

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN DAN WEINBERG**, on March 12, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 317 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Dan Weinberg, Chairman (D)
Sen. Lynda Moss, Vice Chairman (D)
Sen. John Esp (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Terry Murphy (R)
Sen. Jerry O'Neil (R)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. John Cobb (R)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, 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 92, 3/8/2007; HB 98, 3/8/2007;
HB 64, 3/8/2007
Executive Action: None.

00:00:01

HEARING ON HB 92

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:28 **REP. EVE FRANKLIN (D) , HD 24**, opened the hearing on **HB 92**, Modernize public health laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:51 Jane Smilie, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

EXHIBIT (phs52a01)

00:13:20 Tom Ellerhoff, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

00:13:50 Ellen Leahy, Missoula County Health Department, Local Public Health Officers

EXHIBIT (phs52a02)

00:15:55 Lora Wier, Montana Public Health Association

00:16:34 Melanie Reynolds, Health Officer, Lewis and Clark County, and Association of Montana Health Officials

EXHIBIT (phs52a03)

00:18:21 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:18:50 Beda Lovitt, Montana Medical Association

00:19:32 Chuck Hunter

00:19:49 Jim Ahrens, Montana Hospital Association

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:35 Sen. O'Neil to Jane Smilie

00:21:44 Sen. Esp to Jane Smilie

00:23:06 Sen. Moss to Jane Smilie

00:25:21 Sen. Gillan to Rep. Franklin

00:28:56 Sen. O'Neil to Jane Smilie

00:31:02 Sen. Weinberg to Jane Smilie

Closing by Sponsor:

00:33:13 Rep. Franklin

HEARING ON HB 98

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:37:01 **REP. EVE FRANKLIN (D), HD 24**, opened the hearing on **HB 98**, Reduce out-of-home placements of children.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:41:10 Mary Dalton, DPHHS

EXHIBIT (phs52a04)

00:45:05 Jani McCall, Montana Childrens' Initiative

00:47:14 Charlie Briggs, Montana Association of Community Disability Services

00:49:30 Anita Rossman, Montana Advocacy Program

00:50:57 Tara Jensen, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

00:51:57 Pam Ponich, Florence Crittendon Home

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:08 Sen. Weinberg to Mary Dalton

01:03:57 Sen. Moss to Mary Dalton

Closing by Sponsor:

01:05:08 Rep. Franklin

HEARING ON HB 64

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:10:07 **REP. EDITH CLARK (R), HD 28**, opened the hearing on **HB 64**, Remove total care language from developmental disability commitment.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:12:23 Jeff Sturm, DPHHS

01:13:12 Anita Rossman, Montana Advocacy Program

01:14:29 Charlie Briggs, Montana Association of Community Disability Services

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:14:58 Sen. Esp to Jeff Sturm

01:15:55 Sen. Weinberg to Jeff Sturm

01:18:45 Sen. O'Neil to Jeff Sturm

Closing by Sponsor:

01:19:43 Rep. Clark

01:20:27 Sen. Esp

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:23 P.M.

SEN. DAN WEINBERG, Chairman

PRUDENCE GILDROY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([phs52aad.pdf](#))