

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

**Call to Order:** Chair Ron Ehli, on February 13, 2013 at 8:00 AM, in Room 102 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Ron Ehli, Chair (R)  
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)  
Rep. Dave Hagstrom (R)  
Rep. Pat Noonan (D)  
Sen. Roger Webb (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Jason Priest, Vice Chair (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Sara Andersen, Committee Secretary  
Marilyn Daumiller, Legislative Branch  
Rob Miller, Legislative Branch  
Lois Steinbeck, 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:** Executive Action on the Public Health and Safety; Medicaid and Health Service Administration; Statewide Personal Services Adjustments - Director's Office

00:23:16 Chairman Ehli

**Executive Action**

00:25:18 Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

00:29:40 Chairman Ehli

**Decision Packet 70104**

00:29:51 Ms. Steinbeck, LFD

00:30:27 **Motion/Vote:** Chairman Ehli moved to approve **Decision Packet 70104 - State Laboratory Operations - This present law adjustment adds \$150,000 in state special revenue for the Public Health Laboratory to meet projected increases in laboratory supplies and operating expenses. Funding would be from revenues generated by laboratory testing services.** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Priest voted by proxy.

**Decision Packet 70112**

00:31:23 Ms Steinbeck, LFD

00:32:24 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ehli moved to approve **Decision Packet 70112 - Poison Control Hotline (Contingent) - As One Time Only Funding. This request would cover a portion of the cost of providing 24/7 access to information and consultation regarding poisonous substances for citizens and health care providers. These costs were previously covered with federal funds that are proposed to be eliminated from the federal budget. This request is contingent upon elimination of the federal funds.** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Priest voted by proxy.

**Decision Packet 70113**

00:33:31 Ms. Steinbeck, LFD

00:33:58 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ehli moved to approve **Decision Packet 70113 - Tobacco Use Prevention - This present law adjustment for the Montana Tobacco Use Prevention Program would fund youth prevention activities including increasing awareness of the dangers of tobacco use, creating educational materials and campaigns geared toward children and teens, and building youth leadership skills. The request is for \$750,000 in each year of the biennium from tobacco settlement state special revenue, as provided in 17-6-606, MCA.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Priest voted by proxy.

**Decision Packet 70100**

00:34:33 Ms. Steinbeck, LFD

00:35:16 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ehli moved to approve **Decision Packet 70100 - This new proposal would fund statewide chronic disease prevention activities including a hospital-based breast feeding initiative, work site health promotion focusing on nutrition and physical activity, community-based cardiovascular disease prevention, and coordination with local and tribal health departments to implement smoke free public housing policies. The request is supported by federal grant funds.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Priest voted by proxy.

**Decision Packet 70103**

00:35:56 Ms. Steinbeck, LFD

00:36:18 **Motion:** Rep. Ehli moved to approve **Decision Packet 70103 - Improve Services for Children With Special Health Needs - This new proposal would expand services for children and youth with special health needs by providing funding to community-based organizations, health care providers, and other partners for education, care coordination, assistance navigating the health care system, and other supportive services. Specifically this funding would be used to: Establish a Montana Parents as Mentors program, Enhance transition services for youth with disabilities and their families as they transition into adulthood, Establish a link to available resources for Montana families with children with special health care needs and health care providers via the Utah Medical Home Web Portal, and Provide training and technical assistance for Montana providers and partners to increase coordination of care for children and youth with special health care needs.**

**Discussion:**

00:36:30 Sen. Webb

00:36:45 Richard Opper, Director, Department of Public Health And Human Services (DPHHS)

00:36:52 Jane Smilie, Administrator, Public Health and Safety Division, DPHHS

00:37:31 Chairman Ehli

00:37:36 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Priest voted by proxy.

**Decision Packet 70105**

00:38:02 Ms. Steinbeck, LFD

00:38:14 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ehli moved to approve **Decision Packet 70105 - EPI and Laboratory Capacity Grant - This new proposal would fund enhancements in epidemiology and laboratory capacity in Montana and in coordination and implementation of health care associated infection prevention activities. The request is supported by the federal Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Grant.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Priest voted by proxy.

