

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on January 24, 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. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Barry Usher (R)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Thomas Winter (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lydia Balian, Committee Secretary
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 152, 1/14/2019
Executive Action: HB 17, HB 113, HB 86, HB 186, HB 187, HB 25

15:03:27 Chair Lenz

HEARING ON HB 152

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:04:17 Rep. Kathy Kelker (D), HD 47, opened the hearing on HB 152, Revise laws related to surprise medical bills.

EXHIBIT(huh14a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:12:42 JJ Carmody, Billings Clinic

Opponents' Testimony:

15:18:03 Sean Slanger, America's Health Insurance Plans

15:18:49 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Naturopathic Physicians, American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, Montana's Speech Language Hearing Association, Montana Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine

Proponents' Testimony:

15:20:32 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association

Opponents' Testimony:

15:21:58 Bruce Spencer, Montana Health Co-op

15:27:55 Kali Wicks, Blue Cross Blue Shield Montana

15:29:09 Melissa Shannon, Civic Source Health Plans

15:30:20 Frank Cote, Providence Health Montana, Sisters of Charity Health Montana

15:31:35 Bill Warden, St. Peter's Health Care

15:32:42 Jessie Luther, Benefis Health System

Informational Testimony:

15:33:43 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:34:23 Rep. Usher

15:35:25 Rep. Kelker

15:35:49 Rep. Usher

15:36:04 Rep. Kelker

15:36:24 Rep. Dunwell

15:37:25 Rep. Kelker

15:38:44 Rep. Dunwell

15:39:03 Rep. Kelker

15:40:03 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

15:41:24 Jessie Luther, Benefis Health System

15:41:43 Rep. Mandeville entered the meeting.

15:42:21 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

15:42:42 Jessie Luther, Benefis Health System

15:43:25 Rep. Dunwell

15:43:52 Rep. Kelker

15:44:30 Rep. Sales
15:45:02 Bob Olsen, MHA
15:47:42 Rep. Welch
15:48:34 Bob Olsen, MHA
15:49:50 Rep. Usher
15:50:54 JJ Carmody, Billings Clinic
15:52:45 Rep. Usher
15:52:48 JJ Carmody, Billings Clinic

Closing by Sponsor:

15:53:07 Rep. Kelker

15:59:37 Chair Lenz

16:00:09 Recessed
16:17:52 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 17

16:18:12 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 17 DO PASS.**

16:18:22 **Motion:** Rep. Kelker moved that **HB 17 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(huh14a02)

16:18:43 Rep. Kelker

16:20:27 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:20:59 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 17 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

16:21:17 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Usher made a substitute motion that **HB 17 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 113

16:22:32 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 113 DO PASS.**

16:22:48 **Motion:** Rep. Usher moved that **HB 113 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(huh14a03)

16:23:05 Rep. Usher
16:23:57 Rep. Kelker
16:24:14 Sue O'Connell, LSD
16:24:28 Rep. Kelker
16:24:40 Chair Lenz
16:24:47 Rep. Usher
16:25:03 Rep. Dunwell

16:25:40 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Bahr, Rep. Bessette, Rep. Dunwell and Rep. Karjala voting no.

16:25:36 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 113 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

16:27:09 Vice Chair Karjala

16:28:05 Chair Lenz

16:28:48 Rep. Mandeville

16:29:28 Rep. Winter

16:30:13 Rep. Abbott

16:30:38 Vice Chair Karjala

16:31:29 Rep. Usher

16:32:26 Rep. Webb

16:32:55 Rep. Pierson

16:33:23 Chair Lenz

16:33:42 Vice Chair Karjala

16:34:34 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Bahr, Rep. Bessette, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kelker, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Welch and Rep. Winter voting aye.

16:35:46 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey made a substitute motion that **HB 113 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 86

16:36:05 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 86 DO PASS.**

16:36:24 **Motion:** Rep. Ricci moved that **HB 86 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(huh14a04\)](#)

16:37:02 Sue O'Connell, LSD

16:38:04 Rep. Ricci

16:39:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:39:34 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 86 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

16:39:38 Vice Chair Karjala

16:39:52 Rep. Dunwell

16:41:31 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 186

16:41:46 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 186 DO PASS.**

16:42:01 **Motion:** Rep. Dunwell moved that **HB 186 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(huh14a05\)](#)

16:42:21 Rep. Dunwell

16:43:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:43:35 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 186 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

16:43:46 Rep. Dunwell

16:45:55 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

16:47:22 Vice Chair Buttrey

16:48:08 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 187

16:48:27 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 187 DO PASS.**

16:48:47 **Motion:** Rep. Dunwell moved that **HB 187 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(huh14a06\)](#)

16:49:18 Rep. Dunwell

16:50:23 Vice Chair Buttrey

16:51:03 Rep. Dunwell

16:51:34 Vice Chair Buttrey

16:51:54 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:52:06 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 187 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

16:52:18 Rep. Dunwell

16:54:03 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. P. Webb made a substitute motion that **HB 187 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 11-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Bahr, Rep. Bessette, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kelker, Rep. Pierson and Rep. Winter voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 25

16:56:09 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Pierson moved that **HB 25 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:56:36 **Motion:** Rep. Kelker moved that **HB 25 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(huh14a07\)](#)

16:56:48 Rep. Kelker

16:58:17 Chair Lenz

16:58:50 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

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16:59:30

Lydia Balian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh14aad.pdf](#))