

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair David Howard, on January 30, 2019 at 2:30 P.M., in Room 335
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. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Emge, Committee Secretary
Corina Hach, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 103, 1/25/2019; HB 79, 1/25/2019; HB 83, 1/25/2019

Executive Action on: SB 122 - TABLED

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 122

14:33:25 **Motion:** Sen. Malek moved that **SB 122 DO PASS.**

14:33:42 **Motion:** Sen. Malek moved that **SB 122 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(phs18a01)

Discussion:

14:35:48 Cori Hach, staff attorney, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

14:36:26 Chair Howard

14:36:31 Sen. Malek

14:37:08 Chair Howard

14:37:16 Ms. Hach, LSD

14:37:24 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Malek made a substitute motion to
SEGREGATE NUMBER 16 FROM AMENDMENT SB012203.ACH. Substitute
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion:

14:38:00 Chair Howard

14:38:07 Sen. Smith

14:38:10 Chair Howard

14:38:24 Sen. Keenan

14:38:27 Chair Howard

14:38:29 **Motion:** Sen. Malek moved that **SB 122 BE AMENDED WITH AMENDMENT**
SB012203.ACH AS SEGREGATED.

Discussion:

14:39:47 Sen. Gross

14:40:06 Chair Howard

14:40:12 Ms. Hach

14:40:41 Chair Howard

14:40:52 Sen. Hinebauch

14:41:25 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Hinebauch voting no. Sen.
Olszewski voted by proxy.

Discussion:

14:42:00 Chair Howard

14:42:06 Sen. Malek

EXHIBIT(phs18a02)

14:42:38 Sen. Keenan

14:42:57 Chair Howard

14:43:00 Sen. Malek

14:43:57 Chair Howard

14:44:04 Sen. Malek

14:44:13 Sen. Gross

14:44:25 Sen. Malek
14:44:43 Sen. Keenan
14:45:44 Sen. Malek

14:46:49 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Malek moved that **SB 122 BE AMENDED**. Motion carried 7-3 by voice vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. Howard and Sen. Keenan voting no. Sen. Olszewski voted by proxy. (see exhibit 2)

14:48:01 **Motion:** Sen. Malek moved that **SB 122 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

Discussion:

14:48:10 Sen. Gross
14:48:51 Sen. Malek

14:49:49 **Vote:** Motion failed 2-8 by roll call vote with Sen. Malek and Sen. Sands voting aye. Sen. Olszewski voted by proxy.

14:50:27 Chairman Howard

14:50:41 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Sands moved that **SB 122 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 8-1 by voice vote with Sen. Malek voting no. Sen. Olszewski was excused.

HEARING ON HB 79

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

14:52:10 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 79, Revise laws relating to the temporary assistance for needy families program.

14:53:52 Cori Hach, Legislative Services Division
EXHIBIT(phs18a03)

14:54:40 Rep. Welch

Proponents' Testimony:

14:55:38 Christie Twardoski, Policy Bureau chief, Human & Community Services Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

14:58:03 Sen. Gross
14:59:17 Ms. Twardoski, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

14:59:39 Rep. Welch

HEARING ON HB 103

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:00:49 Rep. Gordon Pierson (D), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 103, Allow certain medical practitioners to make substance abuse treatment referrals.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:01:24 Zoe Barnard, division administrator, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
15:04:56 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmers Union
15:05:50 Connie Winner, Clinical Services Division administrator, Department of Corrections
15:06:19 Stacey Anderson, policy director, Montana Primary Care Association; also representing Jean Branscum, CEO, Montana Medical Association
15:07:14 Heather O'Hara, registered nurse, vice president, Montana Hospital Association; also representing Jessie Luther, Benefis Hospital, Great Falls
15:07:46 Colleen Rahn, Education director, National Alliance on Mental Illness Montana
15:08:24 Eric Anderson, Montana Nurses Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:09:33 Sen. Gross
15:09:50 Ms. Barnard, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

15:11:49 Rep. Pierson

HEARING ON HB 83

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:13:33 Sen. Diane Sands presenting on behalf of Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 81, opened the hearing on HB 83, Eliminate the HELP Act oversight committee.

EXHIBIT(phs18a04)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:15:31 Sen. Sands closed on behalf of Rep. Caferro.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:16 PM

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([phs18aad.pdf](#))