

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Carl Glimm-R, on March 14, 2023 at 9:01 AM, in 317

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Sen. John Esp, Chair (R)  
Sen. Carl Glimm, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Dan Bartel (R)  
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)  
Sen. John Fuller (R)  
Sen. Mike Lang (R)  
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)  
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)  
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)  
Sen. Shelley Vance (R)  
Sen. Jeffrey Welborn (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)  
Sen. Ellie Boldman (D)  
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)  
Sen. Dennis Lenz (R)  
Sen. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)  
Sen. Daniel Salomon (R)

**Staff Present:** Julie Johnson, Research Analyst  
Joe Triem, Fiscal Analyst  
Cy Walsh, 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 79 03/11/2023  
HB 112 03/11/2023  
SB 303 03/11/2023

Executive Action:

SB 280 DO PASS

SB 383 TO TABLE

HB 79 BE CONCURRED IN

HB 112 BE CONCURRED IN

**HEARING ON HB 79 - Create sexual assault response network program and committee**

**Opening Statement:**

09:02:26 Rep. Amy Regier (R), HD 6, opened the hearing on HB 79, Create sexual assault response network program and committee.

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:04:11 Dana Toole, Department of Justice (DOJ)

09:06:46 Sen. Shane Morigeau joined the meeting.

09:08:03 Dan Smith, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

09:09:25 Kayla Bragg, Department of Justice (DOJ)

09:09:52 Nate Thomas, Department of Justice (DOJ)

**Questions from Committee:**

09:10:31 Sen. John Fuller

09:10:50 Dana Toole, DOJ

09:12:00 Kayla Bragg, DOJ

09:12:26 Sen. Jeffrey Welborn

09:13:01 Dana Toole, DOJ

09:15:19 Sen. Mike Cuffe

09:15:46 Rep. Amy Regier-R

09:16:18 Kayla Bragg, DOJ

09:18:34 Chair John Esp

09:18:51 Kayla Bragg, DOJ

**Closing Statement:**

09:19:19 Rep. Amy Regier (R), HD 6, closed the hearing on HB 79.

**HEARING ON HB 112 - Generally revise human trafficking laws**

**Opening Statement:**

09:20:01 Rep. Jodee Etchart (R), HD 48, opened the hearing on HB 112, Generally revise human trafficking laws.

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:22:05 Alex Sterhan, Department of Justice (DOJ)

09:22:52 Steven Crawford, Department of Justice (DOJ)

09:23:23 Dan Smith, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

09:24:32 Jodi Stone, Department of Corrections (DOC)

09:25:03 Brian Smith, Office of the State Public Defender (OPD)

**Questions from Committee:**

09:25:28 Vice Chair Carl Glimm

09:25:34 Sen. Forrest Mandeville joined the meeting.

09:25:50 Steven Crawford, DOJ

09:26:38 Vice Chair Carl Glimm

09:27:14 Jodi Stone, DOC

09:27:37 Sen. John Fuller

09:28:15 Steven Crawford, DOJ

09:30:01 Sen. Mike Cuffe

09:30:58 Steven Crawford, DOJ

**Closing Statement:**

09:32:04 Rep. Jodee Etchart (R), HD 48, closed the hearing on HB 112.

**HEARING ON SB 303 - Revise withholding penalties for certain taxes**

**Opening Statement:**

09:33:15 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 303, Revise withholding penalties for certain taxes.

**Proponent Testimony:**

09:35:22 Derek Bell, Department of Revenue (DOR)

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

09:37:03 Chair John Esp

09:37:12 Derek Bell, DOR

09:38:03 Sen. Dan Bartel

09:38:15 Derek Bell, DOR

**Closing Statement:**

09:39:42 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 12, closed the hearing on SB 303.

09:41:40            **Recessed**  
09:58:50            **Reconvened**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 280 - Revise bird dog training laws**

09:59:02            **Motion:** Sen. Carl Glimm moved that **SB 280 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

09:59:16            Sen. Mike Lang  
10:01:09            Sen. Shane Morigeau  
10:01:17            Sen. Pat Flowers  
10:01:49            Vice Chair Carl Glimm  
10:02:27            Sen. Daniel Salomon joined the meeting.  
09:59:02            **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 383 - Require DEQ to study septic**

10:02:32            **Motion:** Sen. Carl Glimm moved that **SB 383 DO PASS.**  
10:02:52            **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Carl Glimm moved that **SB 383 TO TABLE.**  
10:02:52            **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried 13 - 6 by roll call vote with Sen. Boldman,  
Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Lynch, Sen. Morigeau, Sen. Pope, voting no.  
Sen. Boldman, Sen. Ellis, By Proxy

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 79 - Create sexual assault response network program and committee**

10:04:24            **Motion:** Sen. Carl Glimm moved that **HB 79 BE CONCURRED IN.**  
10:04:24            **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
10:04:24            **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. John Esp

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 112 - Generally revise human trafficking laws**

10:05:28            **Motion:** Sen. Carl Glimm moved that **HB 112 BE CONCURRED IN.**  
10:05:28            **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.  
10:05:28            **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Carl Glimm

10:07:20            **Committee Discussion:**

10:07:20            Sen. Mike Cuffe  
10:07:24            Chair John Esp  
10:07:31            Sen. Christopher Pope  
10:07:37            Chair John Esp  
10:07:45            Joe Triem  
10:08:23            Chair John Esp

10:08:43 Sen. Tom McGillvray  
10:08:46 Chair John Esp  
10:09:16 Sen. Mike Cuffe  
10:09:24 Chair John Esp

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:09:54

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Cy Walsh, Secretary

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