

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Art Wittich, on March 27, 2015 at 5:15 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. Alan Doane (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. Vince Ricci (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Kirk Wagoner, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Jennifer Eck (D)
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)
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: SB 336, 3/5/2015; SB 217, 3/5/2015

HEARING ON SB 217**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:21 Sen. Kris Hansen (R), SD 14, opened the hearing on SB 217, Revise laws related to vital statistics.

[EXHIBIT\(huh64a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:10:49 Sarah Boyce, Self

00:16:44 Jessica Osmundson, Self

00:18:15 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

[EXHIBIT\(huh64a02\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:23:28 Todd Harwell, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

[EXHIBIT\(huh64a03\)](#)

00:28:56 Melanie Reynolds, Lewis and Clark County Health Officer, Montana Public Health Association (MPHA), and Association of Montana Public Health Officials.

[EXHIBIT\(huh64a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh64a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh64a06\)](#)

00:32:46 Rep. Redfield joined the meeting

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:57 Rep. Olszewski

00:34:47 Melanie Reynolds, MPHA

00:35:17 Rep. Olszewski

00:35:32 Melanie Reynolds, MPHA

00:36:00 Rep. Olszewski

00:36:11 Melanie Reynolds, MPHA

00:36:43 Rep. Olszewski

00:37:07 Todd Harwell, DPHHS

00:37:19 Rep. Olszewski

00:37:45 Todd Harwell, DPHHS

00:37:50 Rep. Mandeville

00:38:31 Rep. Olszewski

00:38:39 Chairman Wittich

00:38:43 Rep. Mandeville

00:39:43 Melanie Reynolds, MPHA

00:39:52 Rep. Jacobson joined the meeting

00:41:34 Rep. Mandeville

00:42:16 Melanie Reynolds, MPHA

00:43:43 Rep. Mandeville

00:43:59 Melanie Reynolds, MPHA

00:44:10 Rep. Pease-Lopez

00:44:41 Todd Harwell, DPHHS
 00:45:39 Rep. Pease-Lopez
 00:45:59 Todd Harwell, DPHHS
 00:46:43 Rep. Berglee
 00:46:55 Rep. Ricci
 00:47:21 Todd Harwell, DPHHS
 00:47:44 Rep. Harris
 00:48:21 Todd Harwell, DPHHS
 00:48:44 Chairman Wittich
 00:49:17 Todd Harwell DPHHS
 00:49:20 Rep. Harris
 00:49:52 Todd Harwell DPHHS
 00:50:17 Rep. Harris
 00:50:42 Todd Harwell, DPHHS
 00:51:04 Chairman Wittich
 00:51:38 Todd Harwell, DPHHS
 00:52:04 Chairman Wittich
 00:52:40 Todd Harwell, DPHHS
 00:53:09 Chairman Wittich
 00:53:13 Todd Harwell, DPHHS
 00:53:24 Chairman Wittich
 00:53:43 Todd Harwell, DPHHS
 00:53:50 Chairman Wittich
 00:53:58 Todd Harwell, DPHHS
 00:54:24 Chairman Wittich
 00:54:29 Todd Harwell, DPHHS
 00:54:37 Rep. Karjala

Closing by Sponsor:

00:55:33 Sen. Hansen

HEARING ON SB 336**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:01:46 Sen. Bob Keenan (R), SD 5, opened the hearing on SB 336, Generally revise the Montana administrative procedure act.

EXHIBIT(huh64a07)**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:05:34 Jeff Folsom, AWARE Inc
 01:11:43 Kate McGrath Ellis, AWARE Inc
 01:15:47 Jim Fitzgerald, Intermountain
 01:19:35 Jim Ahrens, Montana Dental Society
 01:20:06 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association, Montana Association of
 Community Developmental Services

EXHIBIT(huh64a08)

01:26:28 Janie McCall, Legacy Provider Group, National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI)
 01:28:29 Erin McGowan, Montana Children's Initiative (MCI)
 01:29:04 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MCA)
 01:31:56 John Metropoulos, AWARE Inc

Opponents' Testimony:

01:33:06 GERALYN DRISCOLL, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DPHHS)

EXHIBIT(huh64a09)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:37:16 Chairman Wittich

01:38:19 GERALYN DRISCOLL, DPHHS

01:38:38 Chairman Wittich

01:38:42 GERALYN DRISCOLL, DPHHS

01:39:00 Chairman Wittich

01:39:57 Sen. Keenan

01:41:17 Chairman Wittich

Closing by Sponsor:

01:41:48 Sen. Keenan

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 01:48:13

Phoebe Williams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh64aad.pdf](#))