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68th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES LOG

April 18, 2024
Zoom Only
Helena, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Amy Regier, Presiding Officer (R)
Rep. Jodee Etchart (R)
Sen. Chris Friedel (R)
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)
Sen. Keith Regier (R)

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Sen. John Esp (R)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rep. Donavon Hawk, Vice Presiding Officer (D)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)

STAFF PRESENT:

Ania Alduenda, Secretary
Julianne Burkhardt, Attorney
Sara Hess, Research Analyst

AGENDA ([Attachment 1](#))

VISITORS' LIST

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

09:08:10 Presiding Officer Amy Regier called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

Review of Constitutional Initiative #14

09:09:53 Sara Hess, Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
[EXHIBIT 1](#)

09:12:02 Julianne Burkhardt, Attorney, LSD

Committee Discussions/Questions

09:12:18 None

Proponents

09:13:00 None

Opponents

09:13:32 Shaun Pandina, Kalispell

09:15:56 Stephen Fanning, Wilsall

09:17:38 Patrick Webb, Montana Family Foundation

09:21:19 Jenny Ressler, Rexford

09:22:46 Mona Rash, Helena

09:24:52 Dick Pence, Coordinator, Big Sky Worldview Forum

09:26:09 Rebekah Ryan, Butte

09:28:25 May Simmons, Polson

09:29:03 Cathy Carlson, East Helena

09:30:58 Sharon Nason, Clancy

09:32:41 Robert 'Buddy' Keehn, Billings

09:33:30 Colleen Stewart, Great Falls

09:34:35 Corrina Wrobel, Great Falls

09:35:47 Derek Oestreicher, Helena

09:37:37 Linda Holden, Valier

09:38:35 Mary Harlow, Observer Montana League of Women Voters

09:40:00 Mike Hanson, 40 Days for Life Whitefish Campaigns

09:41:23 Sonia Miller, Libby

09:42:32 Jennifer Wade, Great Falls

09:43:47 Leonard Iverson, Billings

09:45:15 Phil Hanson, Billings

09:45:53 Phillip Quinn, Helena

09:46:55 Robin Sertell, Hamilton

09:48:53 Elizabeth Yoder, Libby

09:50:49 Sen. Barry Usher, SD 20

09:52:41 JD Shanahan, Billings
09:53:52 Michael Gray, Billings

Proponents

09:55:41 May Simmons

Opponents Cont'd

09:57:32 Richard Koehler, Hamilton
09:59:30 Wendy Donaugh, Park City

Committee Discussions/Questions

10:00:50 Sen. Keith Regier
10:03:55 Sen. Chris Friedel
10:05:30 Sen. Keith Regier
10:06:15 Julianne Burkhardt
10:08:42 Presiding Officer Amy Regier
10:12:10 Sara Hess
10:13:08 Sen. Keith Regier
10:13:24 Rep. Jodee Etchart

Motion

10:14:23 Sen. Keith Regier moved to support CI 128.

Vote

10:14:55 The motion failed unanimously by roll call vote.

ADJOURNMENT

10:15:58 Presiding Officer Amy Regier adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.