

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

Call to Order: Chair Amy Regier-R, on April 17, 2023 at 9:01 AM, 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. Tom France (D)
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Rep. Greg Kmetz (R)
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)
Rep. Wayne Rusk (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Zoey Zephyr (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R)
Rep. SJ Howell (D)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Laura Smith (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 534 04/07/2023

SB 563 04/07/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON SB 563 - Constitutional amendment establishing a mental health trust fund

Opening Statement:

09:02:59 Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 563, Constitutional amendment establishing a mental health trust fund.

Proponent Testimony:

09:04:57 Noreen Appling-Friestadt, Self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:05:57 Rebecca Decamera, Department of Public Health and Human Services

Questions from Committee:

09:06:31 Rep. Tom France

09:13:01 Rebecca Decamera

Closing Statement:

09:13:14 Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R), SD 19, closed the hearing on SB 563.

HEARING ON SB 534 - Constitutional amendment on redistricting

Opening Statement:

09:13:58 Sen. Tom McGillvray (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 534, Constitutional amendment on redistricting.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230417JUH_a1\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

09:23:16 Dan Stusek, Self

Opponent Testimony:

09:26:10 Noreen Appling-Friestadt, Self

09:29:01 Robyn Morrison, League of Women Voters of Montana

Questions from Committee:

09:32:58 Rep. SJ Howell

10:09:28 Dan Stusek

Closing Statement:

10:10:08 Sen. Tom McGillvray (R), SD 23, closed the hearing on SB 534.

10:11:11 **Committee Discussion:** Scheduling

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:11:32

Jamie Van Valkenburg, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230417JUHaad\)](#)