

**MINUTES**  
**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**  
**COMMITTEE ON FREE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON HB 359**

**Call to Order:** Chair Barry Usher-R, on April 26, 2023 at 11:58 AM, in 350

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Sen. Barry Usher, Chair (R)  
Rep. SJ Howell (D)  
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)  
Sen. Andrea Olsen (D)  
Sen. Keith Regier (R)  
Rep. Amy Regier (R)

**Staff Present:** Grace Gibney, Secretary  
Jason Mohr, Research Analyst

**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:

Executive Action:

HB 359 ACCEPTED AS  
AMENDED

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 359 - Prohibit minors from attending drag shows**

12:00:17 **Motion:** Rep. Braxton Mitchell moved that **HB 359 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

12:00:30 Rep. Braxton Mitchell

12:04:58 Sen. Andrea Olsen

12:06:41 Rep. Braxton Mitchell

12:06:51 Rep. SJ Howell

12:08:58 Sen. Andrea Olsen

12:10:49 Senator Chris Friedel, self

12:11:57 SK Rossi, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLUMT)

12:13:47 Sam Forstag, Montana Library Association (MLA)

12:15:26 Shawn Reagor, Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN)

12:16:38 Robin Turner, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

12:17:03 Keegan Medrano, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLUMT)

12:17:48 Sen. Andrea Olsen

12:00:17 **Vote:** Motion carried 4 - 2 by roll call vote with Rep. Howell, Sen. Olsen, voting no.

12:19:42 **Motion:** Sen. Andrea Olsen moved that **HB 359 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

12:21:28 Sen. Keith Regier

12:23:30 Rep. SJ Howell

12:26:03 Rep. Braxton Mitchell

12:26:48 Sen. Andrea Olsen

12:28:53 Rep. Braxton Mitchell

12:19:42 **Vote:** Motion failed 4 - 2 by roll call vote with Rep. Howell, Sen. Olsen, voting yes.

12:23:31 **Motion:** Rep. Braxton Mitchell moved that **HB 359 ACCEPTED AS AMENDED.**

10:57:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 4 - 2 by roll call vote with Rep. Howell, Sen. Olsen, voting no.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 12:27:31

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Grace Gibney, Secretary

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