

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

**Call to Order:** Chair David Howard, on January 14, 2019 at 2:00 P.M., in Room 317  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. David Howard, Chair (R)  
Sen. Jen Gross, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Steve Hinebauch, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Cary Smith, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)  
Sen. Mary McNally (D)  
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)  
Sen. Diane Sands (D)  
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Sue Malek (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Julie Emge, Committee Secretary  
Corina Hach, 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 4, 1/9/2019; SB 5, 1/9/2019; SB 7, 1/9/2019

**HEARING ON SB 4**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

14:03:20 Sen. Albert Olszewski (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 4, Require daily or monthly rates for certain DD community services.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

14:04:45 Mike Mahoney, executive director, Family Outreach; board vice chairman, Montana Association of Community Disability Services

14:07:57 Pat Noonan, AWARE

14:08:35 Beth Brenneman, staff attorney, Disability Rights Montana

14:09:58 Jacquie Helt, state director, SEIU 775

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

14:10:55 Sen. Gross

14:11:38 Sen. Olszewski

**Closing by Sponsor:**

14:11:53 Sen. Olszewski

**HEARING ON SB 5**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

14:12:28 Sen. Diane Sands (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB 5, Require review of regulations related to DD community services.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

14:18:07 Diane Reidelbach, director, Job Connections, Billings; board member, Montana Association of Community Disability Services

14:22:19 Joshua Kendrick, CEO, Opportunity Resources, Missoula; board member, Montana Association of Community Disability Services

14:23:03 Brooke Bartholomew, executive director, Developmental Education Assistance Program

14:26:42 Mike Mahoney, executive director, Family Outreach; board vice chairman, Montana Association of Community Disability Services

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

14:29:11 Nick Domitrovich, acting chief legal, Department of Public Health and Human Services

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

14:29:36 Sen. Keenan

14:31:19 Sen. Sands

14:31:30 Sen. Hinebauch

14:31:51 Sen. Sands  
14:32:24 Chair Howard  
14:35:54 Sen. Sands

**Closing by Sponsor:**

14:36:30 Sen. Sands

**HEARING ON SB 7**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

14:37:22 Sen. Albert Olszewski (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 7, Propose an inflationary increase for DD providers.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

14:39:56 Patrick Maddison, Flathead Industries

**EXHIBIT(phs06a01)**

14:42:33 Mike Mahoney, executive director, Family Outreach; board vice chairman, Montana Association of Community Disability Services

14:46:25 Diane Reidelbach, director, Job Connections, Billings; board member, Montana Association of Community Disability Services

**EXHIBIT(phs06a02)**

14:47:53 Beth Brenneman, staff attorney, Disability Rights Montana

14:49:07 Brooke Bartholomew, executive director, Developmental Education Assistance Program

14:50:16 Jacquie Helt, state director, SEIU 775

14:51:35 Joshua Kendrick, CEO, Opportunity Resources, Missoula; board member, Montana Association of Community Disability Services

14:52:26 Erin McGowan, Montana Association of Community Disability Services

14:53:41 Pat Noonan, AWARE

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

14:56:15 Sen. Keenan

14:56:55 Sen. Olszewski

14:57:00 Sen. Keenan

14:58:34 Mr. Maddison, Flathead Industries

14:58:51 Sen. Keenan

14:59:59 Sen. Olszewski

15:00:43 Chair Howard

15:02:02 Sen. Olszewski

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:02:09 Sen. Olszewski

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:03 PM

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Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([phs06aad.pdf](#))**