

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Ron Ehli, on January 8, 2015 at 8:00 AM, in Room 102 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Ron Ehli, Chair (R)  
Sen. Roger Webb, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)  
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)  
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)  
Rep. Pat Noonan (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Scot Conrady, Legislative Branch  
Cynthia Hollimon, Legislative Branch  
Noah Horan, Committee Secretary  
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:** Organizational Meeting

00:01:50 Chair Ehli  
00:03:16 Rep. Burnett  
00:03:35 Sen. Caferro  
00:04:51 Sen. Webb  
00:05:46 Chair Ehli  
00:07:32 Rep. Noonan  
00:08:45 Sen. Keenan  
00:09:23 Chair Ehli  
00:09:37 Lois Steinbeck, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
00:10:34 Scot Conrady, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
00:11:36 Cynthia Hollimon, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
00:12:11 Chair Ehli  
00:12:37 Noah Horan, Committee Secretary  
00:13:10 Chair Ehli  
00:13:18 Pat Sullivan, Budget Analyst, Montana Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)  
00:14:11 Brian Hannon, Budget Analyst, Montana Governor's Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)  
00:14:39 Chair Ehli

[EXHIBIT\(jhh04a01\)](#)

**Discussion:**

00:19:14 Chair Ehli  
00:19:25 Lois Steinbeck, LFD

[EXHIBIT\(jhh04a02\)](#)

**Discussion:**

00:20:38 Chair Ehli  
00:22:51 Sen. Caferro  
00:23:14 Chair Ehli  
00:25:07

**Motion:** Sen. Webb moved **THAT THE COMMITTEE ADOPT AS A STARTING POINT, FOR DELIBERATION OF EACH AGENCY UNDER ITS PURVIEW, THE FOLLOWING: 1: THAT THE BUDGET BASE BE THE FY 2015 LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION EXCLUDING ITEMS THAT ARE DESIGNATED AS ONE-TIME-ONLY, AS PRESENTED IN THE 2017 BIENNIUM LEGISLATIVE FISCAL DIVISION BUDGET ANALYSIS; 2: THAT THE BASE BUDGET INCLUDE THE 2015 BIENNIUM LOWER FTE ESTABLISHED BY THE BOILER PLATE LANGUAGE OF THE 2013 SESSION HB 2 WHICH REDUCED 2015 BIENNIUM FTE, AS DEFINED BY THE EXECUTIVE IN THEIR BUDGET SUBMISSION; 3: THAT THE DECISION POINTS AS OUTLINED IN THE 2017 BIENNIUM LEGISLATIVE FISCAL DIVISION BUDGET ANALYSIS FOR STATE SHARE HEALTH INSURANCE AND FULLY FUND 2015 LEGISLATIVELY AUTHORIZED FTE BE ADOPTED; AND 4: THAT THE LINE ITEM FOR LEGISLATIVE AUDIT (RESTRICTED/BIENNIAL) FOR FY 2016 BE FUNDED AT THE SAME LEVEL AS FUNDED IN FY 2014 FOR THE 2015 BIENNIUM.**

**Discussion:**

00:26:36 Chair Ehli  
00:26:45 Rep. Noonan

00:27:07 Chair Ehli  
00:28:07 Rep. Noonan  
00:28:45 Chair Ehli  
00:29:03 Rep. Noonan  
00:29:22 Chair Ehli  
00:29:25 Lois Steinbeck, LFD  
00:30:55 Chair Ehli  
00:31:03 Rep. Noonan  
00:31:46 Lois Steinbeck, LFD  
00:33:09 Rep. Noonan  
00:33:27 Chair Ehli  
00:33:38 Lois Steinbeck, LFD  
00:38:09 Chair Ehli  
00:38:22 Lois Steinbeck, LFD  
00:39:02 Chair Ehli  
00:39:11 Rep. Noonan  
00:40:11 Chair Ehli  
00:40:16 Lois Steinbeck, LFD  
00:40:32 Rep. Noonan  
00:40:37 Chair Ehli  
00:40:52 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

00:41:35 **Motion:** Sen. Webb moved **THAT THE COMMITTEE ADOPT THE CURRENT FEDERAL LAW CHANGES IN THE FEDERAL MATCHING RATES (FMAP) FOR MEDICAID, CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM (CHIP), AND TITLE IV-E PROGRAMS.**

