

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

**Call to Order:** Chair Art Wittich, on March 6, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 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. 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. Alan Redfield (R)  
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Alan Doane (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 249, 2/16/2015

**HEARING ON HB 249****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:04:25 Rep. Pat Noonan (D), HD 74, opened the hearing on HB 249, Create Healthy Montana Act to expand health care coverage to certain Montanans.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:11:13 Tara Veazey, Governor's Health Policy Advisor

00:17:06 Senator Windy Boy, SD 16 Box Elder

00:20:47 Monica Lindeen, State Auditor and Commissioners of Securities and Insurance

00:24:01 Holly Blouch, Self

**[EXHIBIT\(huh47a01\)](#)**

00:27:22 Carol Blank, River Stone Health

**[EXHIBIT\(huh47a02\)](#)**

00:30:23 John Soderberg, Self

00:35:14 Jim Higgins, Montana National Guard

00:39:54 Tonis Samuels, Self

00:41:58 Aaron Page, Self

**[EXHIBIT\(huh47a03\)](#)**

00:44:09 Stephanie Wallace, Self

**[EXHIBIT\(huh47a04\)](#)**

00:47:12 Dr. John Tremper, Flathead Community Health Center

**[EXHIBIT\(huh47a05\)](#)**

00:51:03 Richard Francesco, St. Mary Catholic Community

**[EXHIBIT\(huh47a06\)](#)**

00:53:07 Hannah Funke, Self

00:56:19 Kevin Howlett, Confederate Salish and Kootenai Tribes

00:57:37 Rhonda Whiting, Confederate Salish and Kootenai Tribes

00:59:49 Richard Miltenberger, Self

01:01:19 Neva Loney, Self

**[EXHIBIT\(huh47a07\)](#)**

01:03:55 Bill Underriner, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network

**[EXHIBIT\(huh47a08\)](#)**

01:06:50 Patty Stevens, Confederate Salish and Kootenai Tribes

**[EXHIBIT\(huh47a09\)](#)**

01:09:00 Dr. William Gallea, Montana Medical Association

**[EXHIBIT\(huh47a10\)](#)**

01:12:56 Gary Mermel, Self

**[EXHIBIT\(huh47a11\)](#)**

01:16:00 Mark Semmens, Self

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a12\)](#)

01:18:32 Harry Barnes, Blackfeet Tribal Business Council

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a13\)](#)

01:22:03 Dr. Randall Gibb, Billings Clinic

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a14\)](#)

01:26:24 Dan Lourie, Self

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a15\)](#)

01:27:59 Bren Lowe, Livingston Health Care

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a16\)](#)

01:31:37 Joyce Brown, Self

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a17\)](#)

01:35:20 Lisa Ernst, Self

01:36:40 Lander Cooney, Community Health Partners

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a18\)](#)

01:38:53 Joy Bruck, AARP

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a19\)](#)

01:40:21 Matt Kelley, Gallatin City- County Health Department

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a20\)](#)

01:45:11 Cherie Taylor, Northern Rockies Medical Center

01:47:54 Mike Clouse, Disabled American Veterans

01:51:10 Hugh Dundee, Self

01:59:15 Diana Jo Page, Self

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a21\)](#)

02:03:42 Dr. Thomas Hoffman, Self

02:05:34 Laura Shelton, Self

02:07:13 Earl Sutherland, Big Horn Valley Health Center

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a22\)](#)

02:08:53 Kristi Thane, Community Health Partners

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a23\)](#)

02:11:52 Aart Dolman, Great Falls YWCA

02:12:33 Rep. Eck

02:13:43 Rep. Bridget Smith, HD 31, Fort Peck

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a24\)](#)

02:14:25 Dustin Whitford, Chippewa Cree Tribe

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a25\)](#)

02:16:06 Eric Bird In Ground, Crow Tribe

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a26\)](#)

02:17:21 Shelly Fyant, Salish and Kootenai Tribe

02:19:34 Don Foley, Southwest Community Health Center

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a27\)](#)

02:20:03 Michael Des Rosier, Glacier County Commissioner

02:23:39 Glenda Hall, Glacier County Clerk and Recorder, Superintendent of Schools

02:24:10 Rep. Rae Peppers, HD 41, Lame Deer

02:25:07 Laura Obert, Broadwater County Commissioner

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a28\)](#)

02:26:36 Vonnie Brown, Self

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a29\)](#)

02:28:46 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a30\)](#)

02:29:09 Mike Foster, Catholic Hospitals

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a31\)](#)

02:29:50 Lynn Stanley, Self

02:31:56 Dr. David Mark, Big Horn Valley Health Center

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a32\)](#)

02:32:32 Aidan Myhre, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce

02:32:59 Glenn Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce

02:33:53 Amanda Cahill, American Heart Association

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a33\)](#)

02:34:10 Elizabeth Marom, Montana Organizing Project

02:35:44 Lorianne Burhop, Food Bank Network

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a34\)](#)

02:36:39 Carla Augustad, My Circle

02:37:32 Robyn Morrison, Self

02:38:02 Andrea Cheroske, Flathead Community Health Center

02:38:45 Mary Jo O'Rourke, Self

02:40:40 Daniel Verardo, Flathead Community Health Center

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a35\)](#)

02:41:13 Kelsen Young, Mt Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

02:41:46 Kim Leighton, Pride Foundation

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a36\)](#)

02:42:26 Vernon Finley, Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribe

02:42:54 Bob Marsalli, MT Primary Care Association

02:43:07 Olivia Riutta, MT Primary Care Association

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a37\)](#)

