

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

**Call to Order:** Chair Art Wittich, on January 26, 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. Denise Hayman (D)  
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. Vince Ricci (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Alan Redfield (R)

**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 & Date Posted: HB 256, 1/20/2015; HB 257, 1/20/2015

**HEARING ON HB 257****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:29 Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 257, Declaration of policy regarding foster parents and foster children.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:29 Sarah Corbally, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)  
00:05:16 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Christians (MAC)  
00:06:28 Lora Murphy, Self  
00:07:06 Isaac Brito, Self  
00:07:52 Isaiah Wolcott, Self  
00:08:56 Ed Warren, foster parent  
00:10:50 Jim Ahrens, Montana Children's Initiative  
00:11:14 Donna Gleaves, Montana Association of Christians (MAC)  
00:12:19 David Andersen, Montana Association of Christians (MAC)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:13:44 Rep. Olszewski  
00:14:45 Sarah Corbally, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)  
00:15:11 Rep. Doane  
00:15:42 Rep. McClafferty  
00:16:05 Lora Murphy, Self  
00:16:59 Rep. Eck  
00:17:35 Rep. McClafferty  
00:17:58 Rep. Jacobson  
00:18:29 Sarah Corbally (DPHHS)  
00:19:15 Chairman Wittich  
00:20:59 Rep. McClafferty  
00:21:39 Chairman Wittich  
00:22:48 Rep. McClafferty  
00:23:21 Rep. Wittich  
00:23:37 Sarah Corbally (DPHHS)  
00:23:54 Chairman Wittich  
00:24:02 Sarah Corbally (DPHHS)  
00:24:13 Chairman Wittich  
00:24:15 Sarah Corbally (DPHHS)  
00:25:04 Chairman Wittich  
00:25:08 Rep. Eck  
00:25:28 Sarah Corbally (DPHHS)  
00:25:37 Rep. Eck  
00:25:43 Sarah Corbally (DPHHS)  
00:26:38 Rep. Harris  
00:27:28 Sarah Corbally (DPHHS)  
00:28:30 Rep. Harris  
00:29:01 Sarah Corbally (DPHHS)

00:29:12 Rep. McClafferty  
00:29:47 Rep. Jacobson  
00:31:23 Lora Murphy, Self  
00:33:28 Chairman Wittich  
00:34:31 Abigail St. Lawrence (MAC)  
00:35:45 Rep. Ricci  
00:36:23 Lora Murphy, Self  
00:37:29 Chairman Wittich  
00:38:37 Sarah Corbally (DPHHS)  
00:39:27 Chairman Wittich

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:39:44 Rep. McClafferty  
00:40:27 Chairman Wittich

**HEARING ON HB 256**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:40:39 Rep. Matthew Monforton (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 256, Revise laws to provide checks and balances for expanding affordable care act.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:43:17 Joe Balyeat, Americans for Prosperity

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:46:51 Amanda Harrow, Montana Primary Care Association

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:50:05 Rep. Harris  
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00:52:30 Rep. Harris  
00:53:01 Amanda Harrow, Montana Primary Care Association  
00:53:16 Rep. Hill  
00:54:17 Rep. Monforton  
00:56:26 Rep. Hill  
00:57:11 Rep. Monforton  
00:57:14 Rep. Hill  
00:57:21 Joe Balyeat, Americans for Prosperity  
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00:57:50 Rep. Jacobson  
00:59:04 Rep. Monforton  
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01:01:01 Chairman Wittich  
01:01:16 Rep. Jacobson  
01:01:45 Chairman Wittich

01:01:52 Rep. Jacobson  
01:02:25 Chairman Wittich  
01:02:32 Rep. Monforton  
01:03:15 Rep. Karjala  
01:03:32 Rep. Monforton  
01:03:58 Rep. Karjala  
01:04:05 Rep. Monforton  
01:04:23 Rep. Karjala  
01:04:35 Rep. Monforton  
01:04:44 Rep. Karjala  
01:06:06 Rep. Monforton  
01:06:44 Rep. Pierson  
01:07:07 Amanda Harrow, Montana Primary Care Association  
01:07:11 Rep. Pierson  
01:07:30 Amanda Harrow, Montana Primary Care Association  
01:07:41 Rep. Hayman  
01:08:11 Rep. Monforton  
01:09:00 Rep. Hayman  
01:09:45 Rep. Monforton  
01:10:32 Chairman Wittich  
01:10:52 Rep. Eck  
01:11:21 Rep. Monforton  
01:11:57 Rep. Pease-Lopez  
01:12:46 Rep. Monforton  
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01:19:33 Amanda Harrow  
01:19:47 Chairman Wittich

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:20:25 Rep. Monforton  
01:21:24 Chairman Wittich  
01:22:45 Rep. Eck  
01:22:58 Chairman Wittich

**ADJOURNMENT**

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Phoebe Williams, Secretary

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