

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

**Call to Order:** Chair Art Wittich, on January 14, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Art Wittich, Chair (R)  
Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Kirk Wagoner, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)  
Rep. Alan Doane (R)  
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)  
Rep. Bill Harris (R)  
Rep. Stephanie Hess (R)  
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)  
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Rep. Albert Olszewski (R)  
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)  
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)  
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Denise Hayman (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch  
Phoebe Williams, Committee Secretary

**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 on HB 191, Executive Action on HB 147

**HEARING ON HB 191****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:15 Rep. Jennifer Eck (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 191, Revise laws governing investigations of abuse at Montana state hospital.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:19 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana  
**EXHIBIT(huh08a01)**

00:09:15 Kelsen Young, MT Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

00:11:03 Gary Mihelish, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

00:14:42 John Wilkinson, self

00:18:18 Joel Peden, Montanans for Independent Living Centers

00:19:47 Janice Reichelt, self

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

00:25:41 Jon Bennion, Department of Justice

00:26:16 John Glueckert, Montana State Hospital

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:28:44 Rep. Doane

00:29:50 Rep. Eck

00:30:04 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

00:30:39 Chairman Wittich

00:32:45 Rep. Eck

00:33:17 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:34:06 Chairman Wittich

00:34:47 Rep. Eck

00:35:11 Sue O'Connell, LSD

00:35:29 Chairman Wittich

00:36:01 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

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00:37:24 Rep. Hess

00:37:48 John Glueckert, Montana State Hospital

00:38:57 Rep. Hess

00:39:03 John Glueckert, Montana State Hospital

00:40:08 Chairman Wittich

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:40:26 Rep. Eck

00:41:00 Chairman Wittich

00:41:32 Sue O'Connell, LSD

**EXHIBIT(huh08a02)**

00:53:25 Chairman Wittich

00:53:37 Rep. Hill

00:54:23 Sue O'Connell, LSD

00:55:13 Chairman Wittich

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 147**

00:56:25 **Motion:** Rep. Wittich moved that **HB 147 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:57:10 Chairman Wittich

[EXHIBIT\(huh08a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh08a04\)](#)

00:57:42 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Wittich moved that **HB 147 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:58:25 **Motion:** Rep. Wittich moved that **HB 147 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:58:35 Chairman Wittich

[EXHIBIT\(huh08a05\)](#)

00:58:56 Rep. Pierson

01:00:29 Rep. Wittich

01:00:36 Rep. Olszewski

01:01:13 Rep. Pierson

01:02:08 Rep. Hill

01:04:31 Rep. Pierson

01:05:23 Rep. Hess

01:06:00 Rep. Harris

01:06:55 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Hayman, Rep. Jacobson and Rep. Pierson voting no. Rep. Hayman voted by proxy.

01:08:31 Chairman Wittich

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:09:07

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Phoebe Williams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([huh08aad.pdf](#))**