

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair David Howard, on April 8, 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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 400, 4/3/2019; HB 660, 4/3/2019; HB 726, 4/3/2019; HB 710, 4/3/2019

Executive Action: HB 400 - TABLED
HB 613 - BE CONCURRED IN
HB 710 - TABLED
HB 726 - BE CONCURRED IN

HEARING ON HB 400

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

- 15:03:37 Rep. Kimberly Dudik (D), HD 94, opened the hearing on HB 400, Generally revise supplemental assistance program laws.
- 15:04:22 Sen. McNally entered the hearing.
- 15:05:32 Sen. Small entered the hearing.
- 15:07:34 Chair Howard

Proponents' Testimony:

- 15:08:02 Cindy Palmer, Montana Farmers Union
- 15:08:36 Kim Gilchrist, program manager, Community Food and Agriculture Coalition (CFAC)

EXHIBIT(phs73a01)

EXHIBIT(phs73a02)

- 15:12:36 Kaly Hess, co-owner, Harlequin Produce, Arlee
- 15:14:49 Seanna Pieper-Jordan, public policy coordinator, Montana Food Bank Network

EXHIBIT(phs73a03)

- 15:16:45 Sen. Olszewski entered the hearing.
- 15:16:52 Josh Slotnick, private citizen/farmer; county commissioner, Missoula
- 15:19:26 David Andersen, Montana Association of Christians
- 15:19:44 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

- 15:20:20 Amanda Cahill, American Heart Association (AHA)

EXHIBIT(phs73a04)

- 15:21:08 Janet Hess-Herbert, board member and former interim executive director, Alternative Energy Resources Organization

EXHIBIT(phs73a05)

- 15:22:40 Matt Kuntz, executive director, National Alliance on Mental Illness Montana
- 15:23:06 Beth Breneman, staff attorney, Disability Rights Montana
- 15:23:23 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

- 15:23:48 Jamie Palagi, administrator, Human and Community Services Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

- 15:24:20 Sen. Gross
- 15:24:48 Ms. Cahill, AHA
- 15:25:05 Ms. Gilchrist, CFAC
- 15:25:48 Sen. Gross

15:25:55 Ms. Gilchrist
 15:26:02 Sen. Gross
 15:26:09 Sen. Olszewski
 15:26:32 Ms. Gilchrist
 15:26:36 Sen. Olszewski
 15:26:48 Ms. Gilchrist
 15:27:22 Sen. Olszewski
 15:27:32 Ms. Gilchrist
 15:27:53 Sen. Olszewski
 15:28:16 Ms. Gilchrist
 15:28:56 Chair Howard

Closing by Sponsor:

15:29:06 Rep. Dudik

 15:31:27 Chair Howard

HEARING ON HB 660

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:31:42 Rep. Joel Krautter (R), HD 35, opened the hearing on HB 660, Create Mobile Crisis Unit Grant Program.

 15:35:06 Chair Howard

Proponents' Testimony:

15:35:20 Sen. Edie McClafferty, SD 58
 15:37:32 Dennis Nyland, mental health ombudsman, Office of the Governor
 15:42:10 Vannessa Yang, lead peer, Our Place, Western Montana Mental Health Center; sitting member, Lewis and Clark County Mental Health Local Advisory Council
 15:44:20 Brian Gootkin, Gallatin County sheriff; Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)
 15:45:10 Michael Foust, regional director, Western Montana Family Mental Health Center (WMMHC); Gallatin Mental Health Center
 15:46:50 Ryan Mattson, service line director, Crisis Services for Western Montana Mental Health Center
 15:47:33 Matt Kelley, health officer, Gallatin City-County Health Department, Association of Montana Public Health Officials; Montana Public Health Association; Montana Environmental Health Association
 15:48:23 Sophie Yazak, mental health client; private citizen; peer advocate
 15:50:09 Matt Kuntz, executive director, National Alliance on Mental Illness Montana
 15:50:30 Jennifer Preble, licensed program supervisor, Center for Mental Health
 15:51:01 Jean Branscum, CEO, Montana Medical Association
 15:51:25 Sydney Barry, policy assistant, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
 15:51:45 Rep. Maryann Dunwell, HD 84
 15:52:28 Roger Hagan, Montana Department of the American Legion; Officer and Enlisted Association of the National Guard; also speaking on behalf of Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Marriage and Family Therapists
 15:53:10 Beth Brenneman, staff attorney, Disability Rights Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:53:52 Juliana Hallows, coordinator, Montana Veterans Affairs Suicide Prevention Program; Montana Veterans Affairs; former member Mobile Crisis Unit Group, Lewis and Clark County

