

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair David Howard, on February 4, 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 159, 1/30/2019

Executive Action: SB 30 - DO PASS AS AMENDED

HEARING ON SB 159

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

14:03:22 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 159, Requiring certain nonprofit hospital boards to be elected.

[EXHIBIT\(phs22a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(phs22a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

14:12:39 Rich Rasmussen, CEO, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

14:18:58 Wade Johnson, CEO, St. Peter's Hospital (SPH)

14:25:13 Dave McLean, legal council, St. Peter's Hospital (SPH)

14:33:31 Jason Spring, chief strategic officer, Kalispell Regional Healthcare

14:35:43 Jessie Luther, Benefis Health System

[EXHIBIT\(phs22a03\)](#)

14:36:33 Bill Warden, Shodair Children's Hospital, Bozeman Health

14:37:40 Aimee Grmoljez, Community Medical Center, Missoula; Billings Clinic

14:40:23 Frank Cote, Providence Health Montana, Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health Montana

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

14:43:31 Sen. Gross

14:46:01 Sen. Regier

14:46:41 Sen. Hinebauch

14:49:16 Mr. Rasmussen, MHA

14:50:25 Sen. Olszewski

14:52:07 Mr. McLean, SPH

14:53:02 Sen. McNally

14:55:08 Sen. Regier

14:55:17 Sen. Sands

14:57:12 Mr. Rasmussen

14:58:15 Chair Howard

14:58:46 Mr. McLean

14:58:58 Chair Howard

15:00:43 Mr. Rasmussen

15:01:20 Chair Howard

15:06:15 Mr. Johnson, SPH

Closing by Sponsor:

15:07:18 Sen. Regier

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 30

15:09:25 Sen. Gross

[EXHIBIT\(phs22a04\)](#)

15:09:42 Chair Howard

15:11:15 **Motion:** Sen. Gross moved that **SB 30 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:11:25 Sen. Gross

EXHIBIT(phs22a05)

15:11:59 Chair Howard

15:12:12 **Motion:** Sen. Gross moved that **SB 30 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:12:21 Chair Howard

15:12:23 Sen. Gross

15:13:45 Chair Howard

15:14:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:14:09 **Motion:** Sen. Gross moved that **SB 30 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:14:19 Sen. Sands

15:14:27 Sen. Gross

15:14:51 Chair Howard

15:14:54 Sen. Gross

15:16:10 Chair Howard

15:16:25 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Hinebauch, Sen. Howard, Sen. Keenan and Sen. C. Smith voting no.

15:17:13 Chair Howard

Discussion:

15:17:23 Sen. McNally

15:17:30 Sen. Gross

15:17:49 Sen. Smith

15:18:19 Sen. Sands

Committee Business:

15:18:38 Chair Howard

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:19 PM

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([phs22aad.pdf](#))