

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: By Chairman Ron Stoker, on January 29, 2007 at 3:15 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ron Stoker, Chairman (R)
Rep. Arlene Becker, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Tom McGillvray, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Ernie Dutton (R)
Rep. Julie French (D)
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)
Rep. William J. Jones (R)
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Mike Milburn (R)
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Diane Sands (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Debbie Carlson, Committee Secretary
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 246, 1/17/2007
Executive Action: HB 120, HB 255

HEARING ON HB 246

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:43 Rep. Deborah Kottel (D), HD 20, opened the hearing on HB 246, Disclosure of preferred provider contracting with non-preferred provider.

Proponents' Testimony: None.

Opponents' Testimony:

00:06:44 Mark Burzynski, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Montana
00:14:03 Susan Witte, Vice President, General Alliegance Health Insurance Company
00:16:28 Dr. Tom Caughlin, Community Health Network
00:18:07 Kelly Meuchel, CEO, Community Health Network
00:22:06 Connie Welsh, Administrator, Department of Administration

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:20 Rep. French
00:27:51 Rep. Kottel
00:28:21 Rep. French
00:28:56 Rep. Kottel
00:31:22 Rep. French
00:32:28 Mr. Burzynski
00:34:47 Dr. Caughlin
00:36:00 Rep. Peterson
00:37:02 Rep. Kottel
00:39:30 Rep. Peterson
00:39:49 Rep. Kottel
00:40:18 Rep. Peterson
00:41:04 Dr. Caughlin
00:42:11 Rep. McGillvray
00:42:50 Ms. Welsh
00:44:07 Rep. Caferro
00:44:33 Ms. Witte
00:45:09 Rep. Caferro
00:45:13 Ms. Witte
00:45:31 Rep. Caferro
00:45:43 Ms. Witte
00:46:03 Rep. Caferro
00:46:09 Ms. Witte
00:46:37 Rep. Caferro

00:47:07 Ms. Witte
00:49:07 Rep. Dutton
00:50:06 Mr. Burzynski
00:52:48 Rep. Dutton
00:53:37 Mr. Burzynski
00:55:22 Rep. Dutton
00:55:40 Mr. Burzynski
00:56:29 Rep. French
00:56:54 Mr. Burzynski
00:57:47 Rep. Becker
00:58:50 Mr. Burzynski
00:59:28 Rep. Peterson
01:00:21 Ms. Witte
01:00:35 Rep. Peterson
01:01:17 Ms. Witte
01:02:06 Rep. Peterson
01:02:35 Ms. Witte
01:03:22 Rep. Kottel
01:05:35 Rep. Peterson
01:06:43 Rep. Kottel
01:07:09 Rep. Peterson
01:07:32 Rep. Kottel
01:08:01 Rep. Stoker
01:08:32 Ms. Welsh
01:08:40 Rep. Stoker
01:08:48 Ms. Welsh
01:08:57 Rep. Stoker
01:09:15 Ms. Welsh
01:09:38 Rep. Stoker
01:10:07 Ms. Meuchel
01:10:24 Rep. Stoker
01:10:37 Ms. Meuchel
01:11:06 Rep. Stoker
01:11:19 Ms. Meuchel
01:12:06 Rep. Stoker
01:12:25 Ms. Meuchel
01:12:48 Rep. Stoker
01:13:13 Rep. Kottel
01:13:20 Rep. Stoker

Closing by Sponsor:

01:13:31 Rep. Kottel

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 255

01:17:27 **Motion:** Rep. McGillvray moved that HB 255 **DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:17:55 Rep. French
01:18:09 Rep. Becker
01:18:33 Rep. Peterson

01:19:25 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
01:19:48 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. McAlpin moved HB 255 **BE PLACED ON
CONSENT CALENDAR.** Motion carried unanimously by voice
vote.

Discussion:

01:20:04 Rep. Dutton
01:21:33 Rep. Stoker

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 120

01:22:01 **Motion:** Rep. Jones moved that HB 120 **DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:22:49 **Motion:** Rep. Peterson moved to amend HB 120.
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Discussion:

01:26:09 Rep. McAlpin
01:26:21 Rep. Becker
01:26:41 Rep. Peterson

01:26:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:27:12 **Motion:** Rep. Sands moved that HB 120 **DO PASS AS
AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:27:55 Rep. McGillvray
01:28:16 Rep. McAlpin
01:28:48 Rep. McGillvray
01:28:58 Rep. McAlpin
01:29:06 Rep. Stoker

01:29:28 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

REP. RON STOKER, Chairman

DEBBIE CARLSON, Secretary

RS/dc

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([huh19aad.pdf](#))