**Decision Packet 70106**

00:38:49 Ms. Steinbeck, LFD

00:39:28 Chairman Ehli

00:39:40 Ms. Steinbeck, LFD

00:40:09 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ehli moved to approve **Decision Packet 70106 - Medicaid Incentive Grant - This new proposal would be used to test the results of providing financial incentives via a debit card to adults enrolled in Medicaid who are participating in an evidence-based lifestyle intervention to reduce their risk of developing diabetes. The request is funded from the federal Medicaid Incentive Grant. The outcome results of this motion is to be shared with the Interim Finance Committee.** Motion carried 5-1 by voice vote with Sen. Webb voting no. Sen. Priest voted by proxy.

**Decision Packet 70108**

00:41:10 Ms. Steinbeck, LFD

00:41:29 **Motion:** Rep. Ehli moved to approve **Decision Packet 70108 - MIEC Home Visiting Program - Formula - This new proposal would be used to improve pregnancy outcomes and the health, development and school readiness of children up to the age of 5. Local and tribal health departments provide these services to high risk children and families. The request is funded from the federal Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Grant.**

**Discussion:**

00:41:39 Rep. Hagstrom

00:42:17 Ms. Smilie, DPHHS

00:44:40 Chairman Ehli

00:44:51 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Priest, Sen. Webb, Rep. Hagstrom voting no. Sen. Priest voted by proxy.

00:45:42 Ms. Steinbeck, LFD

**Decision Packet 70109**

00:45:50 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Ehli moved **Decision Packet 70109 - Public Health System Improvement Grant - This new proposal would be used to prepare Montana for national public health accreditation by meeting public health practice standards and implementing quality improvement activities. The request is funded by federal grant funds.** Motion carried 4-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Priest and Rep. Hagstrom voting no. Sen. Priest Voted by proxy.

**Decision Packet 70110**

00:46:55 Ms. Steinbeck, LFD

00:47:02 **Motion:** Rep. Ehli moved to approve **Decision Packet 70110 - State Loan Repayment Program - This new proposal would provide loan repayment funds for nurse practitioners, physician assistants, certified nurse midwives, dental and mental health professionals working in health professional shortage areas. The request is supported by federal funds.**

**Discussion:**

00:47:09 Sen. Webb

00:47:28 Ms. Smilie, DPHHS

00:47:44 Chairman Ehli

00:47:52 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Priest voted by proxy.

**Decision Packet 70118**

00:48:32 Ms. Steinbeck, LFD

00:48:58 **Motion:** Rep. Ehli moved to approve **Decision Packet 70118 - Asthma Home Visiting - This present law adjustment would add three additional sites to provide services to children ages 0-17 with uncontrolled asthma. Children and families served by the program receive environmental home assessments to identify and mitigate asthma triggers, education to better manage the condition, and assistance in coordinating care with schools and primary care providers. The request is funded from tobacco settlement state special revenue as provided in 17-6-606, MCA.**

**Discussion:**

00:49:04 Ms. Steinbeck, LFD

00:49:23 Ms. Smilie, DPHHS

00:49:49 Chairman Ehli

00:49:55 Ms. Smilie, DPHHS

00:49:58 Chairman Ehli

00:50:03 Rep. Hagstrom

00:50:23 Ms. Smilie, DPHHS

00:51:17 Chairman Ehli

00:51:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Priest voted by proxy.

**Decision Packet 70119**

00:52:06 Ms. Steinbeck, LFD

00:52:30 **Motion:** Chairman moved to approve **Decision Packet 70119 - Heart Disease & Diabetes Prevention Program - This present law adjustment would fund five additional program sites. This program is based on the National Institutes of Health Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP), a lifestyle intervention that prevents the development of diabetes among high-risk adults through reduced fat and caloric intake and increased physical activity. The request is funded from tobacco settlement state special revenue as provided in 17-6-606, MCA.**

**Discussion:**

00:52:37 Sen. Webb

00:53:00 Ms. Smilie, DPHHS

00:53:56 Chairman Ehli

00:54:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Priest voted by proxy.