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:54:29 Sen. Sands
15:55:21 Rep. Krautter
15:56:00 Sen. Sands
15:56:06 Rep. Krautter
15:56:19 Sen. Malek
15:56:41 Sen. McClafferty
15:57:27 Sen. Malek
15:57:38 Sen. McClafferty
15:57:51 Sen. Malek
15:58:10 Mr. Gootkin, MSPOA
15:58:15 Sen. Malek
15:58:33 Mr. Gootkin
15:59:05 Sen. Malek
15:59:22 Mr. Gootkin
15:59:43 Sen. Gross
16:00:18 Mr. Foust, WMMHC
16:00:27 Sen. Gross
16:00:33 Mr. Foust

Closing by Sponsor:

16:00:42 Rep. Krautter

HEARING ON HB 726

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:01:48 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 81, opened the hearing on HB 726, Extend child support obligation for children with disabilities.

16:02:37 Chair Howard left the hearing and turned the duties of the Chair over to Vice Chair Smith.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:04:21 Beth Brenneman, staff attorney, Disability Rights Montana
16:05:07 Matt Kuntz, executive director, National Alliance on Mental Illness Montana
16:05:38 David Andersen, Montana Association of Christians

16:06:05 Chair Howard entered the hearing and resumed the position of the Chair.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:06:38 Chad Dexter, administrator, Montana Child Support Enforcement Division,
Department of Public Health and Human Services

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

16:07:02 Rep. Caferro

HEARING ON HB 710

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:08:35 Rep. Katie Sullivan (D), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 710, Require
reporting of prescription drug cost information.

[EXHIBIT\(phs73a06\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

16:14:25 Jennifer Hensley, government relations manager, PacificSource Health Plans

[EXHIBIT\(phs73a07\)](#)

16:19:12 Laura Vachowski, volunteer, AARP Montana

[EXHIBIT\(phs73a08\)](#)

16:22:46 Kali Wicks, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana

[EXHIBIT\(phs73a09\)](#)

16:25:11 Blair Fjeseth, Montana Health CO-OP

16:25:33 Matt Kuntz, executive director, National Alliance on Mental Illness Montana

16:26:47 Kim Leighton, private citizen

[EXHIBIT\(phs73a10\)](#)

16:27:59 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association

16:28:42 Jean Branscum, CEO, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

16:29:26 Sean Slinger, Americas Health Insurance Plans

16:29:43 Bruce Knutson, executive vice president, Montana Auto Dealers Association

16:30:36 Adam Haight, Montana AFL-CIO; also speaking on behalf of Jacquie Helt,

Service Employees International Unit

16:30:58 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association

Opponents' Testimony:

16:31:22 Sharon Brigner, RN, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America
(PhRMA)

[EXHIBIT\(phs73a11\)](#)

16:34:40 Shane Scanlon, GlaxoSmithKlein (GSK)

16:38:10 Aidan Myhre, Montana BioScience Alliance

Informational Testimony:

16:42:41 Kendall Cotton, policy advisor, Office of the Montana State Auditor,
Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:43:07 Sen. Olszewski
16:43:46 Rep. Sullivan
16:44:05 Sen. Olszewski
16:44:46 Mr. Cotton, CSI
16:46:12 Sen. Olszewski
16:46:35 Mr. Cotton
16:47:19 Sen. Gross
16:47:57 Rep. Sullivan
16:48:24 Sen. Gross
16:48:33 Rep. Sullivan
16:48:41 Sen. Gross
16:49:10 Ms. Brigner, PhRMA
16:49:40 Sen. Gross
16:49:43 Ms. Brigner
16:49:48 Sen. Gross
16:49:53 Ms. Brigner
16:49:59 Sen. Gross
16:50:12 Ms. Brigner
16:50:29 Sen. Gross
16:50:55 Ms. Brigner
16:51:35 Sen. Gross
16:52:06 Rep. Sullivan
16:53:22 Sen. Gross
16:53:32 Sen. Smith
16:53:55 Mr. Cotton
16:56:09 Sen. Smith
16:56:23 Mr. Cotton
16:57:55 Sen. Smith
16:58:29 Mr. Cotton
16:59:00 Sen. Smith
16:59:08 Mr. Cotton
16:59:25 Sen. Smith
17:00:41 Rep. Sullivan
17:03:00 Sen. Smith
17:03:59 Rep. Sullivan
17:04:12 Sen. Smith
17:04:33 Mr. Cotton
17:05:42 Sen. Smith
17:06:14 Rep. Sullivan
17:07:11 Sen. Smith
17:07:18 Sen. Hinebauch
17:07:43 Mr. Scanlon, GSK
17:08:29 Sen. McNally
17:09:21 Ms. Brigner
17:10:18 Sen. McNally
17:11:16 Ms. Brigner
17:12:11 Sen. McNally
17:12:45 Rep. Sullivan
17:14:04 Sen. McNally

17:14:24 Sen. Gross
17:14:43 Ms. Hensley, PacificSource
17:16:18 Sen. Gross
17:16:36 Mr. Cotton
17:16:56 Sen. Malek
17:17:53 Rep. Sullivan
17:18:05 Chair Howard
17:18:48 Ms. Brigner
17:19:25 Chair Howard
17:19:34 Ms. Brigner
17:19:45 Chair Howard
17:19:54 Ms. Brigner
17:20:10 Chair Howard
17:20:39 Ms. Branscum, MMA
17:20:46 Chair Howard

Closing by Sponsor:

17:20:53 Rep. Sullivan

Committee Business:

17:24:37 Chair Howard
17:24:54 Sen. Gross
17:25:08 Cori Hach, staff attorney, Legislative Services Division
17:25:14 Sen. Gross
17:25:18 Chair Howard
17:25:22 Sen. Hinebauch
17:25:29 Chair Howard

17:25:30 Brief Recess
17:39:19 Reconvened

17:39:20 Chair Howard

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 400

17:39:37 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 400 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion failed 5-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. Malek, Sen. McNally, Sen. Sands and Sen. Small voting aye.

17:40:36 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Howard moved that **HB 400 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 7-3 by voice vote with Sen. Malek, Sen. McNally and Sen. Sands voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 613

17:41:33 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 613 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

17:41:41 Chair Howard
17:41:46 Sen. Malek
17:42:21 Sen. McNally

17:42:46 Sen. Gross
17:43:14 Chair Howard

17:43:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-2 by roll call vote with Sen. Howard and Sen. C. Smith voting no. Sen. Olszewski will carry the bill.

17:44:00 Sen. Malek
17:44:04 Chair Howard

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 710

17:44:19 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 710 BE CONCURRED IN.**

17:44:28 **Motion:** Sen. McNally moved that **HB 710 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(phs73a12)

Discussion:

17:45:53 Sen. Keenan
17:46:23 Cori Hach, staff attorney, Legislative Services Division
17:46:55 Sen. Gross
17:47:04 Chair Howard

17:47:13 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Hinebauch voting no.

17:47:28 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 710 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

17:47:49 Sen. McNally
17:48:16 Sen. Hinebauch
17:48:30 Chair Howard
17:48:51 Sen. Gross
17:49:20 Sen. Malek
17:50:00 Chair Howard

17:50:20 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. Malek, Sen. McNally and Sen. Sands voting aye.

17:51:06 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Olszewski moved that **HB 710 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 8-2 by voice vote with Sen. Malek and Sen. McNally voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 726

17:51:35 **Motion:** Sen. C. Smith moved that **HB 726 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

17:51:41 Sen. Sands

17:51:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Sands will carry the bill.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:52 PM

Julie Emge, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([phs73aad.pdf](#))