

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on January 10, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dennis R. Lenz, Chair (R)
Rep. Edward Buttrey, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Jessica Karjala, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Jade Bahr (D)
Rep. Barbara Bessette (D)
Rep. David Dunn (R)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Barry Usher (R)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Thomas Winter (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Rep. Walt Sales (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lydia Balian, Committee Secretary
Sue O'Connell, 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 79, 1/3/2019; HB 83, 1/3/2019; HB 103, 1/3/2019

HEARING ON HB 79

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:51 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 79, Revise laws relating to the temporary assistance for needy families program.

15:02:00 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway entered the meeting

Proponents' Testimony:

15:03:42 Christy Twardoski, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:06:39 Rep. Welch

HEARING ON HB 83

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:07:21 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 81, opened the hearing on HB 83, Eliminate the HELP Act oversight committee.

Proponents' Testimony:

None

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:09:11 Rep. Caferro

HEARING ON HB 103

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:10:03 Rep. Gordon Pierson (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 103, Allow certain medical practitioners to make substance abuse treatment referrals.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:11:42 Zoe Barnard, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
15:14:19 Lenette Kosovitch, Rimrock Foundation
15:16:17 Cynthia Wolken, Montana Department of Corrections
15:16:46 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance on Mental Illness for Montana (NAMI)
15:18:33 Heather O'Hara, Montana Hospital Association
15:18:53 Natalie McGillen, Montana Health Center
15:19:29 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association
15:20:10 Jessie Luther, Benefis Health System
15:20:47 Stacy Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association
15:21:28 Erin McGowan, Association of Montana Public Health Officials, Montana Public Health Association
15:22:32 Ron Ostberg, Montana Farmers Union

Opponents' Testimony:

15:23:18 Marty Wangen, Montana Physiological Association
15:24:32 Abigail St. Laurence, Montana Association of Naturopathic Physicians (MANP),
Montana Association of Marriage and Family Therapists
15:26:23 Eric Anderson, Montana Nurses Association

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15:31:05 Ann Truesdell, National Association of Social Workers

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:32:18 Rep. Dunwell
15:32:59 Zoe Barnard, DPHHS
15:34:29 Rep. Buttrey
15:35:05 Zoe Barnard, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

15:35:53 Rep. Pierson
15:38:44 Rep Dunwell
15:39:31 Rep. Welch
15:40:43 Vice Chair Karjala
15:41:19 Rep. Usher
15:41:59 Chair Lenz
15:42:14 Vice Chair Buttrey
15:42:43 Chair Lenz

ADJOURNMENT

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15:43:03

Lydia Balian, Secretary

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