

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Duane Ankney, on March 14, 2013 at 3:00 PM, in Room 102
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Steve Gibson, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Nancy Ballance (R)
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)
Rep. Rob Cook (R)
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)
Rep. Champ Edmunds (R)
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)
Rep. Dave Hagstrom (R)
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)
Rep. Kelly McCarthy (D)
Rep. Bill McChesney (D)
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)
Rep. Pat Noonan (D)
Rep. Lea Whitford (D)
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Duane Ankney, Chair (R)
Rep. Galen Hollenbaugh, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)
Rep. Ryan Osmundson (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lisa Adams, Committee Secretary
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch
Joe Triem, 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 489, 3/11/2013; SB 43, 3/11/2013; SB 117, 3/11/2013

00:14:29 Vice Chairman Gibson

HEARING ON HB 489

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:15:42 Rep. Chuck Hunter (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 489, An act to create the Montana health care database.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:18:52 Frank Cote, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT)

00:19:22 Rep. Hunter

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:20:05 Rep. Brodehl

00:23:05 Rep. Hunter

00:21:05 Rep. Brodehl

00:21:17 Rep. Hunter

00:21:20 Rep. Hollenbaugh arrived.

00:21:50 Rep. Ballance

00:24:10 Rep. Hunter

00:24:14 Rep. Ballance

00:24:45 Rep. Hunter

00:27:12 Rep. Ballance

00:25:58 Rep. Hunter

00:26:43 Rep. Mehlhoff

00:27:20 Glenn Oppel, Government Relations Director, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:27:35 Rep. Cuffe arrived.

00:27:41 Rep. Woods

00:28:32 Rep. Hunter

00:29:21 Rep. Woods

00:29:50 Rep. Hunter

00:30:26 Rep. Glimm

00:30:44 Rep. Hunter

Closing by Sponsor:

00:31:40 Rep. Hunter

HEARING ON SB 117

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:32:52 Sen. Jon Sonju (R), SD 4, opened the hearing on SB 117, Allow deductions for other state college savings plans.

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Proponents' Testimony:

00:34:53 Bill Warden, National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA)
00:37:14 Dan Sullivan, NAIFA
00:37:42 Rep. Brodehl left.

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

00:39:37 Amy Berry, Pensions and Education Savings Administrator, Insurance/Benefits, Administrative and Fiscal Affairs, Commissioner of Higher Education Office, Montana University System (MUS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:39:59 Rep. Cook
00:40:12 Sen. Sonju
00:40:20 Rep. Cook
00:40:27 Sen. Sonju
00:40:45 Rep. Cook
00:40:53 Ms. Berry, MUS
00:41:48 Rep. Cook
00:41:59 Ms. Berry, MUS
00:42:03 Chair Ankney arrived.
00:42:43 Rep. Cook
00:42:45 Rep. Ehli arrived.
00:43:00 Ms. Berry, MUS
00:43:26 Rep. Cook
00:43:37 Rep. Mehlhoff
00:44:20 Ms. Berry, MUS
00:44:52 Rep. Edmunds left.

Closing by Sponsor:

00:45:29 Sen. Sonju

HEARING ON SB 43**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:45:50 Sen. Art Wittich (R), SD 35, opened the hearing on SB 43, Revise laws relating to reports of alleged abuse at Montana Development Center.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:48:03 Beth Brennehan, Staff Attorney, Disability Rights of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

00:50:41 Jon Bennion, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice (DOJ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:51:38 Rep. Gibson
00:52:09 Mr. Bennion, DOJ

00:52:34 Rep. Gibson
00:53:18 Rep. Cook
00:53:27 Sen. Wittich
00:54:28 Rep. Cook
00:54:59 Rep. Noonan
00:55:44 Ms. Brenneman, Disability Rights of Montana
00:56:28 Rep. Noonan
00:56:48 Ms. Brenneman, Disability Rights of Montana
00:57:17 Rep. Hollenbaugh
00:58:11 Mr. Bennion, DOJ
00:58:43 Rep. Hollenbaugh
00:59:06 Mr. Triem, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
00:59:30 Rep. Hollenbaugh
00:59:42 Mr. Triem, LSD
01:00:54 Rep. Ballance
01:01:13 Mr. Triem, LSD
01:01:45 Rep. Hollandsworth
01:02:10 Rep. Glimm
01:02:23 Ms. Brenneman, Disability Rights of Montana
01:02:45 Rep. Glimm
01:02:50 Ms. Brenneman, Disability Rights of Montana

Closing by Sponsor:

01:03:47 Sen. Wittich

01:04:33 Mr. Triem, LSD
01:05:47 Chair Ankney

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:06:23

Lisa Adams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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