

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Art Wittich, on April 7, 2015 at 11:00 A.M., in Room 137 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Art Wittich, Chair (R)
Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kirk Wagoner, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Alan Doane (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. Seth Berglee (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 405, 4/1/2015
Executive Action: SB 405

HEARING ON SB 405**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:04:15 Sen. Edward Buttrey (R), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB 405, Establish the Montana Health and Economic Livelihood Partnership Act.

[EXHIBIT\(huh69a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:11 Tara Veazey, Governor's Health Policy Advisor

00:19:52 Gary Mermel, Self

[EXHIBIT\(huh69a02\)](#)

00:23:32 Susan Good-Geise, Lewis and Clark County Commissioner

[EXHIBIT\(huh69a03\)](#)

00:28:13 John Goodnow, Benefis Health System

00:30:01 Patricia Iron Cloud, Assiniboine Sioux

00:33:09 Jim Higgins, Montana National Guard Associations

00:39:11 Jan Cahill, Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce

00:40:24 Pam Bucy, Commissioner of Labor and Industry (DLI)

00:43:39 Dr. William Gallea, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

00:47:21 Chris Baumert, Riverstone Health Clinic, Montana Academy of Family Physicians

00:53:37 Rep. Eck

00:54:14 Chairman Wittich

00:54:35 Kristi Thane, Community Health Partners

[EXHIBIT\(huh69a04\)](#)

00:55:50 Rep. Eck

00:56:13 Chairman Wittich

00:56:44 Rep. Karjala

00:57:36 Chairman Wittich

00:58:12 Kyle Hopstad, Broadwater Health Center

[EXHIBIT\(huh69a05\)](#)

00:59:16 David Brown, Wyo-Ben Inc, and Billings Clinic

[EXHIBIT\(huh69a06\)](#)

01:00:43 Dr. David Lechner, Missoula

[EXHIBIT\(huh69a07\)](#)

01:02:52 Jim Whittle, Benefis

01:04:55 Steve Arveschoug, Montana Economic Developers Association, and Big Sky Economic Development

[EXHIBIT\(huh69a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh69a09\)](#)

01:07:39 Kevin Pitzer, Bozeman Deaconess Health Services

01:08:20 Gallatin County Sherif Brian Gootkin, Self

01:09:38 Matt Kelly, Gallatin City County Health Department

01:12:19 Scott Malloi, Gallatin Mental Health Center

01:13:03 Mary Douglass, Self
01:14:19 Lisa Ernst, Self
01:16:54 Rep. Eck
01:17:23 Chairman Wittich
01:18:44 Patty Stevens, Salish and Kootenai Tribes

EXHIBIT(huh69a10)

01:19:23 Kevin Howlett, Salish and Kootenai Tribes
01:20:15 Buck Taylor, Community Health Partners Bozeman
01:21:14 Lesa Evers, Chippewa Cree Tribe

EXHIBIT(huh69a11)

01:21:59 Nancy Bleck, Self
01:22:21 Jani McCall, Legacy Provider Group
01:23:36 Dick Weaver, Self
01:23:49 Alisha Smith, National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI)
01:24:17 Jon Esp, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
01:24:31 J. J. Carmodui, Billings Clinic
01:24:57 Mike Foster, Montana Catholic Hospitals
01:25:33 Amy Beames, Benefis Health System

EXHIBIT(huh69a12)

01:26:01 Amanda Harrow, Montana Primary Care Association
01:26:53 Rep. Berglee joined the meeting
01:27:29 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI)
01:28:18 David Hemion, Montana Dental Association
01:29:40 Alissa Snow, Western Native Voice
01:30:08 Matt Elsaesser, City Commissioner, Helena

EXHIBIT(huh69a13)

01:30:58 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association
01:31:10 Claudia Clifford, AARP
01:31:28 Martha Stahl, Planned Parenthood Montana
01:31:51 Lorianne Burhop, Montana Food Bank Network

EXHIBIT(huh69a14)

01:32:44 Minkie Medora, Montana Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

EXHIBIT(huh69a15)

