

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

**Call to Order:** Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on March 28, 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. 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. Vince Ricci (R)  
Rep. Walt Sales (R)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)  
Rep. Barry Usher (R)  
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)  
Rep. Thomas Winter (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)

**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 765, 3/26/2019; HB 771, 3/26/2019; HJ 32, 3/22/2019  
Executive Action on: HB 765, HB 771

15:32:19 Chair Lenz

**HEARING ON HB 765**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:32:35 Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 765, Generally revise Medicaid look-back period laws and rules.

15:33:50 Rep. Morigeau joined the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:34:40 Gregg Trude, Montana Right to Life

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:37:52 Rep. Hamlett

**HEARING ON HJ 32**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:39:26 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HJ 32, Study effects of drugs on infants.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:43:16 Jason Smith, Director, Department of Indian Affairs, Governor's Office  
15:43:58 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Naturopathic Physicians (MANP)  
15:45:17 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)  
15:46:36 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Montana  
15:48:09 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:50:27 Bob Leach, self

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:51:51 Rep. Kelker  
15:52:34 Rep. Windy Boy  
15:55:20 Rep. Kelker  
15:55:59 Rep. Windy Boy

15:56:22 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
15:56:53 Jean Branscum, MMA  
15:58:02 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
15:58:19 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
15:58:31 Vice Chair Buttrey  
15:58:55 Jean Branscum, MMA  
16:02:34 Vice Chair Buttrey  
16:02:49 Jean Branscum, MMA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:03:07 Rep. Windy Boy

**HEARING ON HB 771**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:04:41 Rep. Thomas Winter (D), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 771, Provide for increased access to medication assisted treatment.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:06:58 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

16:10:28 Sean Slanger, America's Health Insurance Plans

16:11:50 John Doran, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT)

**EXHIBIT(huh64a01)**

16:14:47 Bruce Spencer, Montana Health Co-op

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:17:48 Rep. Dunwell

16:18:44 Jean Branscum, MMA

16:19:56 Rep. Dunwell

16:20:05 Jean Branscum, MMA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:20:48 Rep. Winter

**EXHIBIT(huh64a02)**

16:22:00 Chair Lenz

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 771**

16:22:47 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 771 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 18-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Dunwell voting no.

16:23:59 Recessed  
16:36:02 Reconvened  
  
16:36:05 Chair Lenz  
  
16:37:11 Recessed  
16:39:16 Reconvened

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 765**

16:39:26 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 765 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

16:39:34 Rep. Moore  
  
16:40:25 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. T. Moore made a substitute motion that **HB 765 BE TABLED.** Substitute Motion carried 16-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Dunn, Rep. Morigeau and Rep. Winter voting no.  
  
16:41:40 Chair Lenz  
16:42:28 Vice Chair Buttrey

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 453**

16:43:01 **Motion:** Rep. Bahr moved that **HB 453 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**

**Discussion:**

16:43:47 Rep. Bahr  
16:44:47 Rep. Usher  
  
16:45:35 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Bessette, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Kelker, Rep. Morigeau, Rep. Pierson, Rep. Welch and Rep. Winter voting aye.  
  
16:46:29 Vice Chair Pierson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:47:01

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Lydia Balian, Secretary

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