

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

**Call to Order:** Chair Nancy Ballance, on February 24, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 102 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Nancy Ballance, Chair (R)  
Rep. Pat Noonan, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Randy Brodehl (R)  
Rep. Tom Burnett (R)  
Rep. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D)  
Rep. Ron Ehli (R)  
Rep. Janet Ellis (D)  
Rep. Carl Glimm (R)  
Rep. Dave Hagstrom (R)  
Rep. Roy Hollandsworth (R)  
Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R)  
Rep. Donald W. Jones (R)  
Rep. Kelly McCarthy (D)  
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)  
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)  
Rep. Tom Woods (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Ryan Osmundson, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Robert (Bob) Mehlhoff (D)  
Rep. Mitch Tropila (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Katya Grover, 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 237, 2/24/2015; HB 483, 2/23/2015; HB 501, 2/23/2015  
Executive Action: HB 180; HB 237; HB 377; HB 483; HB 501; HB 563;

00:00:01 Chair Ballance

### **HEARING ON HB 237**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:52 Rep. Albert Olszewski (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HB 237, Providing requirements for Medicaid overpayment audits.

00:06:42 Chair Ballance

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

00:07:11 David Hemion, Executive Director, Montana Dental Association (MDA)  
00:07:55 Chair Ballance  
00:08:08 David Hemion, MDA  
00:08:54 Greg Gould, Attorney, Montana Dental Association (MDA)  
00:09:28 Rep. Mehlhoff arrived.  
00:10:44 Jean A. Branscum, Executive Vice President, Montana Medical Association (MMA)  
00:11:41 Marti Wangen, Montana Optometric Association (MOA), Montana Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

#### **Informational Testimony:**

00:12:22 Marie Matthews, Operations Services Branch Manager, Department of Public Health And Human Services (DPHHS)

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:12:45 Rep. Tropila  
00:13:08 Rep. Jones arrived.  
00:13:41 Greg Gould, MDA  
00:14:29 Rep. Tropila  
00:15:00 Marie Matthews, DPHHS  
00:15:21 Rep. Ehli  
00:15:48 Marie Matthews, DPHHS  
00:16:25 Chair Ballance  
00:16:36 Marie Matthews, DPHHS  
00:16:56 Chair Ballance  
00:17:04 Marie Matthews, DPHHS  
00:17:30 Chair Ballance  
00:17:43 Marie Matthews, DPHHS  
00:17:55 Chair Ballance  
00:18:01 Marie Matthews, DPHHS  
00:18:21 Rep. Brodehl  
00:18:35 Marie Matthews, DPHHS  
00:19:30 Rep. Noonan  
00:20:41 Marie Matthews, DPHHS  
00:24:18 Rep. Noonan  
00:24:43 Marie Matthews, DPHHS

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:25:11 Rep. Olszewski

00:26:37 Chair Ballance

**HEARING ON HB 483****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:26:51 Rep. Ed Lieser (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 483, Raising pension benefit in VFCA.

**Proponents' Testimony:**00:28:47 Shantil Siaperas, Legislative Analyst, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
[EXHIBIT\(aph42b01\)](#)

00:30:50 Leonard Lundby, Montana Volunteer Firefighters Association (MVFA)

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

00:31:48 Dore Schwinden, Executive Director, Montana Public Employees Retirement Administration (MPERA)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:32:33 Chair Ballance

00:33:04 Dore Schwinden, MPERA

00:34:19 Rep. Brodehl

00:34:46 Dore Schwinden, MPERA

00:35:03 Rep. Brodehl

00:35:13 Chair Ballance

00:35:35 Rep. Mehlhoff

00:35:56 Dore Schwinden, MPERA

00:36:54 Rep. Mehlhoff

00:37:31 Dore Schwinden, MPERA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:38:16 Rep. Lieser

**HEARING ON HB 501****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:39:14 Rep. Debra Lamm (R), HD 60, opened the hearing on HB 501, Revise laws related to student data collection and privacy.

00:42:04 Chair Ballance

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:42:46 Tim Ravndal, self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:45:07 Dennis Parman, Deputy Superintendent, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)  
00:45:32 Rep. Ellis  
00:46:05 Rep. Woods  
00:46:43 Chair Ballance  
00:47:11 Rep. Dudik  
00:47:36 Chair Ballance  
00:47:42 Rep. Noonan  
00:48:06 Rep. Osmundson arrived.  
00:48:16 Chair Ballance  
00:48:49 Rep. Tropila  
00:49:26 Chair Ballance  
00:49:36 Rep. McCarthy  
00:49:59 Chair Ballance  
00:50:05 Rep. Tropila  
00:51:06 Chair Ballance  
00:51:52 Rep. Dudik  
00:52:17 Chair Ballance  
00:52:32 Rep. Woods  
00:52:36 Chair Ballance  
00:52:53 Rep. Mehlhoff  
00:53:00 Chair Ballance  
00:53:15 Rep. Mehlhoff  
00:53:20 Chair Ballance  
00:53:49 Rep. Tropila  
00:55:01 Chair Ballance  
00:55:16 Rep. Dudik  
00:55:27 Rep. Cuffe  
00:55:48 Rep. Brodehl  
00:56:17 Chair Ballance  
00:56:36 Dennis Parman, OPI  
01:01:43 Kirk Miller, Executive Director, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)  
01:06:28 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association (MSBA)  
01:06:56 Chair Ballance  
01:07:02 Bob Vogel, MSBA  
01:07:39 Marco Ferro, Director, Montana Education Association-Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)  
01:07:57 Tammy Elser, self

