

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Vice Chair Cary Smith, on March 27, 2019 at 4:02 PM, in Room 317
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Cary Smith, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Jen Gross, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Albert Olszewski (R)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. David Howard, Chair (R)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julie Emge, Committee Secretary
Corina Hach, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 363, 3/15/2019; HB 589, 3/19/2019; HB 583, 3/18/2019

Executive Action: SB 345 - TABLED

HEARING ON HB 363

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:03:41 Rep. Laurie Bishop (D), HD 60, opened the hearing on HB 363, Allow for eating disorders under the definition of mental illness.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:06:11 Jeni Gochin, clinical director, Eating Disorder Center of Montana, Livingston
EXHIBIT(phs63a01)

16:12:08 Lenore Maunz, private citizen, Eating Disorder Center of Montana, Bozeman
16:15:12 Kayce Moore, private citizen, Eating Disorder Center of Montana, Livingston
16:17:47 Kristen Knight, private citizen, Eating Disorder Center of Montana, Bozeman
16:20:21 Dianna Keane, Montana Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
16:21:00 Sabrina Bassett, private citizen, Eating Disorder Center of Montana
16:21:50 Claire Johnson, private citizen, Eating Disorder Center of Montana, Bozeman
16:22:35 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Naturopathic Physicians
16:23:08 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association; also speaking on behalf of
Kali Wicks, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana
16:23:41 Spencer Granville, private citizen, Bozeman
16:24:07 Jean Branscum, CEO, Montana Medical Association
16:24:42 Kendall Cotton, policy advisor, Office of the Montana State Auditor,
Commissioner of Securities and Insurance
16:25:14 Molly Damm, therapist, Eating Disorder Center of Montana

16:26:00 Sen. Olszewski entered the hearing.

Opponents' Testimony:

16:28:25 Bob Leach, private citizen

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:30:12 Sen. Malek
16:30:31 Rep. Bishop
16:31:40 Sen. Olszewski
16:32:18 Rep. Bishop
16:32:48 Sen. Olszewski

Closing by Sponsor:

16:32:58 Rep. Bishop

16:34:30 Sen. Gross

16:35:05 Brief Recess
16:36:25 Reconvened

HEARING ON HB 589

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:36:32 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 81, opened the hearing on HB 589, Create mortality review team for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:36:54 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)
16:38:04 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Speech-Language-Hearing Association
16:38:33 Colleen Rahn, National Alliance on Mental Illness Montana
16:39:04 Jean Branscum, CEO, Montana Medical Association

Opponents' Testimony:

16:40:04 Bob Leach, private citizen

Informational Testimony:

16:40:42 Carter Anderson, administrator, Quality Assurance Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:41:03 Sen. Sands
16:41:23 Rep. Caferro
16:41:33 Sen. Sands
16:43:21 Ms. Brenneman, DRM

Closing by Sponsor:

16:43:45 Rep. Caferro

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 345

16:44:33 **Motion:** Sen. Gross moved that **SB 345 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:44:42 Sen. Olszewski
16:46:28 Sen. Gross
16:47:58 Chair Smith

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16:49:04 **Motion:** Sen. Gross moved that **SB 345 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:49:37 Sen. Sands
16:50:33 Cori Hach, staff attorney, Legislative Services Division
16:50:42 Sen. Sands

16:50:52 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. Malek, Sen. McNally, Sen. Olszewski and Sen. Sands voting aye. Sen. Howard and Sen. McNally voted by proxy.

Discussion:

16:51:36 Sen. Gross
16:51:47 Sen. Malek

16:52:43 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. Malek, Sen. McNally and Sen. Sands voting aye. Sen. Howard and Sen. McNally voted by proxy.

16:53:28 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Sands moved that **SB 345 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Howard and Sen. McNally voted by proxy.

HEARING ON HB 583

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:54:22 Rep. Dennis Lenz (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 583, Revise requirements for measuring children's mental health outcomes.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:55:25 Meghan Peel, Children's Mental Health chief, Department of Public Health and Human Services
16:56:01 Dianna Keane, Montana Association for Marriage and Family Therapy
16:56:29 Colleen Rahn, National Alliance on Mental Illness Montana
16:56:58 Beth Breneman, Disability Rights Montana
16:57:29 Jean Branscum, CEO, Montana Medical Association
16:58:01 Bob Leach

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

16:58:53 Rep. Lenz

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 PM

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([phs63aad.pdf](#))