

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

**Call to Order:** Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on April 11, 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. Shane A. Morigeau (D)  
Rep. Vince Ricci (R)  
Rep. Walt Sales (R)  
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)  
Rep. Thomas Winter (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (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: HJ 48, 4/9/2019; HJ 49, 4/9/2019; HJ 50, 4/9/2019  
Executive Action on: SB 216, SB 125, HR 3, HJ 32, HJ 48, HJ 49, HJ 50

15:09:43 Vice Chair Buttrey assumed the Chair.  
15:09:44 Chair Buttrey

### **HEARING ON HJ 48**

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

15:09:57 Rep. Dennis Lenz (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HJ 48, Interim study of supporting families in the child protective services system.

15:10:04 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway joined the meeting.  
15:11:07 Rep. Usher joined the meeting.

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

15:11:33 Denise Johnson, Montana Child Protection Alliance (MCPA)  
15:15:40 Matt Furlong, Montana Child Protection Alliance (MCPA)  
15:18:46 Raye Newmeyer, self  
15:22:03 Bob Leach, self

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

None

#### **Informational Testimony:**

None

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

15:23:03 Rep. Kelker  
15:23:40 Rep. Lenz  
15:25:31 Rep. Kelker  
15:25:51 Rep. Lenz  
15:26:03 Rep. Dunwell  
15:26:54 Matt Furlong, MCPA  
15:27:01 Rep. Dunwell  
15:27:11 Matt Furlong, MCPA  
15:27:53 Rep. Dunwell  
15:28:12 Rep. Lenz  
15:28:53 Vice Chair Pierson  
15:29:12 Rep. Lenz  
15:29:19 Rep. Sales  
15:30:01 Rep. Lenz  
15:30:19 Rep. Sales  
15:31:08 Rep. Lenz  
15:32:39 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
15:33:16 Rep. Lenz  
15:33:55 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
15:34:11 Rep. Lenz  
15:34:24 Rep. Kelker  
15:35:08 Rep. Lenz  
15:35:24 Rep. Kelker  
15:36:11 Rep. Lenz  
15:36:22 Rep. Webb

15:37:20 Rep. Lenz

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:38:49 Rep. Lenz

**HEARING ON HJ 49**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:39:39 Rep. Dennis Lenz (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HJ 49, Interim study of law enforcement, courts in child protective services system.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:40:56 Jackie Jones, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA)

15:43:28 Matt Furlong, Montana Child Protection Alliance (MCPA)

15:45:37 Denise Johnson, Montana Child Protection Alliance (MCPA)

15:50:01 Raye Newmeyer, self

15:51:45 Bob Leach, self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:55:26 Rep. Kelker

15:56:21 Jackie Jones, MCAA

15:57:38 Rep. Kelker

15:58:26 Jackie Jones, MCAA

15:59:37 Rep. Kelker

15:59:58 Jackie Jones, MCAA

16:00:52 Rep. Dunwell

16:01:41 Jackie Jones, MCAA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:03:29 Rep. Lenz

**HEARING ON HJ 50**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:07:17 Rep. Dennis Lenz (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HJ 50, Interim study of services for senior citizens and physically disabled.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:09:33 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association (MHCA)

16:14:54 Jackie Jones, Montana Area Agency on Aging Association

**[EXHIBIT\(huh76a01\)](#)**

16:19:10 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana  
16:22:15 Mike Batista, American Association for Retired Persons (AARP) Montana

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:24:19 Rep. Lenz  
  
16:25:13 Rep. Lenz resumed the Chair.  
  
16:25:14 Chair Lenz  
  
16:26:08 Recessed  
16:52:21 Reconvened

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 216**

16:52:37 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 216 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:52:48 **Motion:** Rep. Usher moved that **SB 216 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(huh76a02\)](#)

**Discussion:**

16:53:09 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
16:53:58 Rep. Usher  
  
16:54:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy.  
  
16:54:57 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 216 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**  
  
16:55:08 **Motion:** Rep. Dunwell moved that **SB 216 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(huh76a03\)](#)

**Discussion:**

16:55:21 Rep. Dunwell  
16:55:30 Sue O'Connell, LSD  
16:55:57 Rep. Dunwell  
16:56:34 Rep. Kelker  
16:56:53 Chair Lenz  
16:56:58 Sue O'Connell, LSD  
16:57:19 Vice Chair Buttrey  
16:57:37 Rep. Dunwell

- 16:58:11 Rep. Usher  
16:58:59 Rep. Dunwell
- 16:59:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy.
- 16:59:34 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 216 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**
- 16:59:46 **Motion:** Rep. Dunwell moved that **SB 216 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(huh76a04\)](#)

**Discussion:**

- 17:00:27 Sue O'Connell, LSD  
17:00:53 Rep. Usher
- 17:01:35 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-13 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Kelker, Rep. Morigeau, Rep. Pierson and Rep. Winter voting aye. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy.
- 17:02:37 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott voting no. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy. Rep. Usher will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 125**

- 17:03:33 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 125 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 17:03:42 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 125 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Rep. Mandeville voting no. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy.  
[EXHIBIT\(huh76a05\)](#)
- 17:04:46 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **SB 125 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy. Rep. Moore will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HR 3**

- 17:05:40 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HR 3 BE ADOPTED.**
- 17:05:47 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Bessette moved that **HR 3 BE AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy.  
[EXHIBIT\(huh76a06\)](#)
- 17:06:38 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HR 3 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 32**

17:07:12 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HJ 32 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

17:07:28 Rep. Usher

17:07:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 48**

17:08:16 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HJ 48 DO PASS**. Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Rep. Abbott voting no. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 49**

17:08:45 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HJ 49 DO PASS**. Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Rep. Abbott voting no. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 50**

17:09:09 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HJ 50 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy.

17:09:49 Chair Lenz

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 17:10:00

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Lydia Balian, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([huh76aad.pdf](#))**