

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on February 25, 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. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Barbara Bessette (D)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Walt Sales (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Barry Usher (R)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Thomas Winter (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Jade Bahr (D)
Rep. David Dunn (R)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Forrest Mandeville (R)
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)
Rep. Peggy Webb (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 529, 2/18/2019; HB 563, 2/18/2019; HB 596, 2/18/2019; HB
583, 2/18/2019; HB 599, 2/18/2019
Executive Action on: HB 445, HB 555, HB 529, HB 583, HB 599

15:24:18 Vice Chair Buttrey assumed the Chair.

HEARING ON HB 583

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:24:34 Rep. Dennis Lenz (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 583, Revise requirements for measuring children's mental health outcomes.

[EXHIBIT\(huh40a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:26:40 Meghan Peel, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

15:27:29 Rep. Bahr joined the meeting.

15:27:59 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

15:29:07 Colleen Rahn, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Montana

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:30:05 Rep. Moore

15:30:18 Rep. Winter left the meeting.

15:30:44 Rep. Lenz

Closing by Sponsor:

15:31:55 Rep. Lenz

15:32:26 Rep. Lenz resumed the Chair.

HEARING ON HB 529

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:32:44 Rep. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 529, Revising requirements related to waiting list for waiver services.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:35:04 Eve Franklin, Montana Health Care Association (MHCA)

15:37:03 Marie Matthews, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

15:38:20 Rep. Dunn joined the meeting.

15:39:21 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

15:40:02 Jackie Jones, Montana Association of Community Disability Services (MACDS)

15:41:20 Nick Hart, Alzheimer's Association
15:42:23 Mike Batista, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

15:43:41 Jon Arnold, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

15:44:04 Rep. Kelker joined the meeting.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:44:14 Rep. Moore

HEARING ON HB 596

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:44:54 Rep. Gordon Pierson (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 596, Revise requirements related to release of patient immunization information.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:45:37 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)
15:49:30 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association
15:50:17 Stuart Doggett, Montana Pharmacy Association
15:50:43 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic
15:51:02 Bill Warden, St. Peter's Health, Bozeman Health

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

15:51:28 Jim Murphy, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
15:51:51 Sarah Carlson, Legislative Audit Division

EXHIBIT(huh40a02)

15:52:08 Rep. Usher left the meeting.
15:52:58 Rep. Webb joined the meeting.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:53:56 Rep. Ricci

15:54:09 Rep. Dunwell left the meeting.

15:54:23 Rep. Pierson
15:54:41 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
15:55:17 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

15:55:24 Rep. Mandeville joined the meeting.
15:55:43 Jean Branscum, MMA
15:56:06 Jim Murphy, DPHHS
15:56:31 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
15:56:38 Jim Murphy, DPHHS
15:57:10 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
15:57:24 Jim Murphy, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

15:57:56 Rep. Pierson

HEARING ON HB 599**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:59:05 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 599, Allowing for the Community Health Aide Program for tribal facilities.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:00:05 Byron Larson, Fort Belknap Community Council

[EXHIBIT\(huh40a03\)](#)

16:07:27 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)
16:08:28 Susan Fenner, Montana Native Vote
16:09:06 Dan Foster, Fort Belknap Tribal Health
16:09:48 Cinda Burd, Western Native Voice (WNV)
16:10:07 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Montana
16:11:33 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

Opponents' Testimony:

16:12:08 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (MAMFT), Montana Speech Language Hearing Association (MSHA), Montana Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (MAAOM)

Informational Testimony:

16:13:12 Marie Matthews, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:13:31 Rep. Kelker
16:14:19 Byron Larson, Fort Belknap Community Council
16:16:25 Rep. Kelker

16:16:29 Rep. Dunwell rejoined the meeting.

16:16:48 Byron Larson, Fort Belknap Community Council
16:17:06 Chair Lenz
16:17:26 Byron Larson, Fort Belknap Community Council
16:18:54 Rep. Mandeville
16:19:43 Abigail St. Lawrence, MAMFT, MSHA, MAAOM

16:20:04 Rep. Usher rejoined the meeting.

