

MINUTES
MONTANA SENATE
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (S) JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Barry Usher-R, on January 17, 2023 at 9:01 AM, in 303

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Keith Regier, Chair (R)
Sen. Jen Gross, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Barry Usher, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Bob Brown (R)
Sen. Daniel Emrich (R)
Sen. Chris Friedel (R)
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)
Sen. Kathy Kelker (D)
Sen. Theresa Manzella (R)
Sen. Andrea Olsen (D)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Staff Present: Julianne Burkhardt, Attorney
Grace Gibney, 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 154 01/12/2023

Executive Action:

SB 135 DO PASS

SB 149 DO PASS

HEARING ON SB 154 - Define the right to privacy to clarify no right to abortion

Opening Statement:

09:02:49 Chair Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 154, Define the right to privacy to clarify no right to abortion.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230117JUSa1\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230117JUSa2\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

09:07:22 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation

09:10:18 Darin Gaub, self

09:10:42 Joseph Nevin, self

09:13:11 Garrett Bacon, self

09:13:47 Bob Leach, self

09:16:30 Donna Elford, self

[EXHIBIT\(230117JUSa3\)](#)

09:17:58 Bart Crabtree, self

09:18:56 Kaitlyn Ruch, Students For Life Action

09:21:59 Sharon Mason, self

09:23:19 Chad Hesler, self

09:23:51 Gail Asbury, self

09:25:28 Chiko Olson, self

09:26:26 Danielle Pimentel, self

09:31:03 Ruth Rater, self

Opponent Testimony:

09:32:14 Martha Fuller, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Montana

09:34:22 Ailean Gleizer, Blue Mountain Clinic

09:38:34 Mike Meloy, Meloy Law Firm

09:43:30 Shannon Walden, Self

09:47:22 Kelli Twoteeth, Self

09:48:33 Nicole Gomez, Montana Women Vote

09:49:23 Shawn Reagor, Montana Human Rights Network

09:50:42 Robin Turner, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana

09:51:53 Robyn Morrison, League of Women Voters

09:54:05 Erin Erickson, Bohyer, Erickson, Beaudette & Tranel, P.C.

09:55:55 Rachel Wanderscheid, Self

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:57:36 Sen. Andrea Olsen

09:58:31 Sen. Keith Regier-R

10:00:00 Sen. Theresa Manzella

10:00:05 Shannon Walden

10:01:39 Sen. Kathy Kelker

10:01:41 Mike Meloy, Meloy Law Firm

10:03:03 Sen. Susan Webber

10:03:32 Sen. Keith Regier-R

10:05:05 Sen. Theresa Manzella

10:05:20 Danielle Pimentel, Self
10:06:11 Sen. Daniel Emrich
10:06:28 Mike Meloy, Meloy Law Firm
10:09:57 Vice Chair Barry Usher
10:12:57 Mike Meloy, Meloy Law Firm
10:13:03 Sen. Chris Friedel
10:14:18 Mike Meloy, Meloy Law Firm
10:18:16 Sen. Bob Brown
10:18:31 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation
10:22:13 Sen. Daniel Emrich
10:22:59 Sen. Keith Regier-R

Closing Statement:

10:23:05 Chair Keith Regier (R), SD 3, closed the hearing on SB 154.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 135 - Revise injunction laws

11:24:03 **Motion:** Sen. Barry Usher moved that **SB 135 DO PASS.**
11:24:03 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.
11:25:45 **Motion:** Sen. Andrea Olsen moved that **SB 135 BE AMENDED.**
11:25:45 **Vote:** Motion failed 6 - 5 by roll call vote with Sen. Friedel, Sen. Gross, Sen. Kelker, Sen. Olsen, Sen. Webber, voting yes.
11:26:40 **Motion:** Sen. Barry Usher moved that **SB 135 DO PASS.**
11:26:40 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 149 - Establish penalties for false reporting in child protective services cases

11:33:37 **Motion:** Sen. Barry Usher moved that **SB 149 DO PASS.**
11:33:37 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:35:36

Grace Gibney, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230117JUSaad\)](#)