33 BE CONCURRED IN.**

14:49:46            **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:22:45            **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Katie Zolnikov

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 208 - Prohibit local governments from banning or limiting energy choices**

17:24:19            **Motion:** Vice Chair Steven Galloway moved that **SB 208 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

17:24:54            Vice Chair Katie Sullivan

17:25:43            Chair Katie Zolnikov

17:26:37            Vice Chair Steven Galloway

17:27:19            Rep. Paul Fielder

14:49:46            **Vote:** Motion carried 10 - 3 by voice vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Sullivan, voting no.

17:24:19            **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Paul Green

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 10 - Resolution against removal of Snake River dams**

17:29:13            **Motion:** Vice Chair Katie Sullivan moved that **SJ 10 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

17:30:02 Rep. Paul Fielder  
17:30:39 Vice Chair Steven Galloway  
17:31:35 Rep. Laurie Bishop joined the meeting.  
17:31:39 Rep. Laurie Bishop  
17:32:21 Chair Katie Zolnikov  
17:32:30 Vice Chair Katie Sullivan  
17:32:41 Chair Katie Zolnikov  
17:33:19 Rep. Paul Fielder  
17:33:56 Vice Chair Steven Galloway  
14:49:46 **Vote:** Motion failed 9 - 4 by voice vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Sullivan, voting yes.  
17:30:00 **Motion:** Vice Chair Steven Galloway moved that **SJ 10 BE CONCURRED IN.**  
15:00:48 **Vote:** Motion carried 10 - 3 by voice vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Sullivan, voting no.  
17:30:00 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Bob Keenan

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 17:39:59

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Brigitte Bellefleur, Secretary

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