**Decision Packet 70120**

00:54:39 Ms. Steinbeck, LFD

00:55:05 **Motion/Vote:** Chairman Ehli moved to approve **Decision Packet 70120 - Genetics Program - This present law adjustment would add state special revenue to fund enhanced clinical services and provide additional regional clinics and laboratory testing. The request is funded from a \$1 fee charged for each Montana resident insured under any individual or group disability or health insurance policy including the state employee group plan. The fee may be used only to fund the statewide genetics program established (33-2-713, MCA).** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Priest voted by proxy.

**Decision Packet 70121**

00:55:36 Ms. Steinbeck, LFD

00:55:49 **Motion/Vote:** Chairman Ehli moved to approve **Decision Packet 70121 - State-Based Arthritis Program - This new proposal would fund health education efforts to increase awareness of the benefits of physical activity among Montanans with arthritis, to implement arthritis control activities, and to monitor the burden of arthritis in Montana. The proposal is funded from federal funds.** Motion failed 3-3 by voice vote with Sen. Priest, Sen. Webb, and Rep. Hagstrom voting no. Sen. Priest voted by proxy.

**Decision Packet 70122**

00:56:45 Ms. Steinbeck, LFD

00:56:56 Ms. Smilie, DPHHS

00:57:34 **Motion:** Chairman Ehli moved to approve **Decision Packet 70122 - Regional Emergency Pediatric Services Grant - This new proposal would fund a pediatric illness and injury demonstration project in rural and tribal communities. The state would partner with a hospital/provider specializing in pediatric care to develop approaches to improved pediatric capacity. The request is supported by federal funds.**

**Discussion:**

00:57:44 Sen. Webb

00:57:59 Ms. Smilie, DPHHS

00:58:49 Sen. Webb

00:59:01 Ms. Smilie, DPHHS

00:59:50 Sen. Webb

00:59:53 Ms. Smilie, DPHHS

01:00:01 Chairman Ehli

01:00:07 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-3 by voice vote with Sen. Priest, Rep. Hagstrom, Rep. Ehli voting no. Sen Priest voted by proxy.

**Decision Packet 70124**

01:01:02 Ms. Steinbeck, LFD

01:01:34 **Motion/Vote:** Chairman Ehli moved to approve **Decision Packet 70124 - Syndromic Surveillance Program - This new proposal would be used to coordinate activities to detect and monitor disease occurrence as early as possible. Training and technical assistance would be provided to Montana hospitals and health care facilities to collect the relevant data. The request is funded from federal funds.** Motion failed 3-3 by voice vote with Sen. Priest, Sen. Webb, and Rep. Hagstrom voting no. Sen Priest voted by proxy.

01:03:04 Chairman Ehli

01:03:22 Recessed

01:09:51 Reconvened

**Decision Packet 12101**

01:09:58 Rob Miller, LFD

01:11:00 **Motion/Vote:** Chairman Ehli moved to approve **Decision Packet 12101 -This decision package requests an increase in state and federal authority to support the implementation of the new Management Information System (MMIS) components. The department's new MMIS system is scheduled for implementation in Fiscal Year 2015.** Motion carries 5-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Webb voting no. Sen. Priest voted by proxy.

**Decision Packet 12102**

01:11:55 Mr. Miller, LFD

01:12:53 **Motion/Vote:** Chairman Ehli moved to approve **Decision Packet 12102 - Health Information Technology - This present law adjustment is requested to maintain services for the Federal Electronic Health Records initiatives. Prior funding was one-time-only and to be continued as one time only funding.** Motion failed 4-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Priest, Sen. Webb, Rep. Hagstrom voting no. Sen. Priest voted by proxy.

01:14:03 Mr. Miller, LFD

01:14:11 Chairman Ehli

01:14:36 Recessed

02:43:42 Reconvened

**Committee Business:**

02:45:04 Sen. Caferro

02:45:38 Mr. Opper, DPHHS

02:46:01 Sen. Caferro

02:46:46 Mr. Opper, DPHHS

02:46:55 Chairman Ehli

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 02:47:18

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Sara Andersen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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