Following Committees or Finding a Bill

I find it a bit hard to navigate the legislative page. This my little tutorial (perhaps the hard way) if you want to follow Legislative Committees or discover when a bill is coming up or where it is in the Process.

- Go to the Montana Legislature 2023 Page
- Click on Lookup Bills
- To find or follow bills in Committees drop clear to the bottom and click on Reports
- Lots of choices here. If you want to see what is coming up in a committee click on i.e. Bills in Senate Committees Choose a Specific Committee
- Near the top we will choose under the drop-down Individual Committee and Choose Senate Judiciary
- Now we can see what is Not Yet Scheduled: For purposes of illustration, I am interested in Sen. John Fuller's bill SB99 Provide for Youth Protection act. I happened to know this has to do with the transgender issue.
- What is Scheduled for Hearing: Today (1/16/2023) I also see Scheduled for Hearing and at that time I see SB154 Senator Keith Regier's Bill to define the right of privacy to clarify no right to abortion. It is scheduled (Hearing Date) to be heard Tuesday 01/17/223
- If I want the TEXT of the Bill, I go back to <u>Look Up Bill Information</u> put in SB 154 and I get a PDF of the Bill. I can click on the little printer icon and it will come up as a PDF and I can download it.
- Now, let's say you want to know what bills will be heard this week select
 <u>Hearing Calendar</u>. Select the **time period** you want, the **Branch** and the
 Committee if you wish. Here I see that Senate Judiciary meets at 8am M-F
 but will meet 01/17/2023 at 9am

Lots of bells and whistles on these pages but I hope this helps a little

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