

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: By Chairman Ron Stoker, on February 2, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ron Stoker, Chairman (R)
Rep. Arlene Becker, Vice Chairman (D)
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. Mike Milburn (R)
Rep. Ken Peterson (R)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Diane Sands (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Tom McGillvray, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)

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

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: HB 386, 1/22/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:00:01 Rep Stoker

HEARING ON HB 386

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:51 Rep. Rick Ripley (R), HD 17, opened the hearing on HB 386, Exclude life estates from assets for Medicaid eligibility.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:02:43 Mike Henning, Citizen, Fairfield, Montana
00:14:23 Janet Henning, Citizen, Fairfield, Montana
00:15:23 Jeff Feiss, Citizen
00:17:14 Phil Maxwell, Citizen

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:18:08 Hank Hudson, Department of Public Health and Human Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:28 Rep. French
00:19:03 Mr. Hudson
00:20:10 Rep. Peterson
00:20:38 Mr. Hudson
00:20:40 Rep. Peterson
00:21:34 Mr. Hudson
00:24:02 Rep. Peterson
00:24:25 Mr. Hudson
00:24:55 Rep. Dutton
00:25:31 Mr. Hudson
00:25:44 Rep. Reinhart
00:26:16 Mr. Hudson
00:26:47 Rep. Dutton
00:27:15 Mr. Hudson
00:27:53 Rep. Dutton
00:28:04 Mr. Hudson
00:28:32 Rep. Dutton
00:28:45 Rep. Peterson
00:29:49 Mr. Hudson
00:29:54 Rep. Peterson
00:31:06 Rep. Ingraham
00:31:30 Mr. Henning
00:32:55 Rep. Ingraham

00:33:40 Mr. Hudson
00:33:53 Rep. Ingraham
00:34:04 Mr. Hudson
00:34:45 Rep. Dutton
00:35:07 Mr. Henning
00:35:50 Rep. Dutton
00:36:01 Mr. Henning
00:37:28 Rep. Dutton
00:37:48 Mr. Hudson
00:37:58 Rep. Peterson
00:38:47 Mr. Hudson
00:40:19 Rep. Stoker
00:40:29 Mr. Henning

Closing by Sponsor:

00:43:18 Rep. Ripley

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

REP. RON STOKER, Chairman

DEBBIE CARLSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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