

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

Call to Order: Chair Keith Regier-R, on April 25, 2023 at 8:01 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)

Members Excused: 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 33 04/21/2023

SJ 34 04/21/2023

SR 73 04/20/2023

Executive Action:

SR 73 DO PASS

SJ 33 DO PASS

SJ 34 DO PASS

HB 551

HB 517

HEARING ON SR 73 - Confirm governor's appointees for board of crime control

Opening Statement:

08:02:36 Chair Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SR 73, Confirm governor's appointees for board of crime control.

Proponent Testimony:

08:03:46 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office
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08:06:01 Leo Dutton, Chairman, Montana Board of Crime Control (MBCC)

08:07:28 Natalia Bowser, Director, Montana Board of Crime Control (MBCC)

08:08:24 Laurie Barron, Governor's Appointee

08:09:20 Eric Bryson, Governor's Appointee

08:12:26 Beth McLaughlin, Governor's Appointee

08:14:04 Kaydee Ruiz, Governor's Appointee

08:16:29 Brett Schandelson, Governor's Appointee

08:17:43 Katie Weston, Governor's Appointee

08:19:45 Richard Kirn, Governor's Appointee

08:21:16 Amanda Myers, Governor's Appointee

08:22:38 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA), Montana County Attorneys Association (MCCA)

08:24:46 Shelby Demars, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:26:57 Sen. Theresa Manzella
08:27:15 Eric Bryson, Governor's Appointee
08:27:38 Sen. Theresa Manzella
08:27:51 Amanda Myers, Governor's Appointee
08:28:27 Sen. Chris Friedel
08:28:50 Eric Bryson, Governor's Appointee
08:31:25 Vice Chair Barry Usher
08:31:44 Kaydee Ruiz, Governor's Appointee
08:32:19 Vice Chair Barry Usher
08:32:33 Eric Bryson, Governor's Appointee
08:33:08 Vice Chair Barry Usher
08:33:41 Natalia Bowser, MBCC
08:34:27 Sen. Theresa Manzella
08:34:59 Natalia Bowser, MBCC

Closing Statement:

08:37:24 Chair Keith Regier (R), SD 3, closed the hearing on SR 73.

**HEARING ON SJ 33 - Study financial and safety impacts when defendant fails to appear
for court**

Opening Statement:

08:40:06 Sen. Chris Friedel (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SJ 33, Study financial and safety impacts when defendant fails to appear for court.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

08:40:25 Sen. Chris Friedel (R), SD 26, closed the hearing on SJ 33.

HEARING ON SJ 34 - Study of treatment and other specialized courts

Opening Statement:

08:40:56 Sen. Chris Friedel (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SJ 34, Study of treatment and other specialized courts.

Proponent Testimony:

08:42:43 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Court Administrator

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

08:44:12 Sen. Steve Hinebauch

08:44:18 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Court Administrator

Closing Statement:

08:45:44 Sen. Chris Friedel (R), SD 26, closed the hearing on SJ 34.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 73 - Confirm governor's appointees for board of crime control

09:16:44 **Motion:** Vice Chair Barry Usher moved that **SR 73 DO PASS.**

09:16:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 33 - Study financial and safety impacts when defendant fails to appear for court

09:17:58 **Motion:** Sen. Chris Friedel moved that **SJ 33 DO PASS.**

09:17:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 34 - Study of treatment and other specialized courts

09:19:03 **Motion:** Sen. Chris Friedel moved that **SJ 34 DO PASS.**

09:19:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 551 - Implement constitutional carry into the Montana Constitution

09:24:53 **Motion:** Vice Chair Barry Usher moved that **HB 551 BE AMENDED.**

09:24:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

09:26:17 **Motion:** Vice Chair Barry Usher moved that **HB 551 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

09:26:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

09:26:17 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Barry Usher

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 517 - Constitutional amendment regarding board of regents

11:03:32 **Motion:** Vice Chair Barry Usher moved that **HB 517 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:03:37 **Motion:** Vice Chair Barry Usher moved that **HB 517 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

11:03:46 Julianne Burkhardt

11:03:54 Chair Keith Regier

11:03:37 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

11:05:09 **Motion:** Vice Chair Barry Usher moved that **HB 517 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

11:05:09 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:05:09 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Keith Regier

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:06:02

Grace Gibney, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230425JUSaad\)](#)