

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

**Call to Order:** Chair David Howard, on February 6, 2019 at 2:30 P.M., in Room 422  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. David Howard, Chair (R)  
Sen. Jen Gross, Vice Chair (D)  
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:** Sen. Cary Smith, Vice Chair (R)

**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: HB 69, 2/1/2019

Executive Action on: HB 79 - BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED  
HB 83 - BE CONCURRED IN  
HB 103 - BE CONCURRED IN  
SB 159 - TABLED

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 79**

14:36:01 **Motion:** Sen. Gross moved that **HB 79 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

14:36:13 Sen. Gross  
14:36:41 Chair Howard  
14:36:46 Cori Hach, staff attorney, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
14:36:54 Chair Howard

14:36:59 **Motion:** Sen. Gross moved that **HB 79 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

14:37:17 Ms. Hach, LSD  
14:37:54 Sen. Keenan  
14:38:20 Sen. Gross  
14:38:42 Chair Howard  
14:38:47 Sen. Sands  
14:39:22 Chair Howard

14:39:28 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

14:39:38 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Gross moved that **HB 79 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy. Sen. Small will carry the bill.

**Discussion:**

14:40:17 Sen. Gross  
14:40:33 Sen. Small  
14:40:38 Chair Howard

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 83**

14:40:57 **Motion:** Sen. Gross moved that **HB 83 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

14:41:01 Sen. Sands

14:41:36 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy. Sen. Sands will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 103**

14:42:11 **Motion:** Sen. Gross moved that **HB 103 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

14:42:20 Sen. Gross  
14:43:26 Sen. Sands  
14:43:40 Sen. Gross

14:43:55 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy. Sen. Gross will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 159**

14:44:29 **Motion:** Sen. Gross moved that **SB 159 DO PASS**.

14:44:36 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keenan made a substitute motion that **SB 159 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 8-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Hinebauch and Sen. Howard voting no. Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

**Committee Business:**

14:45:43 Chair Howard  
14:46:15 Sen. Sands  
14:46:18 Chair Howard

14:46:25 Brief Recess  
14:47:07 Reconvened

**HEARING ON HB 69**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

14:48:02 Rep. Kathy Kelker (D), HD 47, opened the hearing on HB 69, Establish requirements for DD crisis response services.

**[EXHIBIT\(phs24a01\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

14:56:01 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living Services  
14:57:37 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

15:00:03 Rebecca de Camara, division administrator, Developmental Services Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:00:32 Sen. Olszewski  
15:01:39 Ms. de Camara, DPHHS  
15:02:31 Sen. Sands  
15:04:57 Ms. de Camara  
15:05:09 Sen. Sands  
15:06:39 Rep. Kelker  
15:07:22 Sen. Gross  
15:07:58 Ms. Brenneman, DRM  
15:08:41 Sen. Gross  
15:12:15 Ms. de Camara  
15:12:22 Chair Howard  
15:14:40 Ms. de Camara  
15:15:09 Sen. Malek

15:19:53 Rep. Kelker  
15:20:58 Sen. Sands  
15:21:03 Rep. Kelker  
15:21:25 Sen. Gross  
15:21:39 Rep. Kelker

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:22:28 Rep. Kelker

**Committee Business:**

15:24:05 Chair Howard  
15:24:23 Sen. Gross  
15:24:48 Chair Howard

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:25 PM

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Julie Emge, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT**([phs24aad.pdf](#))