

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

**Call to Order:** Chair David Howard, on January 23, 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. Cary Smith, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)  
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)  
Sen. Sue Malek (D)  
Sen. Mary McNally (D)  
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)  
Sen. Diane Sands (D)  
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**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 30, 1/16/2019; SB 59, 1/16/2019; SB 122, 1/16/2019

**HEARING ON SB 30**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

14:01:45 Sen. Jen Gross (D), SD 25, opened the hearing on SB 30, Allowing peer support services to be reimbursed under Medicaid.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

14:04:20 Jim Hajny, executive director, Montana PEER Network

[EXHIBIT\(phs13a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(phs13a02\)](#)

14:06:43 Dr. Earl Sutherland, licensed psychologist; executive team member, Big Horn Valley Health Center

14:09:29 Todd Wilson, executive director, Helena Indian Alliance

14:11:12 Jason McNeese, behavioral health peer support specialist, Helena Indian Alliance

14:13:46 Joel Peden, Montana Centers for Independent Living that includes Living Independently for Today and Tomorrow, Billings; Summit Independent Living, Missoula; Montana Independent Living Project, Helena

14:17:20 Brandi King, representative, Fort Belknap Indian Community Council; Fort Belknap Tribal Health Department

[EXHIBIT\(phs13a03\)](#)

14:20:25 Roy Pack, Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders, Billings; director, Tribal Opioid Response Program; Transitional Recovery and Access to Culture Program

14:24:11 Matt Kuntz, executive director, National Alliance on Mental Illness Montana

14:26:11 Berta Halverson, certified peer support specialist, Instar Community Services, Helena

14:30:38 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

14:31:46 Quentin Schroeter, National Alliance on Mental Illness Montana

14:35:05 Stacey Wheeler, Western Service Area Authority

14:37:08 Matt Furlong, vice chair, Central Service Area Authority

14:38:51 Rep. Jade Bahr, HD 50, representing herself

14:40:27 Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy, HD 42; chairperson, State Tribal Relations Interim Committee; co-chair, American Indian Caucus of Montana Legislators

14:42:18 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation

14:42:52 SK Rossi, ACLU Montana

[EXHIBIT\(phs13a04\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

14:44:56 Zoe Barnard, administrator, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

14:45:18 Todd Younkin, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

14:45:41 Sen. Sands

14:48:06 Ms. Barnard, DPHHS

14:48:31 Sen. Olszewski

14:49:45 Mr. Younkin, DLI

**Closing by Sponsor:**

14:50:12 Sen. Gross

**HEARING ON SB 59**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

14:52:00 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 59, Revise occupational therapy requirements regarding certain techniques.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

14:53:10 Aidan Myhre, Kalispell Regional Healthcare

14:54:10 Nate Naprstek, licensed occupational therapist; former chairman of the board, Occupational Therapy

14:55:01 Judy Bovington, Department of Labor and Industry

**[EXHIBIT\(phs13a05\)](#)**

14:55:51 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

14:56:37 Sen. McClafferty

**HEARING ON SB 122**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

14:57:10 Sen. Sue Malek (D), SD 46, opened the hearing on SB 122, Revise clean indoor air act to include vaping.

15:00:01 Sen. McNally entered the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:02:22 Stacy Campbell, bureau chief, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

**[EXHIBIT\(phs13a06\)](#)**

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:06:15 Deanna Marshall, owner, Freedom Vapes, Bozeman, Belgrade, Hamilton; member, Montana Smoke Free Association

**[EXHIBIT\(phs13a07\)](#)**

15:11:58 Ron Marshall, owner, Freedom Vapes, Bozeman, Belgrade, Hamilton

**[EXHIBIT\(phs13a08\)](#)**

15:19:39 Jason Cornfeld, owner, Old Skool Vape Society, Billings  
15:20:02 Karen Lensing, owner, Montanajo E-cig, Great Falls  
15:20:21 Derek Amburn, owner, Mountain Man Vapor, Helena  
15:20:36 Lucas Anderson, owner, uBlaze Vapor, Billings; member, Montana Smoke Free  
Association  
15:24:42 Sandra Juneau

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:25:36 Sen. Gross  
15:28:06 Ms. Campbell, DPHHS  
15:28:16 Sen. Olszewski  
15:28:46 Ms. Campbell  
15:29:05 Sen. Olszewski  
15:29:51 Mr. Marshall, Freedom Vapes  
15:32:03 Sen. Keenan  
15:32:30 Ms. Campbell  
15:32:36 Sen. Hinebauch  
15:32:57 Mr. Marshall

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:33:15 Sen. Malek

**Committee Business:**

15:36:59 Chair Howard  
15:37:19 Cori Hach, staff attorney, Legislative Services Division

**EXHIBIT(phs13a09)**

15:38:08 Chair Howard  
15:38:23 Sen. Sands  
15:38:36 Chair Howard

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:38 PM

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Julie Emge, Secretary

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**Additional Documents:**

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**EXHIBIT([phs13aad.pdf](#))**