

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

Call to Order: Chair Amy Regier-R, on April 19, 2023 at 9:05 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. Jennifer Carlson (R)
Rep. Lee Deming (R)
Rep. Neil Duram (R)
Rep. Tom France (D)
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)
Rep. Jedediah Hinkle (R)
Rep. SJ Howell (D)
Rep. Greg Kmetz (R)
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)
Rep. Wayne Rusk (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Laura Smith (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Jodee Etchart (R)
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)
Rep. Zoey Zephyr (D)

Staff Present: Jamie Van Valkenburg, Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Research Analyst

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

HJ 17 04/17/2023

SB 160 04/17/2023

Executive Action:

SB 250
SB 518
SB 544

HEARING ON HJ 17 - Interim study of facial recognition technology

Opening Statement:

09:07:09 Chair Amy Regier (R), HD 6, opened the hearing on HJ 17, Interim study of facial recognition technology.

Proponent Testimony:

09:08:50 EJ Redding, Security Industry Association

09:10:04 Alan Doane, Montana Department of Justice

09:10:38 Skylor Hearn, Self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:12:51 Rep. Greg Kmetz

09:14:49 Rep. Amy Regier-R

Closing Statement:

09:14:59 Chair Amy Regier (R), HD 6, closed the hearing on HJ 17.

HEARING ON SB 160 - Generally revise drug and human trafficking laws

Opening Statement:

09:15:17 Sen. Brad Molnar (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 160, Generally revise drug and human trafficking laws.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

09:27:05 Brian Thompson, Montana County Attorney's Association

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:31:30 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle

09:46:57 Brian Thompson MPPA

Closing Statement:

09:47:27 Sen. Brad Molnar (R), SD 28, closed the hearing on SB 160.

09:54:21 **Recessed**

10:21:25 Rep. Mitchell has arrived

10:21:28 Rep. Hinkle has arrived

10:21:33 Rep. Zephyr has arrived

10:21:36 Rep. Etchart has arrived

10:24:48 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 250 - Adopt Safety of the Child First Act

10:24:56 **Motion:** Vice Chair Brandon Ler moved that **SB 250 BE CONCURRED IN.**

10:25:14 **Motion:** Vice Chair Brandon Ler moved that **SB 250 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:28:17 Rep. Neil Duram

10:28:31 Rep. Jennifer Carlson

10:25:14 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 6 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. France, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Howell, Rep. Smith, Rep. Zephyr, voting no.

10:29:52 **Motion:** Vice Chair Brandon Ler moved that **SB 250 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:30:01 Rep. Jennifer Carlson
10:31:32 Rep. Laura Smith
10:33:30 Rep. Neil Duram
10:34:53 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
10:36:39 Rep. Laura Smith
10:37:03 Rep. Jedediah Hinkle
10:37:19 Rep. Neil Duram
10:29:52 **Vote:** Motion carried 11 - 8 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. France, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Howell, Rep. Knudsen, Rep. Rusk, Rep. Smith, Rep. Zephyr, voting no.
10:29:52 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Amy Regier

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 518 - Revise parental rights laws to increase parental involvement in education

10:39:06 **Motion:** Vice Chair Brandon Ler moved that **SB 518 BE CONCURRED IN.**
10:39:10 **Motion:** Vice Chair Brandon Ler moved that **SB 518 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:40:41 Rep. Jennifer Carlson
10:40:59 Rachel Weiss
10:41:19 Rep. Casey Knudsen
10:39:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 6 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. France, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Howell, Rep. Smith, Rep. Zephyr, voting no.
10:42:18 **Motion:** Vice Chair Brandon Ler moved that **SB 518 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

10:42:36 Vice Chair Brandon Ler
10:42:23 **Motion:** Vice Chair Brandon Ler moved that **SB 518 BE AMENDED.**
10:42:23 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 6 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. France, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Howell, Rep. Smith, Rep. Zephyr, voting no.
10:44:10 **Motion:** Vice Chair Brandon Ler moved that **SB 518 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

- 10:44:21 Rep. Zooney Zephyr
- 10:46:10 Rep. Jennifer Carlson
- 10:46:20 Rep. Tom France
- 10:48:40 Rep. Neil Duram
- 10:49:34 Rep. Lee Deming
- 10:44:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 11 - 8 by roll call vote with Rep. Bishop, Rep. France, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Howell, Rep. Knudsen, Rep. Rusk, Rep. Smith, Rep. Zephyr, voting no.
- 10:44:10 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Lee Deming

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 544 - Revise internet laws related to material harmful to minors

- 10:53:05 **Motion:** Vice Chair Brandon Ler moved that **SB 544 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

- 10:53:10 Vice Chair Laurie Bishop
- 10:53:05 **Vote:** Motion carried 14 - 5 by roll call vote with Rep. Hinkle, Rep. Howell, Rep. Knudsen, Rep. Mitchell, Rep. Zephyr, voting no.
- 10:53:05 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Jennifer Carlson
- 10:54:31 **Committee Discussion:** Discussion on Future Meetings
- 10:54:59 Chair Amy Regier
- 10:55:14 Vice Chair Brandon Ler
- 10:55:25 Chair Amy Regier

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:55:47

Jamie Van Valkenburg, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230419JUHaad\)](#)