

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

Call to Order: Chair Amy Regier-R, on April 05, 2023 at 3:35 PM, in 137

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Amy Regier, Chair (R)
Rep. Laurie Bishop, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Brandon Ler, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Lee Deming (R)
Rep. Neil Duram (R)
Rep. Jodee Etchart (R)
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)
Rep. SJ Howell (D)
Rep. Greg Kmetz (R)
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)
Rep. Wayne Rusk (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R)
Rep. Tom France (D)
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (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 464 04/01/2023
SB 469 04/01/2023
SB 471 04/01/2023
SB 359 04/01/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SB 359 - Prohibit tracking of firearms sales by financial institutions

Opening Statement:

15:36:42 Sen. Terry Vermeire (R), SD 39, opened the hearing on SB 359, Prohibit tracking of firearms sales by financial institutions.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

15:38:51 Kerry Hegriberg, Montana Bankers Association

15:40:24 Aimee Grmoljez, Crowley Fleck Law Firm

[EXHIBIT\(230405JUHb1\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230405JUHb2\)](#)

15:43:31 Dianna Parrish, Montana Credit Union

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

15:44:43 Sen. Terry Vermeire (R), SD 39, closed the hearing on SB 359.

HEARING ON SB 464 - Revise laws related to eyewitness lineups

Opening Statement:

15:54:37 Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 464, Revise laws related to eyewitness lineups.

Proponent Testimony:

15:56:59 Amy Sings in The Timber, Montana Innocence Project

[EXHIBIT\(230405JUHb3\)](#)

Opponent Testimony:

15:59:35 Dan Smith, Montana Police Protective Association
16:00:45 Rep. Laura Smith joined the meeting.

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

16:01:49 Rep. Greg Kmetz
16:02:14 Dan Smith MPPA

Closing Statement:

16:03:17 Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R), SD 26, closed the hearing on SB 464.

HEARING ON SB 469 - Establish statewide central registry for reports of child abuse or neglect

Opening Statement:

16:04:17 Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 469, Establish statewide central registry for reports of child abuse or neglect.

Proponent Testimony:

16:09:20 Matt Furlong, Montana Child Protection Alliance
16:11:40 Denise Johnson, Montana Child Protection Alliance

[EXHIBIT\(230405JUHb4\)](#)

Opponent Testimony:

16:15:27 Nikki Grossberg, Child and Family Services
16:17:46 Bruce Spencer, Montana Judges Association
16:20:48 Leslie Halligan, District Judge

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

16:24:04 Rep. SJ Howell

16:39:52 Nikki Grossberg OPD

Closing Statement:

16:40:42 Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R), SD 26, closed the hearing on SB 469.

HEARING ON SB 471 - Generally revise alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana laws relating to children

Opening Statement:

16:42:41 Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 471, Generally revise alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana laws relating to children.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

16:46:45 Vice Chair Laurie Bishop

16:48:29 Sen. Jeremy Trebas-R

Closing Statement:

16:49:09 Sen. Jeremy Trebas (R), SD 26, closed the hearing on SB 471.

16:51:03 **Committee Discussion:**

16:52:46 Rachel Weiss

16:53:02 Chair Amy Regier

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:53:13

Jamie Van Valkenburg, Secretary

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