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MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair David Howard, on April 5, 2019 at 8:04 A.M., 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 658, 4/1/2019

Executive Action: SR 51 - BE ADOPTED
HB 598 - BE CONCURRED IN
HB 658 - TABLED

Committee Business:

08:05:29 Chair Howard
08:06:15 Sen. Sands
08:06:35 Chair Howard

HEARING ON HB 658

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

08:06:41 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 658, Generally revise healthcare laws and permanently expand Medicaid.

08:07:20 Sen. Hinebauch, Sen. Sands and Sen. Small left the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

08:15:04 Jestin Dupree, council member, Tribal Executive Board, Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes

[EXHIBIT\(phs71a01\)](#)

08:16:30 Todd Wilson, member, Crow Tribe; executive director, Helena Indian Alliance

08:19:07 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

08:21:30 Craig Aasved, CEO, Shodair Children's Hospital

[EXHIBIT\(phs71a02\)](#)

08:22:13 Dr. Joanna Wales, DDS, executive director, Community Health Partners

[EXHIBIT\(phs71a03\)](#)

08:26:21 Chaz Rourke, Behavioral Health Care manager, Partnership Health Center, Missoula

[EXHIBIT\(phs71a04\)](#)

08:28:12 Mike Batista, director, Government Affairs, AARP Montana

08:28:35 Dr. Serena Brewer, family physician, Southwest Montana Community Health Center, Butte

08:31:00 Margaret Smith, private citizen, Missoula

08:32:03 Rev. Stacey Siebrasse, Lutheran pastor, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; community organizer, Missoula Interfaith Collaborative

08:34:43 Sarah Caniparoli, private citizen, Great Falls

08:36:46 Cathy Burwell, president, CEO, Helena Area Chamber of Commerce

08:38:11 Sen. Hinebauch entered the hearing.

08:38:26 Matt Kuntz, executive director, National Alliance on Mental Health Montana

08:39:23 Chair Howard left the hearing and turned the duties of the Chair over to Vice Chair Smith.

08:41:15 Nikki Phillips, RN, system director, Legislative Affairs & Provider Outreach, Benefis Health System, Great Falls

[EXHIBIT\(phs71a05\)](#)

- 08:42:30 Sen. Howard resumed the position of the Chair.
- 08:42:32 Richard Miltenberger, president, Montana Health CO-OP
- 08:44:40 Lorianne Burhop, chief policy officer, Montana Food Bank Network
[EXHIBIT\(phs71a06\)](#)
- 08:46:19 Jill Steeley, CEO, PureView Health Center, Helena and Lincoln
- 08:48:01 John Doran, vice president, External Affairs, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT)
- 08:49:16 Cinda Burd, Western Native Voice
[EXHIBIT\(phs71a07\)](#)
- 08:50:57 Sen. Small entered the hearing.
- 08:51:11 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center
[EXHIBIT\(phs71a08\)](#)
- 08:51:39 Sean Slanger, Montana Laramie-Hutterite Colonies
- 08:52:29 SJ Howell, Montana Women Vote
- 08:53:05 Garrett Lankford, Montana Human Rights Network
[EXHIBIT\(phs71a09\)](#)
- 08:53:35 Jean Branscum, CEO, Montana Medical Association
[EXHIBIT\(phs71a10\)](#)
- 08:55:05 Jacquie Helt, state director, SCIU 775
- 08:55:33 Jennifer Hensley, government relations manager, PacificSource Health Plans
- 08:56:58 Sydney Barry, policy assistant, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
- 08:57:19 Sam Forstag, Montana Associated Students
- 08:57:51 Zuri Moreno, policy associate, ACLU Montana
- 08:58:09 Laurel Hesse, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Montana
[EXHIBIT\(phs71a11\)](#)
- 08:58:32 Erin McGowan, executive director, Montana Association of Community Disability Services; Association of Montana Public Health Officials; Montana Public Health Association; Montana Association of Area Agencies on Aging
- 08:59:48 Ron Ostberg, Montana Farmers Union
- 09:00:16 Brian Coplin, Montana's HELP Plan
- 09:00:54 Rep. Mary Caferro, HD 81