**Discussion:**

00:43:28 Chair Ehli  
00:43:40 Lois Steinbeck, LFD

**EXHIBIT(jhh04a03)**

**Discussion:**

00:47:09 Sen. Caferro left the room.  
00:47:56 Chair Ehli  
00:48:00 Rep. Burnett  
00:48:09 Lois Steinbeck, LFD  
00:48:49 Rep. Burnett  
00:48:58 Lois Steinbeck, LFD  
00:49:39 Chair Ehli  
00:49:43 Rep. Noonan

00:50:52 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Noonan made a substitute motion **THAT THE PRIOR MOTION INTRODUCED BY SEN. WEBB BE SEGREGATED AND VOTED UPON IN TWO PARTS: 1: INCREASE GENERAL FUND AND STATE SPECIAL REVENUE AUTHORITY AND REDUCE FEDERAL APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY SO THAT THE FY 2015 LEGISLATIVE BASE BUDGET PLUS THESE CHANGES WILL IMPLEMENT THE FEDERAL MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PERCENTAGE (FMAP) FOR FY 2016 AND FY 2017 TO EQUAL THE FMAP RATES AS INCLUDED IN THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET REQUEST. THIS ACTION WILL NET TO A TOTAL FUNDING CHANGE OF \$0, BUT WILL**

**INCREASE THE STATE FUNDS AND REDUCE FEDERAL APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY NECESSARY TO CONTINUE PRESENT LEVEL SERVICES; AND 2: REDUCE GENERAL FUND AND STATE SPECIAL REVENUE AUTHORITY AND INCREASES IN FEDERAL APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY SO THAT THE 2015 LEGISLATIVE BASE BUDGET PLUS THESE CHANGES WILL PROVIDE TOTAL FUNDING FOR CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND SERVICES AT A FUNDING RATIO OF 1.22% STATE FUNDS AND 98.78% FEDERAL APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2015 FOR FY 2016 AND 1.49% STATE FUNDS AND 98.51% FEDERAL APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY FOR FY 2017. THIS ACTION WILL NET TO A TOTAL FUNDING CHANGE OF \$0, BUT WILL REDUCE THE STATE FUNDS AND INCREASE FEDERAL AUTHORITY NECESSARY TO CONTINUE PRESENT LEVEL SERVICES.**

**Discussion:**

00:51:05 Chair Ehli  
 00:51:37 Rep. Noonan  
 00:52:08 Sen. Caferro returned.  
 00:52:15 Rep. Noonan  
 00:52:38 Chair Ehli  
 00:53:09 Rep. Noonan  
 00:53:16 Chair Ehli  
 00:54:10 Sen. Keenan  
 00:54:19 Chair Ehli  
 00:54:25 **Vote:** Substitute motion failed 2-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro and Rep. Noonan voting aye.

00:55:07 Sen. Caferro  
 00:56:10 Chair Ehli  
 00:56:46 Sen. Caferro  
 00:57:59 Chair Ehli  
 00:59:40 Lois Steinbeck, LFD  
 01:02:03 Chair Ehli  
 01:02:58 **Vote:** Prior motion to adopt introduced by Sen. Webb carried unanimously by roll call vote.

01:03:41 Lois Steinbeck, LFD  
 01:04:02 Rep. Noonan  
 01:04:23 **Motion:** Rep. Noonan moved **THAT THE COMMITTEE ADOPT AS A STARTING POINT FOR DPHHS THE DECISION POINT AS OUTLINED IN THE 2017 BIENNIAL LEGISLATIVE FISCAL DIVISION BUDGET ANALYSIS FOR EXECUTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2015 PAY INCREASE.**

**Discussion:**

01:04:42 Chair Ehli  
 01:05:05 Rep. Noonan  
 01:06:23 Chair Ehli  
 01:08:23 Sen. Caferro  
 01:09:21 Rep. Noonan

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01:10:38 Chair Ehli  
01:13:16 Sen. Caferro  
01:13:54 **Vote:** Motion failed 2-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro and Rep. Noonan voting aye.

01:13:57 Chair Ehli  
01:14:12 Recess  
01:31:06 Reconvened

**[EXHIBIT\(jhh04a04\)](#)**

**Discussion:**

01:32:33 Chair Ehli  
01:33:08 Lois Steinbeck, LFD  
01:33:38 Chair Ehli  
01:33:47 Lois Steinbeck, LFD  
01:34:59 Chair Ehli  
01:35:05 Rep. Noonan returned from recess.  
01:35:45 Richard Opper, Director, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)  
01:40:01 Chair Ehli  
01:41:04 Scot Conrady, LFD  
01:42:58 Chair Ehli

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:46:11

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Noah Horan, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([jhh04aad.pdf](#))**