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MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair David Howard, on March 15, 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. Steve Hinebauch (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Cary Smith, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (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 502, 3/11/2019; HB 529, 3/11/2019; HB 518, 3/11/2019

HEARING ON HB 502

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:02:12 Rep. Tom Burnett (R), HD 67, opened the hearing on HB 502, Revise child protection laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:04:14 Marti Vining, division administrator, Child and Family Services Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services
15:06:04 Kelsen Young, executive director, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence; also speaking on behalf of Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Christians
15:09:42 Raye Newmeyer, private citizen

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:10:30 Jeremy Verhasselt, senior performance auditor, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:11:05 Sen. Hinebauch
15:11:30 Mr. Verhasselt, LAD
15:11:48 Sen. Hinebauch
15:11:58 Mr. Verhasselt
15:12:27 Sen. McNally
15:12:52 Rep. Burnett
15:13:07 Sen. Gross
15:13:36 Rep. Burnett
15:13:53 Sen. Gross
15:14:14 Rep. Burnett

Closing by Sponsor:

15:14:20 Rep. Burnett

HEARING ON HB 529

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:14:56 Rep. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R), HD 37, opened the hearing on HB 529, Revising requirements related to waiting list for waiver services.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:16:17 Mike Batista, director, Government Affairs, AARP Montana
15:17:33 Rose Hughes, executive director, Montana Health Care Association
15:20:49 Beth Brenneman, staff attorney, Disability Rights Montana, also speaking on behalf of the Montana Speech-Language-Hearing Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:23:57 Eric Moore

15:24:39 Brief Recess

15:30:33 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 518

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:30:37 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 518, Authorize Physical Therapy Assistant Supervision via Telemedicine.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:32:16 Ashley McDonald, vice president, Montana Physical Therapy Association

15:34:06 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

15:34:36 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association

15:35:29 Nikki Phillips, RN, system director, Legislative Affairs, Benefis Health System, Great Falls

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:36:24 Sen. Sands

15:36:40 Rep. Buttrey

Closing by Sponsor:

15:37:00 Rep. Buttrey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:38 PM

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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