

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair David Howard, on March 11, 2019 at 3:00 PM, 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: HB 231, 2/27/2019; HB 290, 2/27/2019; HB 25, 2/27/2019

HEARING ON HB 231**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:07:33 Rep. Casey Knudsen (R), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 231, Revising pharmacy laws regarding vaccines.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:11:14 Sarah Swanson, private citizen
15:18:40 Tony King, immunizing pharmacist, Helena
15:24:26 Rory Johnson, pharmacist; chair, Montana Pharmacy Association
15:28:08 Jennifer Hensley, PacificSource Health Plans
15:29:05 Kirk Katseanes, student pharmacist, Skaggs School of Pharmacy, University of Montana
15:30:40 Heather O'Hara, RN, vice president, Montana Hospital Association
15:31:33 John Doran, vice president of external affairs, BlueCross BlueShield of Montana
15:32:38 EJ Redding, Independent Pharmacy Cooperative
15:33:05 Aidan Myhre, Montana Bioscience Alliance, GSK and Pfizer
15:33:46 Brad Griffin, president, Montana Retail Association

[EXHIBIT\(phs49a01\)](#)**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:35:04 Sara Heineman, division director, Health Services Division, Missoula Public Health

[EXHIBIT\(phs49a02\)](#)

15:42:17 Colleen Morris, RN, manager, Missoula City-County Immunization Clinic

[EXHIBIT\(phs49a03\)](#)

15:50:15 Rachel Burrignt, private citizen

[EXHIBIT\(phs49a04\)](#)

15:56:14 Jonathan Griffin, president, Montana Medical Association

[EXHIBIT\(phs49a05\)](#)

15:58:57 Jean Branscum, CEO, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

16:04:52 Cassandra Aldrich, RN, private citizen

[EXHIBIT\(phs49a06\)](#)

16:09:20 Erin McGowan, executive director, Association of Montana Public Health Officials (AMPHO)

[EXHIBIT\(phs49a07\)](#)**Informational Testimony:**

16:10:16 Jim Murphy, chief, Communicable Disease Bureau, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:10:43 Sen. Gross

16:12:34 Mr. Murphy, DPHHS

16:13:29 Sen. Gross

16:15:27 Mr. King, self
 16:15:53 Sen. Small
 16:16:33 Mr. King
 16:16:59 Sen. Sands
 16:18:24 Ms. McGowan, AMPHO
 16:18:57 Sen. Smith
 16:20:35 Ms. McGowan
 16:20:57 Sen. Smith
 16:24:39 Rep. Knudsen
 16:25:10 Sen. McNally
 16:27:33 Rep. Knudsen
 16:28:07 Sen. McNally
 16:29:53 Ms. Branscum, MMA
 16:30:24 Sen. Hinebauch
 16:30:49 Mr. King
 16:30:58 Sen. Smith
 16:33:18 Ms. Branscum
 16:34:03 Chair Howard
 16:36:10 Mr. King

Closing by Sponsor:

16:36:29 Rep. Knudsen

HEARING ON HB 290

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:39:57 Rep. Peggy Webb (R), HD 43, opened the hearing on HB 290, Require child support cooperation for food stamp eligibility.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:41:25 Glenn Oppel, Opportunities Solutions Project

[EXHIBIT\(phs49a08\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(phs49a09\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

16:47:40 Lorianne Burhop, chief policy officer, Montana Food Bank Network (MFBN)

[EXHIBIT\(phs49a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(phs49a11\)](#)

16:52:52 Kelsen Young, executive director, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

16:56:00 Sarah Howell, executive director, Montana Women Vote

16:57:46 David Andersen, Montana Association of Christians

[EXHIBIT\(phs49a12\)](#)

16:58:32 Laura Smith, deputy director, Economic Security Services Branch Manager, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

[EXHIBIT\(phs49a13\)](#)

17:05:43 Laurel Hesse, Planned Parenthood

17:06:36 Erin McGowan, Association of Montana Public Health Officials; Montana Public Health Association

17:07:46 Seanna Pieper-Jordan, public policy coordinator, Montana Food Bank

[EXHIBIT\(phs49a14\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

17:09:00 Sen. Gross

17:12:33 Rep. Webb

17:13:05 Sen. Gross

17:13:24 Ms. Smith, DPHHS

17:13:40 Jamie Palagi, division administrator, Human and Community Services Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

17:13:55 Sen. Gross

17:16:55 Ms. Palagi, DPHHS

17:17:24 Sen. McNally

17:17:53 Ms. Burhop, MFBN

17:18:18 Sen. McNally

17:18:28 Ms. Smith

17:18:55 Chair Howard

17:22:32 Rep. Webb

Closing by Sponsor:

17:22:47 Rep. Webb

HEARING ON HB 25

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

17:27:45 Rep. Kathy Kelker (D), HD 47, opened the hearing on HB 25, Use of validated tools for assessing needs of developmentally disabled persons.

[EXHIBIT\(phs49a15\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

17:36:33 Jackie Jones, Montana Association of Community Disability Service Providers

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

17:38:19 Sen. Gross

17:38:53 Rep. Kelker

17:41:08 Sen. Malek

17:44:38 Rep. Kelker

Closing by Sponsor:

17:47:11 Rep. Kelker

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:49 PM

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([phs49aad.pdf](#))