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:10:03 Rep. Brodehl  
01:11:06 Dennis Parman, OPI  
01:11:27 Rep. Brodehl  
01:11:48 Dennis Parman, OPI  
01:11:55 Rep. Ellis

01:12:38 Dennis Parman, OPI  
01:13:48 Rep. Peppers  
01:14:15 Dennis Parman, OPI  
01:15:47 Chair Ballance  
01:16:30 Dennis Parman, OPI  
01:16:36 Chair Ballance  
01:16:39 Dennis Parman, OPI  
01:17:45 Chair Ballance  
01:18:03 Dennis Parman, OPI  
01:18:06 Chair Ballance  
01:18:15 Dennis Parman, OPI  
01:18:21 Chair Ballance  
01:18:36 Dennis Parman, OPI  
01:18:41 Rep. Brodehl  
01:18:49 Rep. Dudik  
01:19:28 Dennis Parman, OPI  
01:19:54 Rep. Brodehl  
01:20:54 Chair Ballance  
01:21:13 Dennis Parman, OPI  
01:21:20 Rep. Ellis  
01:22:35 Dennis Parman, OPI  
01:23:16 Chair Ballance  
01:23:38 Dennis Parman, OPI  
01:24:15 Rep. Brodehl  
01:24:48 Dennis Parman, OPI  
01:25:26 Rep. Brodehl  
01:25:35 Dennis Parman, OPI  
01:25:48 Rep. Brodehl  
01:26:09 Dennis Parman, OPI  
01:26:31 Rep. Dudik  
01:26:46 Dennis Parman, OPI  
01:27:09 Chair Ballance  
01:27:18 Dennis Parman, OPI

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:27:34 Rep. Lamm  
  
01:30:31 Recess  
01:53:27 Reconvened  
  
01:53:29 Chair Ballance

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 180**

01:54:13 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Osmundson moved that **HB 180 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 237**

01:55:14 **Motion:** Rep. Osmundson moved that **HB 237 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:55:31 Rep. Tropila

01:56:24 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Noonan, Rep. Peppers and Rep. Tropila voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 377**

01:57:35 **Motion:** Rep. Osmundson moved that **HB 377 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:57:50 Rep. Ellis  
01:58:19 Joe Triem, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)  
01:58:57 Rep. Woods  
02:00:51 Rep. Mehlhoff  
02:03:45 Rep. Brodehl  
02:05:08 Rep. McCarthy  
02:05:19 Rep. Brodehl

02:05:27 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ellis, Rep. Hollandsworth, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Mehlhoff, Rep. Noonan, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Tropila and Rep. Woods voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 483**

02:06:54 **Motion:** Rep. Osmundson moved that **HB 483 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

02:07:09 Chair Ballance  
02:07:17 Joe Triem, LFD  
02:08:46 Rep. Dudik  
02:09:06 Joe Triem, LFD  
02:09:12 Rep. Mehlhoff

02:10:33 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Burnett and Rep. D. Jones voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 501**

02:11:42 **Motion:** Rep. Osmundson moved that **HB 501 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

02:11:56 Rep. McCarthy  
 02:13:34 Chair Ballance

02:14:26 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ellis, Rep. Hollandsworth, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Mehlhoff, Rep. Noonan, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Tropila and Rep. Woods voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 563**

02:15:39 **Motion:** Rep. Osmundson moved that **HB 563 DO PASS.**

02:15:48 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Osmundson moved that **HB 563 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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02:16:38 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Brodehl made a substitute motion that **HB 563 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:17:04 Rep. McCarthy  
 02:17:16 Chair Ballance

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 474**

02:17:37 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Hollandsworth moved that **HB 474 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.** Motion failed 9-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Dudik, Rep. Ellis, Rep. Hollandsworth, Rep. McCarthy, Rep. Mehlhoff, Rep. Noonan, Rep. Peppers, Rep. Tropila and Rep. Woods voting aye.

02:18:04 Rep. Hollandsworth  
 02:19:24 Rep. Dudik  
 02:20:07 Rep. Brodehl  
 02:20:28 Chair Ballance  
 02:20:51 Rep. Brodehl  
 02:21:21 Chair Ballance  
 02:21:46 Rep. Dudik  
 02:21:57 Rep. Holmlund  
 02:22:10 Chair Ballance  
 02:22:20 Rep. Hollandsworth  
 02:22:25 Chair Ballance  
 02:23:12 Rep. Dudik  
 02:23:18 Chair Ballance  
 02:23:49 Rep. Holmlund  
 02:23:54 Chair Ballance  
 02:24:04 Rep. Mccarthy  
 02:24:14 Chair Ballance  
 02:24:35 Rep. Mehlhoff

02:24:55 Chair Ballance  
02:25:08 Rep. Mehlhoff

**ADJOURNMENT**

02:25:53      Adjournment

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Katya Grover, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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