

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

**Call to Order:** Chair Ryan Osmundson, on February 22, 2019 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 317 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Ryan Osmundson, Chair (R)  
Sen. Jon C. Sesso, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Cary Smith, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Duane Ankney (R)  
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)  
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Sen. Janet Ellis (D)  
Sen. Pat Flowers (D)  
Sen. David Howard (R)  
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)  
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)  
Sen. Mike Lang (R)  
Sen. Nate McConnell (D)  
Sen. Mary McNally (D)  
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)  
Sen. Susan Webber (D)  
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Tom Jacobson (D)  
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary  
Quinn Holzer, Legislative Branch  
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch  
Kris Wilkinson, 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 125, 2/21/2019; SB 30, 2/20/2019; SB 93, 2/20/2019; SB 53, 2/20/2019

Executive Action: SB 24; SB 53; SB 71; SB 93; SB 117

**HEARING ON SB 125****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:04:25 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 125, Establish the Montana reinsurance association and program.

Sen. Cuffe joined the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:08:42 John Lewis, director, Department of Administration

09:10:22 Mike Batista, director of government affairs, AARP Montana

09:11:51 Jennifer Hensley, PacificSource Health Plans

**EXHIBIT(fcs38a01)**

09:12:55 Matt Kuntz, executive director, NAMI Montana

09:14:18 John Doran, Blue Cross Blue Shield Montana

09:15:01 Richard Miltonberger, president, Montana Health Co-op Association

09:17:07 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association

09:18:42 Kris Hansen, deputy state auditor, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, State Auditor

**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:25:40 Jon Metropoulos, Montana Council of Life Insurers, AFLAC

09:30:41 Tracie Kenyon, president, Montana Credit Unions

09:31:03 Greg Van Horssen, State Farm Insurance Company

**Informational Testimony:**

09:31:49 Angus Maciver, legislative auditor, Legislative Audit Division

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:32:46 Sen. Sesso

09:33:22 Sen. Fitzpatrick

09:34:56 Sen. Sesso

09:36:37 Sen. Fitzpatrick

**Closing by Sponsor:**

09:38:00 Sen. Fitzpatrick

**HEARING ON SB 30****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

09:38:40 Sen. Jen Gross (D), SD 25, opened the hearing on SB 30, Allowing peer support services to be reimbursed under Medicaid.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

09:42:44 Matt Kuntz, executive director, NAMI Montana

09:45:46 Beth Breneman, staff attorney, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)

09:46:55 Sen. Smith joined the meeting.

09:47:55 Joel Peden, Association of Montana Centers for Independent Living

**EXHIBIT(fcs38a02)**

09:53:08 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic  
 09:54:33 Jordon Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes  
 09:55:33 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center  
 09:57:02 Gina Lytle, representing herself

**Opponents' Testimony:**

09:58:32 Tom Livers, budget director, Office of Budget and Program Planning

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

09:59:40 Sen. Sesso  
 10:01:00 Sen. Gross  
 10:02:25 Sen. Cuffe  
 10:02:36 Sen. Gross  
 10:03:52 Sen. Cuffe  
 10:04:11 Sen. Gross  
 10:05:03 Sen. Flowers  
 10:05:39 Sen. Gross  
 10:06:35 Sen. McNally  
 10:07:12 Ms. Brenneman, DRM  
 10:07:31 Sen. Ellis  
 10:08:30 Mr. Kuntz, NAMI  
 10:10:08 Sen. Keenan  
 10:12:01 Mr. Kuntz  
 10:14:06 Sen. Keenan  
 10:14:52 Mr. Kuntz

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:15:53 Sen. Gross

**HEARING ON SB 93**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:16:46 Sen. Tom Richmond (R), SD 28, opened the hearing on SB 93, Require decommissioning and bonding for certain solar.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

10:20:37 Laura Rennick, chief, Energy Bureau, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

10:21:14 Sen. Ellis  
 10:22:19 Ms. Rennick, DEQ  
 10:23:22 Sen. Ellis  
 10:24:01 Ms. Rennick

10:26:12 Chair Osmundson  
10:26:21 Ms. Rennick  
10:26:42 Chair Osmundson  
10:26:56 Ms. Rennick  
10:27:02 Sen. McConnell joined the meeting.

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:27:30 Sen. Richmond

**HEARING ON SB 53**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

10:29:28 Sen. Jon Sesso (D), SD 37, opened the hearing on SB 53, Revise meal reimbursement for public employees.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

10:32:47 Sen. Sesso

10:33:13 Chair Osmundson

10:34:15 Recess

10:55:53 Reconvene

Sen. Smith left the meeting.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 24**

10:56:00 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **SB 24 DO PASS.**

10:56:05 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **SB 24 BE AMENDED.**  
[EXHIBIT\(fcs38a03\)](#)

**Discussion:**

10:56:13 Chair Osmundson

10:56:32 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-0 by voice vote. Sen. Jacobson, Sen. Olszewski and Sen. C. Smith were excused.

10:56:41 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **SB 24 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 11-8 by roll call vote with Sen. Bogner, Sen. Cuffe, Sen. Howard, Sen. Kary, Sen. Lang, Sen. Olszewski, Sen. Osmundson and Sen. C. Smith voting no. Sen. Jacobson, Sen. Olszewski and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 53**

10:58:23 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Sesso moved that **SB 53 DO PASS**. Motion carried 14-2 by voice vote with Sen. Bogner and Sen. Keenan voting no. Sen. Jacobson, Sen. Olszewski and Sen. C. Smith were excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 71**

10:59:04 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved that **SB 71 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

10:59:29 Sen. McNally

10:59:57 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-0 by voice vote. Sen. Jacobson, Sen. Olszewski and Sen. C. Smith were excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 93**

11:00:26 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **SB 93 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

11:00:33 Sen. Ankney

11:01:09 Sen. Cuffe

11:01:17 Sen. Osmundson

11:01:32 Sen. Ellis

11:02:03 Sen. Osmundson

11:02:18 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Ellis, Sen. Flowers, Sen. Jacobson and Sen. McConnell voting no. Sen. Jacobson, Sen. Olszewski and Sen. C. Smith voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 117**

11:04:03 **Motion:** Sen. Osmundson moved that **SB 117 DO PASS**.

11:04:07 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Kary made a Substitute Motion that **SB 117 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 15-1 by voice vote with Sen. Howard voting no. Sen. Jacobson, Sen. Olszewski and Sen. C. Smith were excused.

11:04:48 Chair Osmundson

11:04:59 Sen. Ellis

11:05:01 Kris Wilkinson, Legislative Fiscal Division

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 11:05 A.M.

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([fcs38aad.pdf](#))