

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on January 29, 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. David Dunn (R)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
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. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Thomas Winter (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Jade Bahr (D)
Rep. Barbara Bessette (D)
Rep. Barry Usher (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 235, 1/22/2019

15:09:02 Chair Lenz
15:09:04 Rep. Usher entered the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 235

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:09:39 Rep. Dave Fern (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 235, Provide options, conditions for financing school health group plans.

[EXHIBIT\(huh17a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh17a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh17a03\)](#)

15:21:07 Vice Chair Buttrey

Proponents' Testimony:

15:21:59 Lance Melton, Montana School Boards Association (MTSBA)
15:33:27 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)
15:38:20 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)
15:40:01 Heather Davis Schmidt, Whitefish Public Schools
15:42:45 Cliff Vann, Potomac School District 11
15:45:50 Diane Fladmo, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

15:46:28 Rep. Mandeville left the meeting.

15:48:27 Denise Williams, Montana Association of School Business Officials

15:49:01 Alex Ide, Big Sky School District 72

Opponents' Testimony:

15:50:18 John Doran, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT)

[EXHIBIT\(huh17a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(huh17a05\)](#)

15:57:07 Jennifer Hensley, Pacific Source Health Plans

15:58:19 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association

15:59:25 Rep. Buttrey left the meeting.

Informational Testimony:

16:02:05 Duane Preshinger, Department of Administration (DOA)

16:02:21 Marilyn Bartlett, self

16:02:44 Janell Williams, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

16:03:35 Kara Flath, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:03:48 Rep. Kelker

16:04:33 Rep. Fern

16:05:02 Lance Melton, MTSBA

16:06:11 Rep. Webb

16:06:41 Rep. Fern

16:07:06 Rep. Webb

16:07:16 Rep. Fern
16:08:34 Lance Melton, MTSBA
16:09:36 Rep. Kelker
16:10:54 John Doran, BCBSMT
16:12:41 Rep. Kelker
16:13:21 Rep. Fern
16:14:43 Vice Chair Karjala
16:15:20 Lance Melton, MTSBA
16:16:33 Vice Chair Karjala
16:17:01 John Doran, BCBSMT
16:19:07 Vice Chair Karjala
16:19:33 Lance Melton, MTSBA
16:21:42 Vice Chair Karjala
16:21:51 Lance Melton, MTSBA
16:23:51 Rep. Kelker
16:24:23 Lance Melton, MTSBA
16:25:02 Rep. Moore
16:26:15 Lance Melton, MTSBA
16:27:38 Rep. Moore
16:27:51 Rep. Dunwell
16:28:44 Mel Bartlett, self
16:30:15 Chair Lenz
16:30:30 Mel Bartlett, self
16:31:00 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
16:31:29 Rep. Fern
16:32:03 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
16:32:15 Rep. Fern
16:32:27 Lance Melton, MTSBA
16:33:40 Duane Preshinger, DOA
16:33:59 Chair Lenz
16:34:08 Duane Preshinger, DOA

Closing by Sponsor:

16:34:21 Rep. Fern

16:36:30 Rep. Mandeville rejoined the meeting.

16:38:04 Chair Lenz

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:38:26

Lydia Balian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh17aad.pdf](#))