

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Art Wittich, on February 6, 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. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)
Rep. Stephanie Hess (R)
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)

Members Excused: Rep. Alan Doane (R)
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci (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 332, 1/29/2015; HB 337, 1/29/2015

HEARING ON HB 337**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:29 Rep. Jessica Karjala (D), HD 48, opened the hearing on HB 337, Increase resource limits for medicaid program for workers with disabilities.
00:03:12 Rep. Eck joined the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:22 Travis Hoffman, Summit Independent Living Center

EXHIBIT(huh27a01)

00:13:26 Rep Doane joined the meeting

00:13:34 Joel Peden, Summit Independent Living Center

EXHIBIT(huh27a02)

00:20:11 Justice Ender, Summit Independent Living Center

EXHIBIT(huh27a03)

00:23:26 Shyla Patera,, North Central Independent Living Center

00:29:31 Michael Woods, North Central Independent Living Center

00:33:40 Larry Vanhoy, Opportunity Resources

EXHIBIT(huh27a04)

00:37:08 Beth Brennaman, Disability Rights Montana

00:38:29 Mike Mahoney, Family Outreach Incorporated

00:39:20 Diane Reidelbach, Job Connection

00:41:55 Wally Melcher, Montana Association for Community Disability Services - Systems Advocacy (MACDS - SA)

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

00:42:52 Duane Preshinger Department of Health and Human Services (DHHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:43:17 Rep. Olszewski

00:43:50 Duane Preshinger, DPHHS

00:44:02 Rep. Olszewski

00:44:14 Duane Preshinger, DPHHS

00:44:25 Rep. Olszewski

00:44:34 Duane Preshinger

00:44:40 Rep. Olszewski

00:44:48 Duane Preshinger, DPHHS

00:45:08 Rep. Hayman

00:45:49 Duane Preshinger, DPHHS

00:46:13 Chairman Wittich

00:47:15 Joel Peden, Montana Centers for Independent Living

00:47:37 Chairman Wittich

00:47:41 Joel Peden, Montana Centers for Independent Living

00:48:07 Travis Hoffman, Summit Independent Living Center

00:49:40 Chairman Wittich

00:49:52 Travis Hoffman, Summit Independent Living Center

00:50:34 Chairman Wittich

00:51:06 Beth Brennaman, Disability Rights Montana
 00:51:28 Chairman Wittich
 00:51:39 Travis Hoffman, Summit Independent Living Center
 00:51:59 Chairman Wittich
 00:53:01 Rep. Karjala
 00:53:17 Duane Preshinger, DPHHS
 00:53:52 Chairman Wittich
 00:54:12 Duane Preshinger, DPHHS
 00:54:23 Chairman Wittich
 00:54:28 Duane Preshinger, DPHHS
 00:54:37 Chairman Wittich
 00:54:54 Duane Preshinger, DPHHS
 00:55:06 Madeline Landgren, Opportunity Resources
 00:55:37 Chairman Wittich

Closing by Sponsor:

00:56:07 Rep. Karjala
 00:58:01 Chairman Wittich

HEARING ON HB 332**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:59:57 Rep. Nicholas Schwaderer (R), HD 14, opened the hearing on HB 332, Revise laws related to mental illness precommitment costs.

Proponents' Testimony: None**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:01:36 Kathy McGowan, Western Montana Mental Health Center, Lewis and Clark County Attorney Leo Gallagher

EXHIBIT(huh27a05)

01:04:36 Mark Murphy, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA)
 01:08:56 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

Informational Testimony: None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:09:49 Rep. Doane
 01:10:07 Rep. Schwaderer
 01:11:15 Chairman Wittich
 01:12:01 Mark Murphy, MCAA
 01:13:26 Chairman Wittich
 01:14:01 Mark Murphy, MCAA
 01:14:58 Chairman Wittich
 01:15:38 Mark Murphy, MCAA
 01:16:51 Chairman Wittich
 01:17:26 Rep. Schwaderer
 01:17:46 Chairman Wittich
 01:18:01 Rep. Schwaderer

01:18:39 Rep. Mandeville
01:19:14 Mark Murphy, MCAA

Closing by Sponsor:

01:20:06 Rep. Schwaderer

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:21:32

Phoebe Williams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh27aad.pdf](#))