

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on January 30, 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. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Barry Usher (R)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)
Rep. Thomas Winter (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Edward Buttrey, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Tom Welch (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 248, 1/22/2019; HB 251, 1/22/2019

15:06:00 Chair Lenz

HEARING ON HB 248

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:06:27 Rep. Jessica Karjala (D), HD 48, opened the hearing on HB 248, Generally revise medicaid coverage for midwives.

15:08:00 Chair Lenz

Proponents' Testimony:

15:09:06 Melissa McDunn, Gentle Beginnings Family Birth Center

Opponents' Testimony:

15:12:00 Drew Malany, Montana American College of OBGYN (MT ACOG)

15:16:21 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:17:55 Rep. Kelker

15:18:24 Melissa McDunn, Gentle Beginnings Family Birth Center

15:19:12 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

15:19:33 Melissa McDunn, Gentle Beginnings Family Birth Center

15:20:22 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

15:20:35 Rep. Sales entered the meeting.

15:21:05 Melissa McDunn, Gentle Beginnings Family Birth Center

15:23:41 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

15:23:54 Melissa McDunn, Gentle Beginnings Family Birth Center

15:24:52 Chair Lenz

15:25:13 Rep. Abbott

15:25:52 Jean Branscum, MMA

Closing by Sponsor:

15:26:46 Rep. Karjala

15:29:02 Chair Lenz

HEARING ON HB 251

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:29:47 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 81, opened the hearing on HB 251, Expand the Medicaid buy-in program to children with disabilities.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:33:37 Alyson Ball, Bozeman Special Education Parent Teacher Association
15:37:38 Jackie Mohler, Family Outreach

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15:39:43 Rep. Welch entered the meeting.

15:43:20 Molly Ulvin, self
15:47:50 Jackie Jones, Montana Association of Community Disability Services (MACDS)
15:49:07 Shelly Dowdel, self
15:52:44 Brad Walker, self
15:54:05 Ashley Walker, self
15:59:10 Mike Mahoney, Family Outreach, Montana Association of Community Disability Services (MACDS)
16:01:10 Jean Branscum, MMA
16:02:10 Beth Brennaman, Disability Rights Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

16:03:40 Sheila Hogan, Director, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:04:39 Vice Chair Karjala
16:05:30 Beth Brennaman, Disability Rights Montana
16:05:40 Rep. Caferro
16:07:48 Vice Chair Karjala
16:08:45 Beth Brennaman, Disability Rights Montana
16:09:21 Jackie Mohler, Family Outreach
16:09:54 Vice Chair Karjala
16:10:06 Jackie Mohler, Family Outreach
16:10:19 Vice Chair Karjala
16:11:18 Jackie Mohler, Family Outreach
16:11:39 Rep. Mandeville
16:12:33 Rep. Caferro
16:13:29 Rep. Kelker
16:14:13 Rep. Caferro
16:14:23 Rep. Kelker
16:14:56 Rep. Caferro
16:17:45 Rep. Abbott
16:18:00 Rep. Caferro
16:19:43 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
16:20:26 Director Hogan, DPHHS
16:21:06 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
16:22:03 Director Hogan, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

16:22:44 Rep. Caferro

16:24:30 Chair Lenz

ADJOURNMENT

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16:25:31

Lydia Balian, Secretary

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