

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Keith Regier-R, on April 21, 2023 at 11:30 AM, in 303

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Sen. Keith Regier, Chair (R)  
Sen. Barry Usher, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Bob Brown (R)  
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)  
Sen. Theresa Manzella (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Daniel Emrich (R)  
Sen. Chris Friedel (R)  
Sen. Jen Gross (D)  
Sen. Kathy Kelker (D)  
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:

SJ 31 04/21/2023

Executive Action:

SJ 31 DO PASS

11:31:37 Senator Ellsworth present at roll call

**HEARING ON SJ 31 - Study of attorney regulation and the state bar**

**Opening Statement:**

11:32:04 Vice Chair Barry Usher (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SJ 31, Study of attorney regulation and the state bar.

**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

11:32:51 Bruce Spencer, Montana State Bar

**Questions from Committee:**

11:33:32 Chair Keith Regier

11:33:49 Sen. Barry Usher-R

11:34:09 Chair Keith Regier

11:34:17 Bruce Spencer, Montana State Bar

**Closing Statement:**

11:36:29 Vice Chair Barry Usher (R), SD 40, closed the hearing on SJ 31.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 31 - Study of attorney regulation and the state bar**

11:45:15 **Motion:** Vice Chair Barry Usher moved that **SJ 31 DO PASS.**

11:45:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:48:01

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Grace Gibney, Secretary

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