01:33:10 Linda Gryczan, Self
01:33:37 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center
01:34:08 Dustin Whitford, Chippewa Cree Tribe
01:35:35 Jamie Sheldahl, Head Start
01:35:58 Pamela Thane, Self
01:36:28 Jane Amdahl, Self
01:37:45 Jim Edwards, Self
01:37:57 John Ilgenfritz, Self
01:38:55 Erin McGowan, Association of Montana Public Health Officials, Montana Public Health Association, American Cancer Society, Children's Health Initiative
01:39:37 Sarah Howell, Montana Women Vote

01:39:55 Robin Turner, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
01:40:29 Kim Leighton, PRIDE Foundation
01:41:11 Kim Abbott, Montana Human Rights Network
01:41:32 Richard Miltonberger, Self
01:42:07 Sen. Lea Whitford, SD 8
01:42:41 Mark Baker, Kalispell Regional Health Care
01:43:05 Rep. Maryann Dunwell

EXHIBIT(huh69a16)

01:44:12 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce
01:44:25 Chris Cavazos, AFLCIO
01:44:40 Jacquie Helt, SEIU Healthcare 775 NW

Opponents' Testimony:

01:45:42 Ed Argenbright, Self
01:49:14 Janice Lynn, Self
01:56:01 Annie Bukacek, Self

EXHIBIT(huh69a17)

01:58:25 Lt. Col. Robert Welzel, Self
02:01:55 Brett Mead, Montana Policy Institute

EXHIBIT(huh69a18)

02:07:59 Chris Puyear, Self
02:10:10 Rudolph Tankink, Self
02:12:30 Brad Engebretson, Self
02:16:44 Zach Lahn, Americans for Prosperity in Montana (AFP)
02:23:05 Dan Happel, Self
02:25:46 Robert Kohler, Self
02:28:28 Jody Loomis, Self
02:29:33 Bethany Curtis, Self

EXHIBIT(huh69a19)

02:31:46 Julie Dockery, Self

EXHIBIT(huh69a20)

02:32:12 Rep. Hill
02:32:37 Rep. Redfield
02:32:52 Chairman Wittich
02:33:27 Henry Kriegel, Americans For Prosperity (AFP)

EXHIBIT(huh69a21)

02:37:44 Fred Carl, Self
02:45:27 Paul Landsgaard, Self
02:47:29 Ron Pifer, Self
02:50:33 Niki Sardot, Self
02:51:46 Judy Tankink, Self
02:53:50 Carolyn Powell, Self
02:57:33 John Quandt, Americans For Prosperity (AFP)
03:00:58 Robert Lahn, Self

03:03:14 Jane Hamman, Self
03:03:38 Renae Mitchell, Self
03:04:16 Deon Carpenter, Self
03:06:29 Doug Carpenter, Self
03:08:43 Phyllis Lamping, Self
03:08:57 Nancy Engebretson, Self
03:09:28 James Quillin, Self

Informational Testimony:

03:10:16 Mary Dalton, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
03:12:00 Recess
03:22:02 Reconvene

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

03:23:23 Rep. Redfield
03:23:55 Mary Dalton, DPHHS
03:24:44 Rep. Redfield
03:24:58 Mary Dalton, DPHHS
03:25:17 Rep. Redfield
03:25:32 Bob Olsen, MT Hospital Association
03:25:48 Rep. Hayman
03:26:26 Mike Foster, Montana's Catholic Hospitals
03:27:12 Chairman Wittich
03:27:43 Mike Foster, Montana's Catholic Hospitals
03:27:53 Rep. Eck
03:28:24 Mary Dalton, DPHHS
03:28:42 Rep. Karjala
03:29:19 John Goodnow, Benefis
03:30:37 Rep. Karjala
03:30:56 John Goodnow, Benefis
03:31:52 Rep. Hill
03:33:03 Chairman Wittich
03:33:30 Zach Lahn, AFP
03:33:47 Rep. Hill
03:34:09 Zach Lahn, AFP
03:34:36 Rep. Ricci
03:35:22 Sen. Buttrey
03:36:37 Rep. Karjala
03:37:21 Mary Dalton DPHHS
03:38:01 Rep. Karjala
03:38:22 Mary Dalton, DPHHS
03:39:28 Rep. Karjala
03:39:47 Mary Dalton, DPHHS
03:40:24 Rep. Pierson
03:40:48 Sen. Buttrey
03:42:47 Rep. Eck
03:43:08 Kevin Pitzer, Bozeman Deaconess Health Services
03:45:34 Rep. Eck
03:46:07 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association
03:47:52 Rep. Eck

