

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Art Wittich, on March 23, 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. Seth Berglee (R)
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)
Rep. Denise Hayman (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. Kirk Wagoner, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Alan Doane (R)
Rep. Bill Harris (R)
Rep. Stephanie Hess (R)
Rep. Tom Jacobson (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 & Date Posted: HB 614, 3/18/2015; HB 620, 3/18/2015; SB 216, 3/18/2015; SB 344, 3/18/2015

HEARING ON SB 216**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:13 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 216, Revise medicaid in home care services fraud prevention laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:09 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association
[EXHIBIT\(huh60a01\)](#)

00:07:06 Rep. Jacobson joined the meeting

00:09:31 Boyce Fowler, American Association of Retired People (AARP)
[EXHIBIT\(huh60a02\)](#)

00:11:49 Joel Peden, Montana Independent Living Centers

00:14:04 Coco Ballew, Consumer Direct

Opponents' Testimony:**Informational Testimony:**

00:16:39 Kelly Williams, Department of Health and Human Services

[EXHIBIT\(huh60a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh60a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh60a05\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:17:03 Rep. Hill

00:17:32 Kelly Williams, DPHHS

00:18:01 Rep. Hill

00:18:34 Sen. Webb

00:19:13 Rep. Hill

00:19:58 Sen. Webb

00:20:26 Rep. Hill

00:21:01 Sen. Webb

00:21:27 Rep. Karjala

00:21:53 Kelly Williams, DPHHS

00:22:14 Rep. Karjala

00:22:28 Kelly Williams, DPHHS

00:22:51 Rep. Karjala

00:23:02 Kelly Williams, DPHHS

00:23:16 Rep. Karjala

00:23:24 Kelly Williams, DPHHS

00:23:39 Rep. Karjala

00:23:52 Kelly Williams, DPHHS

00:24:26 Chairman Wittich

00:25:06 Sen. Webb

00:25:14 Chairman Wittich

00:25:25 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association

00:26:27 Chairman Wittich

00:26:33 Rep. Wagoner joined the meeting

00:26:48 Sen. Webb

Closing by Sponsor:

00:27:56 Sen. Webb

HEARING ON SB 344

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:31 Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 344, Revising laws on reimbursement of certain Medicaid services.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:30:23 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association
[EXHIBIT\(huh60a06\)](#)

00:36:24 Jim Fitzgerald, Montana Legacy Group
00:41:48 Rep. Harris joined the meeting
00:42:21 Joel Peden, Montana Independent Living Centers
00:46:10 Jim Ahrens, Montana Children's Initiative

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:49:09 Rep. Karjala
00:49:52 Sen. Webb
00:49:55 Rep. Karjala
00:50:09 Sen. Webb
00:50:18 Rep. Karjala
00:50:36 Sen. Webb
00:51:00 Rep. Karjala
00:51:25 Sen. Webb
00:51:48 Rep. Karjala
00:52:02 Chairman Wittich
00:52:33 Sen. Webb
00:52:41 Chairman Wittich
00:52:45 Sen. Webb
00:52:59 Chairman Wittich
00:53:42 Jim Fitzgerald, Montana Legacy Group
00:55:47 Chairman Wittich
00:56:23 Sen. Webb
00:57:09 Chairman Wittich
00:57:15 Sen. Webb
00:57:37 Chairman Wittich
00:57:53 Jim Fitzgerald, Montana Legacy Group
00:58:20 Chairman Wittich
00:58:48 Jim Fitzgerald, Montana Legacy Group
00:59:20 Rep. Karjala
01:00:04 Jim Fitzgerald, Montana Legacy Group

Closing by Sponsor:

01:01:11 Sen. Webb

HEARING ON HB 620**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:02:44 Rep. Alan Redfield (R), HD 59, opened the hearing on HB 620, Establishing all-payer claims database.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:07:43 Rita Charles, American Association of Retried People (AARP)

[EXHIBIT\(huh60a07\)](#)

01:09:12 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association

01:11:01 Christina Goe, State Auditor's Office

Opponents' Testimony:

01:14:21 Bruce Spencer, America's Health Insurance Plans

[EXHIBIT\(huh60a08\)](#)**Informational Testimony:**

01:23:06 Duane Preshinger, Department of Public Health and Human Services

01:23:31 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:24:28 Rep. Mandeville

01:25:14 Rep. Redfield

01:25:22 Rep. Mandeville

01:25:38 Bruce Spencer, America's Health Insurance Plans

01:25:44 Rep. Harris

01:26:13 Rep. Redfield

01:26:43 Rep. Hayman

01:27:58 Rep. Redfield

01:29:33 Rep. Hayman

01:29:59 Rep. Redfield

01:31:11 Rep. Karjala

01:32:14 Duane Preshinger, DPHHS

01:32:32 Rep. Karjala

01:33:33 Christina Goe, State Auditor's Office

01:35:00 Rep. Karjala

01:35:12 Christina Goe, State Auditor's Office

01:35:40 Rep. Karjala

01:35:42 Christina Goe, State Auditor's Office

01:35:44 Rep. Wagoner

01:36:06 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association

01:36:10 Rep. Wagoner

01:36:27 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association

01:36:31 Rep. Wagoner

01:36:40 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association

01:38:42 Chairman Wittich

01:38:49 Rep. Wagoner
01:39:00 Rep. Jacobson
01:40:24 Christina Goe, State Auditor's Office
01:42:29 Rep. Ricci
01:42:58 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association
01:43:40 Chairman Wittich
01:44:16 Bruce Spenser, America's Health Insurance Plans
01:44:37 Chairman Wittich

Closing by Sponsor:

01:44:45 Rep. Redfield
01:45:40 Rep. Wagoner took the chair

HEARING ON HB 614

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:45:49 Rep. Art Wittich (R), HD 68, opened the hearing on HB 614, Establish a study committee on patient compensation for medical injury.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:50:18 Mike Foster, Montana Catholic Hospitals
01:52:21 Bill Warden, Bozeman Deaconess, Benefice, and St. Peter's Hospitals

Opponents' Testimony:

01:53:01 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyer's Association

Informational Testimony:

01:58:10 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Legal Panel

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:58:48 Rep. Hayman
01:59:28 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyer's Association
02:00:06 Rep. Karjala
02:01:08 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Legal Panel
02:01:37 Rep. Ricci
02:02:06 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Legal Panel
02:02:47 Chairman Wagoner
02:03:14 Rep. Wittich
02:04:24 Chairman Wagoner
02:04:52 Rep. Wittich

Closing by Sponsor:

02:07:39 Rep. Wittich
02:08:12 Sue O'Connell

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 02:08:56

Phoebe Williams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh60aad.pdf](#))