

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

**Call to Order:** Chair David Howard, on March 18, 2019 at 3:03 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 542, 3/11/2019; HB 537, 3/11/2019; HB 599, 3/11/2019

**HEARING ON HB 542**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:04:47 Rep. Barbara Bessette (D), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 542, Revise employment and training requirements for TANF program.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:06:33 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center

15:09:11 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, Flathead Nation

15:09:26 Sen. Keenan left the hearing.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:10:06 Sen. Olszewski

15:11:26 Rep. Bessette

**[EXHIBIT\(phs55a01\)](#)**

15:11:41 Sen. Malek

15:13:07 Rep. Bessette

15:13:38 Sen. Gross

15:14:06 Rep. Bessette

15:14:38 Chair Howard

15:16:30 Rep. Bessette

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:17:00 Rep. Bessette

**HEARING ON HB 537**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:17:54 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 537, Amend laws relating to certificate of need.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:19:50 Kendall Cotton, policy administrator, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance, Office of the Montana State Auditor

15:24:30 Alec MacLeod, intern, Americans for Prosperity Montana; student, Carroll College

**[EXHIBIT\(phs55a02\)](#)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

15:25:27 Carter Anderson, administrator, Quality Assurance Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:25:51 Sen. McNally  
 15:27:25 Rep. Regier  
 15:28:01 Sen. Gross  
 15:30:19 Mr. Anderson, DPHHS  
 15:30:32 Sen. Malek  
 15:33:05 Mr. Anderson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:33:48 Sen. Regier

**HEARING ON HB 599**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:34:46 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 599, Allowing for the Community Health Aide Program for tribal facilities.

15:35:04 Sen. Sands entered the hearing.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:36:17 Jestin Dupree, elected member, Tribal Executive Board, Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(phs55a03\)\*\*](#)

15:42:42 Andy Werk, Jr., president, Fort Belknap Indian Community

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(phs55a04\)\*\*](#)

15:50:02 Margaret Morgan, Montana Dental Hygienists Association (MDHA)

[\*\*EXHIBIT\(phs55a05\)\*\*](#)

15:55:01 Tim Davis, chair, Blackfeet Tribal Council (BTC)  
 15:58:07 Jennifer Show, nurse practitioner, Fort Belknap Community Hospital  
 16:03:40 Kathy Deserly, resident of Helena and Wolf Point, speaking as a grandparent  
 16:06:28 Jessica Windy Boy, CEO, Rocky Boy Health Clinic, Chippewa Cree Tribe  
 16:09:22 Dan Foster, PhD, Fort Belknap clinical psychologist, Community Health Aide Program (CHAP)  
 16:11:07 Byron Larson, CEO, Xanovea, Inc; Northern Cheyenne, Indian Health Service (IHS), Community Health Aide Program (CHAP)  
 16:17:00 Rynalea Whiteman Pena, president, Northern Cheyenne Tribe  
 16:18:07 Cinda Burd, Montana Native Vote  
 16:18:27 Stacey Anderson, policy director, Montana Primary Care Association  
 16:19:15 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

**Opponents' Testimony:**

16:19:52 Kevin Rencher, board certified pediatric dentist, Helena; past president, Montana Dental Association (MDA)  
 16:23:26 Al Garver, executive director, Montana Dental Association (MDA)  
 16:28:03 Quinn Erwin, dentist, Helena

16:30:01 Chuck Denowh, speaking on behalf of Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana  
 Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, Montana Speech-Language-  
 Hearing Association, Montana Association of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:31:30 Sen. Smith  
 16:35:36 Rep. Windy Boy  
 16:35:46 Mr. Larson, IHS, CHAP  
 16:37:36 Sen. Smith  
 16:38:01 Rep. Windy Boy  
 16:38:36 Sen. Smith  
 16:44:32 Mr. Larson  
 16:45:18 Sen. McNally  
 16:45:55 Mr. Foster, CHAP  
 16:47:32 Sen. Olszewski  
 16:49:37 Mr. Larson  
 16:50:49 Sen. Smith  
 16:53:49 Mr. Larson  
 16:54:20 Sen. Smith  
 16:54:36 Mr. Davis, BTC  
 16:57:02 Sen. Malek  
 17:00:20 Mr. Larson  
 17:01:57 Sen. Sands  
 17:05:37 Mr. Larson  
 17:06:00 Sen. Sands  
 17:06:04 Chair Howard  
 17:07:51 Mr. Larson  
 17:08:12 Chair Howard  
 17:08:32 Sen. Malek  
 17:08:38 Chair Howard  
 17:09:18 Mr. Rencher, MDA  
 17:10:01 Chair Howard  
 17:10:02 Sen. Malek  
 17:11:20 Mr. Garver, MDA  
 17:12:06 Sen. McNally  
 17:12:23 Ms. Morgan, MDHA  
 17:14:41 Sen. McNally  
 17:17:40 Mr. Davis  
 17:17:53 Sen. McNally  
 17:18:00 Sen. Sands  
 17:19:05 Mr. Davis  
 17:19:15 Sen. Olszewski  
 17:22:28 Rep. Windy Boy  
 17:26:14 Chair Howard  
 17:26:47 Rep. Windy Boy  
 17:27:23 Sen. Small  
 17:28:03 Mr. Larson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

17:30:39 Rep. Windy Boy

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:34 PM

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Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([phs55aad.pdf](#))**