Opponents' Testimony:

- 09:03:03 Spook Stang, Motor Carriers of Montana
- 09:04:06 Bridger Mahlum, Montana Chamber of Commerce
- 09:06:08 Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association (MLA)

Informational Testimony:

- 09:07:00 Erica Johnston, Operation Services Branch manager, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

09:07:13 Galen Hollenbaugh, commissioner, Department of Labor and Industry

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

09:07:33 Sen. Hinebauch
09:08:26 Mr. Todhunter, MLA
09:09:53 Sen. Hinebauch
09:10:00 Mr. Todhunter
09:10:39 Sen. Hinebauch
09:10:51 Mr. Todhunter
09:11:27 Sen. Gross
09:11:55 Sen. Buttrey
09:13:38 Sen. Smith
09:13:55 Mr. Olsen, MHA
09:15:16 Sen. Smith
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09:15:31 Sen. Smith
09:15:49 Mr. Olsen
09:16:45 Sen. Smith
09:16:55 Mr. Olsen
09:18:07 Sen. Smith
09:18:38 Mr. Doran, BCBSMT
09:19:31 Sen. Smith
09:19:37 Mr. Doran
09:19:50 Sen. Smith
09:20:17 Mr. Olsen
09:21:21 Sen. Smith
09:21:32 Mr. Olsen
09:22:04 Sen. Smith
09:22:09 Mr. Olsen
09:22:31 Sen. Keenan
09:22:53 Cori Hach, staff attorney, Legislative Services Division
09:22:58 Sen. Keenan
09:23:09 Sen. Malek
09:23:33 Mr. Olsen
09:24:23 Sen. Malek
09:24:32 Mr. Olsen
09:27:16 Sen. Malek
09:27:50 Rep. Buttrey
09:29:52 Sen. Malek
09:30:18 Mr. Doran
09:30:58 Sen. Keenan
09:31:42 Mr. Doran
09:33:59 Sen. Keenan
09:34:51 Ms. Johnston, DPHHS
09:35:51 Sen. Keenan
09:36:22 Ms. Johnston
09:36:44 Sen. Keenan
09:37:35 Rep. Buttrey

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 10:06:13 Rep. Caferro
 10:10:13 Sen. Gross
 10:10:58 Mr. Dupree, Tribal Council
 10:12:04 Sen. Gross
 10:12:14 Sen. Small
 10:12:36 Lesa Evers, Tribal Relations manager, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
 10:12:47 Sen. Small
 10:12:54 Ms. Evers, DPHHS
 10:15:04 Sen. Small
 10:15:19 Ms. Evers

Closing by Sponsor:

10:17:24 Rep. Buttrey

10:22:47 Brief Recess

10:48:30 Reconvened

10:48:33 Chair Howard

Sen. Sands was absent from the room. Sen. Hinebauch and Sen. Small were present.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 51

10:48:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **SR 51 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried 9-0 by voice vote. Sen. Sands was excused.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 598

10:49:29 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 598 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

10:49:48 Sen. Olszewski

10:50:21 Sen. McNally

10:50:24 Chair Howard

10:50:28 Cori Hach, staff attorney, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

EXHIBIT(phs71a12)

10:50:37 **Motion:** Sen. McNally moved that **HB 598 BE AMENDED**.

Discussion:

10:50:56 Sen. Olszewski

10:51:08 Sen. McNally

10:51:14 Chair Howard

10:51:17 Sen. Olszewski

10:51:19 Ms. Hach, LSD

10:51:35 Sen. Olszewski

10:51:51 Sen. Keenan

10:51:57 Without objection, Sen. McNally withdrew the BE AMENDED motion.

10:52:08 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 598 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 7-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Hinebauch, Sen. Howard and Sen. C. Smith voting no. Sen. Sands voted by proxy. Sen. Olszewski will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 658

10:53:20 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 658 BE CONCURRED IN**.

10:53:26 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Sen. Small made a Substitute Motion that **HB 658 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. Malek, Sen. McNally and Sen. Sands voting no. Sen. Sands voted by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:54 AM

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents: