

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on January 17, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dennis R. Lenz, 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. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Barry Usher (R)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Thomas Winter (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Edward Buttrey, Vice Chair (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 26, 1/9/2019

15:00:52 Chair Lenz
15:00:56 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
15:01:51 Chair Lenz

HEARING ON HB 26

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:02:40 Rep. Gordon Pierson (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 26, Appropriate funds for a wage increase for DD direct-care workers.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:03:38 Jean Morgan, West Mont
15:08:31 Jackie Jones, Montana Association of Community Disability Services (MACDS)
15:17:04 Dave Eaton, Counter Point Incorporated, Montana Association of Community Disability Services (MACDS)
15:20:26 Mark Anderlik, Montana Public Health
15:21:31 Mick Mahoney, Family Outreach
15:29:58 Fran Sadowski, Missoula Developmental Services Corporation (MDSC)

[EXHIBIT\(huh09a01\)](#)

15:35:39 Jackie Helt, Service Employees International Union (SEIU)

[EXHIBIT\(huh09a02\)](#)

15:39:53 Pat Noonan, Aware Inc.
15:42:07 Beth Brennaman, Disability Rights Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

15:43:26 Bob Leach, self

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:48:14 Rep. Kelker
15:48:48 Rep. Pierson
15:49:14 Pat Noonan, Aware Inc.
15:50:33 Jackie Jones, MACDS
15:53:45 Rep. Kelker
15:54:29 Jackie Jones, MACDS
15:55:02 Chair Lenz
15:55:24 Sue O'Connell, LSD
15:56:18 Chair Lenz
15:56:24 Rep. Webb
15:56:50 Jackie Helt, SEIU
15:56:55 Rep. Webb
15:57:00 Jackie Helt, SEIU
15:57:14 Rep. Mandeville
15:58:06 Jackie Jones, MACDS
15:58:32 Rep. Welch

15:59:00 Jackie Jones, SEIU

Closing by Sponsor:

16:00:30 Rep. Pierson

16:02:05 Chair Lenz

16:03:08 Rep. Ricci

16:03:44 Rep. Usher

16:04:08 Rep. Kelker

16:06:00 Chair Lenz

ADJOURNMENT

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16:06:17

Lydia Balian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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