

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 66th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

**Call to Order:** Chair David Howard, on April 24, 2019 at 2:15 PM, in Room 405 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. Albert Olszewski (R)  
Sen. Diane Sands (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Cary Smith, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Jason D. Small (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: HJ 50 4/19/2019; HJ 48, 4/19/2019; HJ 32, 4/19/2019; SR 59, 4/17/2019

Executive Action: HJ 50 - BE CONCURRED IN  
HJ 48 - BE CONCURRED IN  
HJ 32 - BE CONCURRED IN  
SR 59 - BE ADOPTED  
SJ 27 - TABLED

**HEARING ON HJ 50**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

14:15:43 Rep. Dennis Lenz (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HJ 50, Interim study of services for senior citizens and physically disabled.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

14:16:47 Rose Hughes, executive director, Montana Health Care Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

14:17:48 Rep. Lenz

**HEARING ON HJ 48**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

14:18:04 Rep. Dennis Lenz (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HJ 48, Interim study of supporting families in the child protective services system.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

14:19:35 Sen. Sands

14:20:00 Rep. Lenz

**Closing by Sponsor:**

14:20:18 Rep. Lenz

14:20:39 Sen. Olszewski entered the hearing.

**HEARING ON HJ 32**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

14:21:40 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HJ 32, Study effects of drugs on infants.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

14:23:32 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Naturopathic Physicians

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

14:25:00 Sen. Sands  
14:25:20 Rep. Windy Boy  
14:25:31 Sen. Sands  
14:25:33 Rep. Windy Boy  
14:25:44 Chair Howard  
14:25:47 Rep. Windy Boy  
14:25:48 Chair Howard

**Closing by Sponsor:**

14:25:50 Rep. Windy Boy  
  
14:26:34 Chair Howard turned the duties of the Chair over Vice Chair Gross.  
  
14:26:45 Chair Gross

**HEARING ON SR 59**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

14:26:52 Sen. David Howard (R), SD 29, opened the hearing on SR 59, Confirm Governor's appointee to Board of Medical Examiners.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

14:27:29 Sen. Sands  
14:27:38 Sen. Howard  
14:27:40 Sen. Sands

**Closing by Sponsor:**

14:27:46 Sen. Howard  
  
14:27:55 Sen. Howard resumed the position of the Chair.

**Discussion:**

14:27:56 Sen. Sands  
14:27:58 Cori Hach, staff attorney, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
14:28:03 Sen. Sands  
14:28:05 Ms. Hach, LSD  
14:28:11 Chair Howard  
14:28:19 Sen. Gross  
14:28:20 Joel Peden, Montana Independent Living Centers (MILP)  
14:28:29 Sen. Sands  
14:29:35 Mr. Peden, MILP

14:29:02 Chair Howard  
14:29:05 Mr. Peden  
14:29:08 Chair Howard  
14:29:17 Mr. Peden

**ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY ON HJ 50**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

14:29:27 Joel Peden, Montana Independent Living Centers

**Discussion:**

14:30:30 Chair Howard  
14:30:35 Sen. Sands  
14:30:41 Chair Howard  
14:30:50 Jean Branscum, CEO, Montana Medical Association  
14:30:51 Sen. Olszewski  
14:30:57 Sen. McNally  
14:31:00 Chair Howard

**ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY ON SR 59 and HJ 32**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

14:31:13 Jean Branscum, CEO, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

14:31:45 Sen. Sands  
14:31:56 Ms. Branscum, MMA  
  
14:32:15 Sen. Hinebauch entered the hearing.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 50**

14:32:25 **Motion:** Sen. Gross moved that **HJ 50 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

14:32:38 Sen. Gross  
14:32:41 Chair Howard  
14:32:46 Sen. Gross  
  
14:33:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Small and Sen. C. Smith were excused. Sen. Gross will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 48**

14:34:06 **Motion:** Sen. Gross moved that **HJ 48 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

14:34:16 Sen. Sands

14:34:35 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Small and Sen. C. Smith were excused. Sen. Sands will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 32**

14:34:51 **Motion:** Sen. Gross moved that **HJ 32 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

14:35:00 Sen. Malek

14:35:16 Sen. Sands

14:36:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Small and Sen. C. Smith were excused. Sen. Malek will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 59**

14:36:27 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Gross moved that **SR 59 BE ADOPTED.** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Small and Sen. C. Smith were excused.

**Discussion:**

14:37:03 Cori Hach, staff attorney, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

14:37:20 Sen. Sands

14:37:22 Ms. Hach, LSD

14:37:25 Chair Howard

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 27**

14:37:31 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Gross moved that **SJ 27 BE TABLED.** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Small and Sen. C. Smith were excused.

**Committee Business:**

14:37:39 Chair Howard

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 2:38 PM

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Julie Emge, Secretary

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