03:48:28 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association
 03:49:23 Rep. Pease-Lopez
 03:50:09 Mary Dalton, DPHHS
 03:51:11 Rep. Pease-Lopez
 03:51:53 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association
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 03:54:29 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association
 03:56:27 Chairman Wittich
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 03:57:45 Mary Dalton, DPHHS
 03:57:49 Chairman Wittich
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 04:01:33 Chairman Wittich
 04:01:37 Sen. Buttrey
 04:02:02 Chairman Wittich
 04:02:45 Sen. Buttrey
 04:03:21 Chairman Wittich
 04:04:06 Sen. Buttrey
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 04:07:43 Chairman Wittich
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 04:09:06 Chairman Wittich
 04:10:09 Sen. Buttrey

Closing by Sponsor:

04:10:54 Sen. Buttrey
 04:26:43 Chairman Wittich

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 405

04:26:59 Rep. Hill
 04:27:56 Chairman Wittich

04:28:05 **Motion:** Rep. Wagoner moved that **SB 405 BE CONCURRED IN.**

04:28:14 **Motion:** Rep. Hess moved that **SB 405 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(huh69a22)

Discussion:

04:28:54 Rep. Hill
 04:30:00 Chairman Wittich
 04:30:14 Sue O'Connell, legislative Services Division (LSD)
 04:30:50 Rep. Pease-Lopez
 04:31:14 Chairman Wittich
 04:31:24 Rep. Hess
 04:31:49 Rep. Eck

04:33:06 Rep. Hill
04:34:25 Chairman Wittich
04:36:12 Rep. Hill
04:36:58 Rep. Karjala
04:38:03 Rep. Eck
04:39:06 Chairman Wittich

04:40:16 **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.

04:42:02 **Motion:** Rep. Redfield moved that **SB 405 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(huh69a23)

Discussion:

04:42:53 Sue O'Connell, LSD
04:43:29 Chairman Wittich
04:43:33 Sue O'Connell, LSD
04:43:38 Rep. Redfield
04:44:10 Rep. Pease-Lopez
04:44:50 Rep. Redfield
04:45:08 Rep. Pease-Lopez
04:45:39 Rep. Redfield
04:45:52 Chairman Wittich
04:46:45 Rep. Pease Lopez
04:47:24 Chairman Wittich
04:47:37 Rep. Karjala
04:47:51 Chairman Wittich
04:48:06 Rep. Karjala
04:48:18 Rep. Jacobson

04:49:31 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Eck, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Hill, Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Pease-Lopez and Rep. Pierson voting no.

04:50:45 **Motion:** Rep. Mandeville moved that **SB 405 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(huh69a24)

Discussion:

04:51:25 Rep. Hill
04:51:30 Rep. Mandeville
04:51:41 Rep. Hill
04:51:45 Chairman Wittich
04:51:57 Rep. Mandeville
04:52:41 Chairman Wittich
04:53:57 Rep. Doane
04:54:16 Rep. Hayman
04:56:12 Rep. Hill
04:58:23 Rep. Doane
04:58:34 Rep. Pease Lopez
05:00:12 Chairman Wittich

05:01:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Doane, Rep. Eck, Rep. Hayman, Rep. Hill, Rep. Jacobson, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Pease-Lopez and Rep. Pierson voting no.

05:02:30 **Motion:** Rep. Wagoner moved that **SB 405 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

05:02:40 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Doane made a substitute motion that **SB 405 BE NOT CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

05:02:46 Rep. Eck

05:04:42 Rep. Hill

05:05:47 Chairman Wittich

05:10:12 **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.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 05:10:27

Phoebe Williams, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh69aad.pdf](#))