

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair David Howard, on February 13, 2019 at 2:30 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 214, 2/6/2019; SB 216, 2/6/2019

HEARING ON SB 214

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

14:37:32 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 214, Requiring planning to improve response to and treatment of stroke.

Proponents' Testimony:

14:39:12 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Speech Language and Hearing Association
14:39:54 Amanda Cahill, director, Quality and Government Relations, American Heart Association (AHA); American Stroke Association (ASA)

EXHIBIT(phs30a01)

14:40:52 Sen. Malek entered the hearing.

14:43:54 Todd Harwell, administrator, Public Health and Safety Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services
14:47:15 Heather O'Hara, RN, vice president, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)
14:47:46 Frank Cote, Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Health Montana (SCL Health); Providence Health Montana (PHM)
14:48:16 Shane Scanlon, Kalispell Regional Healthcare

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

14:48:53 Sen. Sands
14:50:35 Ms. O'Hara, MHA
14:51:06 Sen. Sands
14:51:14 Ms. Cahill, AHA, ASA
14:51:39 Sen. Sands

14:51:20 Sen. Keenan and Sen. Smith entered the hearing.

14:51:53 Sen. Malek
14:52:17 Ms. O'Hara
14:53:25 Chair Howard
14:53:53 Mr. Cote, SCL Health, PHM
14:54:16 Chair Howard
14:55:07 Mr. Cote
14:55:25 Chair Howard
14:55:31 Sen. Sands
15:00:00 Ms. Cahill

Closing by Sponsor:

15:00:25 Rep. Fitzpatrick

HEARING ON SB 216

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:07 Rep. Barry Usher (R), HD 40, opened the hearing on SB 216, Revise laws related to child and family ombudsman on behalf of Sen. Roger Webb (R), SD 23.

[EXHIBIT\(phs30a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(phs30a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(phs30a04\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:11:03 Matt Furlong, vice president, Montana Child Protection Alliance

15:12:52 Raye Newmeyer, private citizen

15:13:32 Denise Johnson, child advocate, board member, Montana Child Protection Alliance (MCPA)

[EXHIBIT\(phs30a05\)](#)

15:20:44 Kirk Eakin, private citizen

Opponents' Testimony:

15:23:16 Dana Toole, Children's Justice Bureau chief, Department of Justice (DOJ)

15:31:49 Jackie Jones, Montana County Attorneys Association

15:34:47 Marti Vining, division administrator, Child and Family Services Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

[EXHIBIT\(phs30a06\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:36:31 Sen. Sands

15:37:03 Ms. Toole, DOJ

15:37:25 Sen. Sands

15:37:44 Sen. Smith

15:39:54 Ms. Toole

15:40:56 Sen. Smith

15:41:57 Ms. Vining, DPHHS

15:42:40 Sen. Hinebauch

15:43:51 Ms. Vining

15:44:17 Sen. Hinebauch

15:45:28 Sen. Sands

15:47:57 Ms. Vining

15:48:45 Sen. Smith

15:55:02 Ms. Johnson, MCPA

15:56:09 Sen. Smith

15:59:06 Ms. Vining

15:59:20 Sen. McNally

15:59:38 Chair Howard

15:59:42 Traci Shinabarger, chief child and family ombudsmen, Department of Justice (DOJ)

15:59:53 Sen. McNally
16:10:19 Ms. Shinabarger, DOJ

Closing by Sponsor:

16:12:14 Rep. Usher

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:19 PM

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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