

**MINUTES
MONTANA SENATE
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (S) FINANCE AND CLAIMS**

Call to Order: Chair Carl Glimm-R, on March 13, 2023 at 9:30 AM, in 317

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. John Esp, Chair (R)
Sen. Janet Ellis, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Carl Glimm, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Dan Bartel (R)
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)
Sen. John Fuller (R)
Sen. Mike Lang (R)
Sen. Dennis Lenz (R)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)
Sen. Daniel Salomon (R)
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)
Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Pat Flowers (D)

Staff Present: Julie Johnson, Research Analyst
Joe Triem, Fiscal Analyst
Cy Walsh, Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

SB 11 03/10/2023

SB 280 03/10/2023

SB 352 03/10/2023

SB 383 03/10/2023

Executive Action:

SB 458 DO PASS

HEARING ON SB 352 - Create task force to modify and improve the child protective services system

Opening Statement:

09:32:03 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, opened the hearing on SB 352, Create task force to modify and improve the child protective services system.

Proponent Testimony:

09:33:22 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:35:04 Jerry Howe, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

09:35:34 Erica Johnston, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee:

09:35:59 Vice Chair Janet Ellis

09:36:41 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

09:38:28 Chair John Esp

09:38:41 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

09:40:29 Sen. Mike Cuffe

09:41:29 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

09:44:04 Sen. Tom McGillvray

09:44:40 Jerry Howe, LSD

09:44:54 Chair John Esp

09:45:26 Jerry Howe, LSD

09:46:24 Sen. Mike Cuffe

Closing Statement:

09:47:16 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, closed the hearing on SB 352.

HEARING ON SB 11 - Generally revise criminal justice system laws

Opening Statement:

09:48:45 Sen. Barry Usher (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 11, Generally revise criminal justice system laws.

Discussion:

09:49:14 Sen. Kenneth Bogner left the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

09:51:45 Will Selph, Department of Justice (DOJ)

09:52:10 Patrick Webb, Americans for Prosperity (AFP)

09:52:44 Maggie Bornstein, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLU MT)
09:53:12 Natalia Bowser, Board of Crime Control (BCC)
09:54:15 Dan Smith, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)
09:55:25 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA)
09:57:17 Thomas Jodoin, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

09:58:57 Adam Carpenter, Department of Administration (DOA)
09:59:20 Brett Schandelson, Office of the State Public Defender (OPD)
09:59:57 Nate Thomas, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee:

10:00:20 Sen. John Fuller
10:00:30 Sen. Barry Usher-R
10:02:37 Sen. Dan Bartel
10:03:16 Adam Carpenter, DOA
10:08:46 Sen. Forrest Mandeville
10:08:52 Sen. Pat Flowers joined the meeting.
10:09:10 Adam Carpenter, DOA
10:15:27 Chair John Esp
10:15:54 Sen. Barry Usher-R
10:17:04 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn
10:18:01 Sen. Barry Usher-R
10:19:11 Sen. Christopher Pope
10:19:21 Sen. Barry Usher-R
10:20:06 Vice Chair Janet Ellis
10:20:25 Chair John Esp
10:20:45 Natalia Bowser, BCC

Closing Statement:

10:21:04 Sen. Barry Usher (R), SD 40, closed the hearing on SB 11.

HEARING ON SB 383 - Require DEQ to study septic

Opening Statement:

10:24:35 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 383, Require DEQ to study septic.

Proponent Testimony:

10:26:30 Rebecca Boslough-King, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

10:27:33 Lindsey Krywaruchka, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee:

10:28:10 Sen. Dan Bartel

10:28:54 Lindsey Krywaruchka, DEQ

10:31:12 Chair John Esp

10:31:46 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

10:35:49 Sen. Tom McGillvray

10:36:22 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

10:38:50 Sen. Forrest Mandeville

10:40:19 Lindsey Krywaruchka, DEQ

10:40:44 Eric Sivers, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

10:41:37 Chair John Esp

10:42:23 Eric Sivers, DEQ

Closing Statement:

10:42:39 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 12, closed the hearing on SB 383.

HEARING ON SB 280 - Revise bird dog training laws

Opening Statement:

10:43:41 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, opened the hearing on SB 280, Revise bird dog training laws.

Proponent Testimony:

10:47:04 Rebecca Boslough-King, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

10:48:53 Lena Havron, Fish, Wildlife, and Parks (FWP)

Questions from Committee:

10:49:32 Sen. Tom McGillvray

10:49:53 Sen. Mike Lang-R

10:50:17 Lena Havron, FWP
10:50:28 Sen. Tom McGillvray
10:50:31 Lena Havron, FWP

Closing Statement:

10:50:49 Sen. Mike Lang (R), SD 17, closed the hearing on SB 280.

10:52:07 **Recessed**

11:05:52 **Reconvened**

11:05:52 Sen. Lynch has left

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 458 - Define sex in Montana law

11:06:10 **Motion:** Sen. Carl Glimm moved that **SB 458 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

11:06:27 Sen. Ellie Boldman

11:13:11 Chair John Esp

11:14:20 Sen. Pat Flowers

11:15:17 Chair John Esp

11:15:23 Vice Chair Carl Glimm

11:06:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 11 - 8 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, Sen. Salomon, Sen. Welborn, voting no.
Sen. Lynch, By Proxy

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:17:52

Cy Walsh, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230313FCSaad\)](#)