

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

**Call to Order:** Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on April 9, 2019 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Dennis R. Lenz, Chair (R)  
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)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Edward Buttrey, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)  
Rep. Thomas Winter (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: SB 216, 4/5/2019; HR 3, 4/5/2019

15:01:16 Chair Lenz  
15:01:52 Rep. Winter joined the meeting.

### **HEARING ON SB 216**

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

15:02:00 Rep. Barry Usher (R), HD 40, opened the hearing on SB 216, Revise laws related to child and family ombudsman.

#### **EXHIBIT(huh74a01)**

15:02:23 Rep. Morigeau joined the meeting.  
15:02:27 Vice Chair Buttrey joined the meeting.  
15:05:06 Vice Chair Pierson joined the meeting.

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

15:09:17 Denise Johnson, Montana Child Protection Alliance (MCPA)

#### **EXHIBIT(huh74a02)**

15:14:52 Matt Furlong, Montana Child Protection Alliance (MCPA)  
15:16:49 Susan Carlson, self

#### **EXHIBIT(huh74a03)**

#### **EXHIBIT(huh74a04)**

15:18:17 Bob Leach, self

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

15:19:48 Laura Smith, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

#### **Informational Testimony:**

15:26:04 Dana Toole, Department of Justice (DOJ)

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

15:26:29 Vice Chair Pierson  
15:26:43 Susan Carlson, self  
15:26:59 Rep. Dunwell  
15:27:52 Dana Toole, DOJ  
15:29:41 Rep. Dunwell  
15:30:13 Dana Toole, DOJ  
15:31:37 Rep. Kelker  
15:32:16 Laura Smith, DPHHS  
15:39:15 Rep. Kelker  
15:39:41 Laura Smith, DPHHS  
15:40:25 Chair Lenz  
15:41:07 Laura Smith, DPHHS  
15:41:25 Chair Lenz  
15:42:02 Dana Toole, DOJ  
15:45:56 Rep. Webb  
15:46:24 Denise Johnson, MCPA  
15:48:01 Rep. Kelker

15:48:50 Dana Toole, DOJ  
15:51:41 Rep. Kelker  
15:51:52 Dana Toole, DOJ  
15:52:46 Rep. Ricci  
15:53:27 Susan Carlson, self  
15:55:02 Chair Lenz  
15:55:23 Rep. Usher

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:55:53 Rep. Usher

16:02:12 Rep. Dunwell left the meeting.

16:02:13 Rep. Usher left the meeting.

**HEARING ON HR 3**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:02:23 Rep. Barbara Bessette (D), HD 24, opened the hearing on HR 3, Urging Congress to improve health care services for veterans.

**[EXHIBIT\(huh74a05\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:05:10 Rep. Weatherwax, HD 15

16:06:00 Jason Smith, Director, Governor's Office of Indian Affairs

16:07:33 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, Montana Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (MAMFT)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:09:28 Rep. Bessette

16:10:15 Chair Lenz

16:10:25 Vice Chair Buttrey

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:11:23

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Lydia Balian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([huh74aad.pdf](#))**