16:21:06 Rep. Mandeville
16:21:23 Abigail St. Lawrence, MAMFT, MSHA, MAAOM
16:21:42 Rep. Sales
16:22:05 Dan Foster, Fort Belknap Tribal Health
16:23:25 Rep. Sales
16:23:47 Byron Larson, Fort Belknap Community Council
16:24:44 Rep. Sales
16:24:52 Byron Larson, Fort Belknap Community Council
16:25:58 Chair Lenz
16:26:28 Byron Larson, Fort Belknap Community Council
16:28:37 Vice Chair Buttrey
16:29:08 Marie Matthews, DPHHS
16:29:30 Vice Chair Buttrey
16:29:40 Marie Matthews, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

16:30:20 Rep. Windy Boy

HEARING ON HB 563**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:32:51 Rep. Joel Krautter (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 563, Clarifying the Montana mental health parity act applies to disability insurance.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:35:31 Pat Fox, Montana Trail Lawyer's Association (MTLA)

[EXHIBIT\(huh40a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:37:50 Rep. Mandeville

16:38:12 Rep Krautter

16:38:31 Pat Fox, MTLA

Closing by Sponsor:

16:39:49 Rep. Krautter

16:40:18 Chair Lenz

16:41:06 Sue O'Connell, LSD

16:41:52 Rep. Mandeville

16:42:34 Chair Lenz

16:42:41 Rep. Usher

16:42:47 Chair Lenz
16:43:14 Rep. Usher
16:43:23 Chair Lenz

16:43:52 Recessed
17:08:37 Reconvened

17:08:44 Chair Lenz

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 445

17:09:43 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 445 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:09:56 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
17:10:17 Rep. Dunwell

17:12:05 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Dunwell moved that **HB 445 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried 10-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Dunn, Rep. Lenz, Rep. Mandeville, Rep. T. Moore, Rep. Ricci, Rep. Usher, Rep. P. Webb and Rep. Welch voting no. Rep. Morigeau voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(huh40a05)

17:15:18 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 445 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

17:16:08 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Dunwell moved that **HB 445 BE AMENDED.** Motion failed 9-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Bahr, Rep. Bessette, Rep. Dunn, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Kelker, Rep. Morigeau, Rep. Pierson and Rep. Winter voting aye. Rep. Morigeau voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(huh40a06)

17:19:43 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Bahr, Rep. Bessette, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Kelker, Rep. Morigeau, Rep. Pierson and Rep. Winter voting aye. Rep. Morigeau voted by proxy.

17:20:35 **Motion/Vote:** Without objection, Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 445 BE TABLED.** Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 529

17:20:49 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 529 DO PASS.** Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Rep. Mandeville voting no. Rep. Morigeau voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 555

17:21:36 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 555 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

17:21:47 Sue O'Connell, LSD

17:21:59 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 555 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Morigeau voted by proxy.

EXHIBIT(huh40a07)

17:22:40 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 555 BE AMENDED**.

EXHIBIT(huh40a08)

17:23:19 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Mandeville moved that **HB 555 BE CONCEPTUALLY AMENDED TO SEGREGATE AMENDMENT HB 055502.ASO SECTIONS 1-9 FROM 10-12 AND ONLY VOTE ON SECTIONS 1-9**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Morigeau voted by proxy.

17:24:29 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 555 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 17-2 by voice vote with Rep. Dunn and Rep. Mandeville voting no. Rep. Morigeau voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 583

17:25:13 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 583 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Morigeau voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 599

17:25:47 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 599 DO PASS**. Motion carried 14-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Dunn, Rep. Lenz, Rep. Ricci, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway and Rep. P. Webb voting no. Rep. Morigeau voted by proxy.

17:27:30 Chair Lenz

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:27:52

Lydia Balian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh40aad.pdf](#))