

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on February 21, 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. Gordon Pierson Jr, Vice Chair (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. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Thomas Winter (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
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 488, 2/18/2019; HB 445, 2/18/2019; HB 518, 2/18/2019

15:25:13 Chair Lenz
15:25:22 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
15:25:48 Vice Chair Pierson left the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 488

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:26:42 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 488, Revising preferred provider agreement laws to remove competitive bids or offers.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:29:48 Kendall Cotton, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI)
15:31:38 Rep. Usher joined the meeting.
15:31:41 Rep. Abbott joined the meeting.

Opponents' Testimony:

15:33:23 Frank Cote, Sisters of Charity, Providence Health Montana
15:36:21 Bill Warden, Bozeman Health, St. Peter's Health

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:37:09 Rep. Kelker
15:37:39 Frank Cote, Sisters of Charity, Providence Health Montana
15:38:50 Rep. Kelker
15:39:05 Frank Cote, Sisters of Charity, Providence Health Montana
15:39:34 Rep. Sales
15:40:10 Rep. Regier
15:40:22 Rep. Kelker
15:40:41 Bill Warden, Bozeman Health, St. Peter's Health
15:41:24 Rep. Kelker
15:41:37 Bill Warden, Bozeman Health, St. Peter's Health

Closing by Sponsor:

15:41:49 Rep. Regier

HEARING ON HB 518

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:42:48 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 518, Authorize Physical Therapy Assistant Supervision via Telemedicine.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:44:57 Nicholas Griffith, Montana Physical Therapy Association (MAPTA)
15:46:47 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic
15:47:34 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:48:27 Rep. Usher
15:49:14 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic
15:50:06 Rep. Sales
15:50:48 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

15:51:38 Rep. Usher left the meeting.

15:52:13 Rep. Sales
15:52:26 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

Closing by Sponsor:

15:52:52 Rep. Buttrey

HEARING ON HB 445**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:54:43 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 445, Revise medical marijuana laws to provide cardholder protections.

16:06:55 Vice Chair Pierson rejoined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:11:55 Casey Palmer, self

[EXHIBIT\(huh37a01\)](#)

16:16:20 Faith Scow, self
16:17:39 Lenny Brown, Cannabis Connection
16:18:07 Doreen Bomar, self
16:21:11 Kate Cholewa, Montana Cannabis Industry Association (MTCIA)
16:25:33 Erica Siate, self
16:27:05 Alex Gray, SD Consultants

16:28:09 Rep. Usher rejoined the meeting.

16:28:46 Danielle Muggli, self

16:29:08 Rep. Winter left the meeting.

16:31:25 Nick Percival, self

Opponents' Testimony:

16:32:20 John Sinrud, Montana Landlords Association
[EXHIBIT\(huh37a02\)](#)

16:32:37 Rep. Morigeau left the meeting.

16:35:47 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors

16:37:25 Bob Leach, self

Informational Testimony:

16:40:54 Nick Domitrovich, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Opponents' Testimony:

16:41:27 Douglas Felt, self

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:44:43 Rep. Webb

16:45:20 Rep. Dunwell

16:48:04 Rep. Webb

16:48:44 Rep. Dunwell

16:49:49 Rep. Webb

16:50:46 Lenny Brown, Cannabis Connection

16:51:17 Rep. Webb

16:51:28 Lenny Brown, Cannabis Connection

16:51:51 Rep. Ricci

16:52:12 Casey Palmer, self

16:53:42 Rep. Ricci

16:54:01 Casey Palmer, self

16:54:47 Rep. Ricci

16:54:51 Lenny Brown, Cannabis Connection

16:54:58 Rep. Ricci

16:55:10 Vice Chair Buttrey

16:55:30 Rep. Usher left the meeting.

16:55:52 Rep. Dunwell

16:56:55 Vice Chair Buttrey

16:57:11 Rep. Dunwell

16:57:32 Vice Chair Buttrey

16:57:41 Sue O'Connell, LSD

16:58:35 Rep. Kelker

16:58:42 Sue O'Connell, LSD

16:59:11 Rep. Dunwell

16:59:21 Rep. Moore

16:59:49 Rep. Dunwell

17:01:36 Rep. Moore

17:02:38 Rep. Dunwell

17:03:06 Rep. Sales

17:03:37 Nick Domitrovich, DPHHS

17:06:05 Rep. Sales

17:06:15 Nick Domitrovich, DPHHS

17:06:31 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
17:07:01 Lenny Brown, Cannabis Connection
17:08:44 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
17:09:03 Lenny Brown, Cannabis Connection
17:09:19 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
17:09:57 Rep. Dunwell
17:10:41 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
17:10:55 Rep. Dunwell
17:11:30 Rep. Sheldon Galloway
17:11:58 Nick Domitrovich, DPHHS
17:12:44 Rep. Bahr
17:13:03 Rep. Dunwell
17:13:06 Rep. Bahr
17:13:17 Rep. Dunwell
17:13:58 Rep. Sales
17:14:40 Faith Scow, self
17:15:03 Rep. Sales
17:15:10 Faith Scow, self
17:15:41 Rep. Sales
17:16:02 Nick Domitrovich, DPHHS
17:17:17 Rep. Kelker
17:18:04 Sue O'Connell, LSD

Closing by Sponsor:

17:18:35 Rep. Dunwell

ADJOURNMENT

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Lydia Balian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh37aad.pdf](#))