MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE

68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON (S) JUDICIARY

Call to Order: Chair Keith Regier-R, on March 10, 2023 at 9:01 AM, in 303

ROLL CALL

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

       HB 326 03/01/2023
       HB 266 03/01/2023
       HB 236 03/01/2023
       HB 296 03/01/2023
       HB 239 03/01/2023
Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 239 - Revise who may serve as a judge pro tempore in justice's courts

Opening Statement:

09:02:19   Rep. Brandon Ler (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 239, Revise who may serve as a judge pro tempore in justice's courts.

Proponent Testimony:

09:03:35   Greg Mohr, self

09:08:12   Rebecca Meyers, Montana Magistrates Association

09:08:42   Karen Alley, Montana Association of Counties

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

09:09:45   Rep. Brandon Ler (R), HD 35, closed the hearing on HB 239.

HEARING ON HB 296 - Revising laws relating to real estate transaction disclosures

Opening Statement:

09:10:27   Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R), HD 43, opened the hearing on HB 296, Revising laws relating to real estate transaction disclosures.

Proponent Testimony:

09:11:26   Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

09:13:45   Chair Keith Regier left the meeting.

09:15:54   Stewart Doggett, Montana Land Title Association

09:16:31   Scott Countryman, self

09:18:21   Rebecca Schwartz, self

09:19:06   Mike Nugent, self

09:21:26   Alan McCormick, Montana Association of Realtors (MAR)

Opponent Testimony:

    None

Informational Witness Testimony:

    None

Questions from Committee:

09:24:43   Sen. Theresa Manzella

09:24:44   Chair Keith Regier joined the meeting.

09:25:19   Alan McCormick, MAR

09:28:50   Vice Chair Jen Gross joined the meeting.

09:28:59   Sen. Andrea Olsen

09:30:23   Sam Sill, MAR

09:30:57   Alan McCormick, Montana Association of Realtors

09:37:18   Sen. Susan Webber

09:38:04   Alan McCormick, MAR

09:40:46   Sen. Susan Webber

09:40:47   Mike Nugent, self

09:41:24   Sen. Chris Friedel

09:41:43   Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe-R

09:44:29   Sen. Daniel Emrich

09:45:11	Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe-R
09:50:43	Sen. Andrea Olsen
09:53:35	Sam Sill, MAR
09:55:19	Sen. Bob Brown
09:56:05	Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe-R
09:57:36	Sen. Theresa Manzella
09:58:44	Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe-R
09:59:05	Sen. Theresa Manzella
09:59:43	Mike Nugent, self
10:01:51	Sen. Susan Webber

Closing Statement:

10:04:04   Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R), HD 43, closed the hearing on HB 296.

HEARING ON HB 326 - Revise laws relating to the appointment of the judicial standards commission

Opening Statement:

10:06:21   Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R), HD 43, opened the hearing on HB 326, Revise laws relating to the appointment of the judicial standards commission.

Discussion:

EXHIBIT(230310JUSa1)

EXHIBIT(230310JUSa2)

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

10:10:09   Bruce Spencer, Montana State Bar

EXHIBIT(230310JUSa3)

| 10:17:58 | Robyn Morrison, League of Women Voters |

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

10:20:49	Chair Keith Regier
10:21:13	Bruce Spencer, Montana State Bar
10:22:51	Sen. Bob Brown
10:23:03	Bruce Spencer, Montana State Bar
10:24:10	Vice Chair Barry Usher left the meeting.
10:27:29	Sen. Daniel Emrich
10:30:18	Bruce Spencer, Montana State Bar
10:30:42	Vice Chair Barry Usher joined the meeting.
10:35:58	Sen. Steve Hinebauch
10:36:15	Bruce Spencer, Montana State Bar
10:37:41	Sen. Susan Webber
10:38:27	Bruce Spencer, Montana State Bar
10:39:28	Sen. Theresa Manzella
10:41:20	Bruce Spencer, Montana State Bar
10:43:02	Sen. Andrea Olsen
10:44:06	Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe-R
10:46:23	Sen. Andrea Olsen
10:46:38	Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe-R
10:47:40	Sen. Andrea Olsen
10:48:02	Vice Chair Barry Usher

10:48:29	Bruce Spencer, Montana State Bar
10:52:29	Sen. Susan Webber
10:52:58	Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe-R
10:54:57	Chair Keith Regier
10:55:50	Bruce Spencer, Montana State Bar

Closing Statement:

| 10:56:30 | Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R), HD 43, closed the hearing on HB 326. |

HEARING ON HB 236 - Generally revise public safety agency and public safety answering point laws

Opening Statement:

| 10:58:35 | Rep. Paul Green (R), HD 41, opened the hearing on HB 236, Generally revise public safety agency and public safety answering point laws. |

Proponent Testimony:

| 11:01:00 | Brian Thompson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA) |

Opponent Testimony:

| | None |

Informational Witness Testimony:

| | None |

Questions from Committee:

11:02:00	Sen. Andrea Olsen
11:02:23	Rep. Paul Green-R
11:03:38	Sen. Andrea Olsen
11:03:48	Brian Thompson, MSPOA
11:05:08	Chair Keith Regier

11:05:16	Brian Thompson, MSPOA
11:06:18	Sen. Susan Webber
11:07:32	Sen. Chris Friedel
11:07:54	Rep. Paul Green-R
11:10:56	Chair Keith Regier

Closing Statement:

11:11:19   Rep. Paul Green (R), HD 41, closed the hearing on HB 236.

HEARING ON HB 266 - Eliminate the advisory council on concealed weapon permits

Opening Statement:

11:11:51   Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 266, Eliminate the advisory council on concealed weapon permits.

Proponent Testimony:

11:13:23   Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

11:15:26   Sen. Andrea Olsen

11:15:53   Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office

Closing Statement:

11:18:30   Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, closed the hearing on HB 266.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:19:19

_____

Grace Gibney, Secretary

Additional Documents:EXHIBIT(230310JUSaad)