02:44:32 Nancy Bleck, Self

02:45:12 Sarah Howell, Montana Women Vote

02:45:22 Tara Jensen, Montana Budget and Policy Center

02:45:35 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic and Academy of Family Physicians

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a38\)](#)

02:45:52 Jacquie Helt, SEIU Healthcare 775

02:46:12 Sen. Lea Whitford, SD 8, Cut Bank

02:46:40 Kim Abbott, Human Rights Network

02:46:51 Lisa Evers, Chippewa Cree Tribe

02:47:06 Marilyn Monroe Harwood, Blackfeet Nation

02:47:39 Renita Watson, Chippewa Cree Tribe

02:47:53 Marcy Mclean, Self

02:48:03 Annie Pollock, Blackfeet Nation

02:48:15 Tylyn Whitford, Self

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a39\)](#)

02:48:30 Martha Stahl, Planned Parenthood of Montana

02:48:46 Loni Whitford, Rocky Boy Chippewa Cree Tribe

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a40\)](#)

02:48:59 Amanda Harrow, Self

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a41\)](#)

02:49:12 Jen Vero, Community Health Partners

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a42\)](#)

02:49:30 Alissa Snow, Self

02:49:40 Dane Main, Self

02:50:10 Chairman Wittich

**Opponents' Testimony:**

02:50:46 Ed Argenbright, Self

02:56:52 Annie Bukacek, Self

03:01:32 Robert Welzel, Self

03:02:25 John Quandt, Americans For Prosperity

03:06:45 Bobby Lane, Self

03:09:02 Henry Kriegel, Americans For Prosperity

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a43\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a44\)](#)

03:16:04 Bethany Curtis, Self

03:18:10 Gina Satterfield, Self

[EXHIBIT\(huh47a45\)](#)

03:23:42 Patrick McCaine, Self

03:24:21 Douglas Carpenter, Self

03:29:35 Jody Loomis, Self  
 03:31:51 Julie Dockery, Self  
 03:32:13 Rep. Nancy Ballance, HD 87 Hamilton  
 03:36:07 Riley Johnson, National Federation of Independent Business

**Informational Testimony:**

03:38:35 Mary Dalton, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)  
[EXHIBIT\(huh47a46\)](#)

03:39:40 RECESS  
 03:50:37 RECONVENE

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

03:51:29 Rep. Pierson  
 03:52:16 Annie Bukacek, Self  
 03:52:24 Rep. Pierson  
 03:52:31 Annie Bukacek, Self  
 03:52:51 Rep. Hill  
 03:55:19 Bob Olsen, MHA  
 03:57:12 Rep. Hill  
 03:57:26 Bob Olsen, MHA  
 03:59:14 Rep. Hill  
 03:59:56 Jessica Rhoades, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)  
 04:01:52 Chairman Wittich  
 04:01:57 Jessica Rhoades, DPHHS  
 04:02:06 Rep. Karjala  
 04:02:56 Mary Dalton, DPHHS  
 04:06:42 Rep. Karjala  
 04:07:05 Mary Dalton, DPHHS  
 04:08:18 Rep. Mandeville  
 04:09:06 Tara Veazey, Governor's Health Policy Advisor  
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 04:18:11 Mary Dalton, DPHHS  
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04:19:34 Mary Dalton, DPHHS  
04:20:29 Rep. Ricci  
04:21:10 Mary Dalton, DPHHS  
04:21:52 Rep. Pierson  
04:22:19 Annie Bucacek, Self  
04:22:22 Rep. Pierson  
04:22:35 Annie Bucacek, Self  
04:22:46 Rep. Pierson  
04:22:52 Annie Bucacek, Self  
04:22:57 Rep. Pierson  
04:23:26 Dr. Bill Gallea, MMA  
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04:34:06 Rep. Hayman  
04:34:29 Mark Semmens, Self  
04:35:46 Rep. Jacobson  
04:36:21 Jim Higgins, MT National Guard  
04:37:53 Rep. Jacobson  
04:38:16 Jim Higgins, MT National Guard  
04:39:18 Rep. Harris  
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04:50:30 Rep. Redfield  
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**Closing by Sponsor:**

06:16:52 Rep. Noonan

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 249**

06:25:27 Chairman Wittich

06:25:54 **Motion:** Rep. Wagoner moved that **HB 249 DO PASS.**

06:26:00 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Redfield made a substitute motion that **HB 249 DO NOT PASS.**

**Discussion:**

06:26:05 Rep. Eck

06:27:50 Chairman Wittich

06:28:37 Rep. Eck

06:28:48 Chairman Wittich

06:29:37 Rep. Eck

06:29:55 Chairman Wittich

06:31:47 Rep. Eck

06:32:09 Chairman Wittich

06:32:17 Rep. Hill

06:33:37 Rep. Karjala

06:34:30 Chairman Wittich

06:34:51 Rep. Wagoner

06:35:10 Rep. Eck

06:35:51 Chairman Wittich

06:36:02 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Eck **OBJECTED TO THE DO PASS MOTION. THE CHAIRMAN OVERRULED. REP ECK APPEALED AND ASKED FOR A ROLE CALL VOTE.** Appeal failed 7-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Eck, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Hill, Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Pease-Lopez and Rep. Pierson voting aye. Rep. Doane was excused.

06:36:05 Chairman Wittich

06:36:14 Rep. Eck

06:38:01 Rep. Hill

06:38:18 Rep. Eck

06:38:40 Chairman Wittich

06:40:14 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Eck, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Hill, Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Pease-Lopez and Rep. Pierson voting no. Rep. Doane voted by proxy. Rep. Doane was excused.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 06:40:24

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Phoebe Williams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([huh47aad.pdf](#))**