

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

**Call to Order:** Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on February 7, 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. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Jade Bahr (D)  
Rep. Barbara Bessette (D)  
Rep. David Dunn (R)  
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)  
Rep. Terry Moore (R)  
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. Jessica Karjala, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)  
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (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 353, 2/1/2019; HB 378, 2/5/2019; HJ 9, 2/1/2019

15:18:29 Chair Lenz

### **HEARING ON HB 378**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:19:03 Rep. Peggy Webb (R), HD 43, opened the hearing on HB 378, Require workfare participation for SNAP recipients.

15:19:54 Rep. Pierson entered the meeting.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

15:20:31 Tom Newell, Opportunity Solutions Project (OSP)

[EXHIBIT\(huh25a01\)](#)

15:27:41 Glen Oppel, Montana Policy Institute, Opportunity Solutions Project (OSP)

[EXHIBIT\(huh25a02\)](#)

15:28:20 Robert Leach, self

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

15:29:13 Lorianne Burhop, Montana Food Bank Network (MFBN)

15:33:14 Jamie Palagi, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

15:36:04 Rep. Mandeville entered the meeting.

15:37:48 Vice Chair Karjala entered the meeting.

15:38:25 Sarah Howell, Montana Women Votes (MWV)

15:39:15 SK Rossi, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Montana

15:40:27 Bruce Day, Helena Food Share

15:40:41 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway entered the meeting.

15:43:01 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

15:43:58 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center

15:45:02 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

15:46:25 Pat Bollinger, Montana Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (MTAND)

#### **Informational Testimony:**

None

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:47:48 Rep. Kelker

15:48:13 Jamie Palagi, DPHHS

15:48:15 Rep. Abbott left the meeting.

15:48:15 Vice Chair Karjala left the meeting.

15:48:42 Rep. Kelker

15:48:47 Jamie Palagi, DPHHS

15:49:01 Rep. Pierson  
15:49:28 Tom Newell, OSP  
15:49:36 Rep. Pierson  
15:49:57 Tom Newell, OSP  
15:50:43 Rep. Pierson  
15:51:09 SK Rossi, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Montana  
15:51:33 Rep. Ricci  
15:51:54 Jamie Palagi, DPHHS  
15:52:32 Rep. Ricci  
15:52:49 Tom Newell, OSP  
15:52:58 Rep. Ricci  
15:53:10 Tom Newell, OSP  
15:55:01 Rep. Usher  
15:55:28 Jamie Palagi, DPHHS  
15:57:59 Rep. Usher  
15:58:09 Jamie Palagi, DPHHS

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:58:30 Rep. Webb

**HEARING ON HB 353****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:03:16 Rep. Kathy Kelker (D), HD 47, opened the hearing on HB 353, Generally revise laws related to alcohol and drug addiction.

16:06:18 Rep. Dunwell entered the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:08:44 SK Rossi, ACLU of Montana  
16:09:19 Zoe Barnard, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)  
16:11:09 Abigail St. Laurence, Montana Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (MAMFT), Montana Association of Naturopathic Physicians (MANP)  
16:11:51 Heather O'Hara, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)  
16:12:31 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

16:13:21 Robert Leach, self

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:14:42 Vice Chair Buttrey  
16:15:47 Zoe Barnard, DPHHS  
16:16:23 Rep. Abbott rejoined the meeting.

16:16:53 Vice Chair Buttrey  
16:17:29 Zoe Barnard, DPHHS  
16:17:59 Vice Chair Buttrey  
16:18:23 Zoe Barnard, DPHHS  
16:19:08 Chair Lenz  
16:19:31 Zoe Barnard, DPHHS  
16:20:07 Chair Lenz  
16:20:15 Zoe Barnard, DPHHS  
16:20:24 Rep. Sales  
16:20:46 Zoe Barnard, DPHHS  
16:21:58 Chair Lenz  
16:22:32 Zoe Barnard, DPHHS

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:23:29 Rep. Kelker

**HEARING ON HJ 9**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:25:50 Rep. Kathy Kelker (D), HD 47, opened the hearing on HJ 9, Interim study on maintaining public safety while offering addiction treatment.

**[EXHIBIT\(huh25a03\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:35:48 SK Rossi, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Montana

**[EXHIBIT\(huh25a04\)](#)**

16:41:06 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)  
16:42:02 Abigail St. Laurence, Montana Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (MAMFT), Montana Association of Naturopathic Physicians (MANP), Montana Association of Christians  
16:43:13 Nikolas Griffith, Boyd Andrew Community Services  
16:44:14 Heather O'Hara, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

16:45:35 Robert Leach, self

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:48:23 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
16:49:30 Rep. Kelker  
16:51:38 Rep. Moore  
16:53:12 Rep. Kelker  
16:54:45 Chair Lenz  
16:55:47 Rep. Kelker  
16:56:09 Chair Lenz

16:56:56 Rep. Kelker

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:57:50 Rep. Kelker

17:02:37 Chair Lenz

17:02:53 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

17:06:24 Chair Lenz

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 17:07:33

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Lydia Balian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([huh25aad.pdf](#))**