

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on January 7, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dennis R. Lenz, Chair (R)
Rep. Jessica Karjala, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Alice Buckley (D)
Rep. Edward Buttrey (R)
Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R)
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)
Rep. Jane Gillette (R)
Rep. Sharon Greef (R)
Rep. Ed Hill (R)
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Amy Regier (R)
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)
Rep. Mallerie Stromswold (R)
Rep. Danny Tenenbaum (D)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Jasmine Hart, Committee Secretary
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch
Stephan Licitra, Remote Meetings Coordinator

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:

Amended Rules

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 70, 1/7/2021; HB 38, 1/7/2021

Discussion:

15:05:10 Chair Lenz
 15:06:06 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway
 15:06:21 Chair Lenz
 15:06:26 Rep. Carlson
 15:06:33 Chair Lenz

15:06:42 Recess
 15:08:52 Reconvened

15:08:53 Chair Lenz
 15:09:30 Rep. Buttrey asked that the minutes reflect approval of the rules also includes the approval of the allowance of proxies.
 15:09:52 Chair Lenz
 15:09:56 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
 15:11:01 Chair Lenz directed that committee minutes reflect proxies are allowed.
 15:11:26 Sue O'Connell, LSD
 15:11:29 Chair Lenz
 15:12:44 Rep. Buttrey
 15:13:02 Chair Lenz
 15:13:19 Sue O'Connell, LSD

15:14:05 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Lenz moved that **RULES AS AMENDED DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott and Rep. Dunwell were excused.

EXHIBIT(huh04a01)

15:14:11 Chair Lenz
 15:14:41 Sue O'Connell, LSD
 15:16:38 Chair Lenz

HEARING ON HB 70**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:21:03 Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 70, Revise State Suicide Prevention Program.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:23:50 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Montana)
 15:24:50 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights of Montana
 15:25:44 Joel Peden, Montana Association of Centers For Independent Living (MTCIL)
 15:27:33 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)
 15:29:37 Zoe Barnard, Department of Public Health and Human Service (DPHHS)
 15:34:10 Chair Lenz
 15:34:43 Lawrence Rhone, Veteran's Advocate
 15:38:04 Rosie Seitz Ayers, Project Tomorrow Montana
 15:40:23 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

EXHIBIT(huh04a02)

15:41:50 Stephan Licitra, Remote Meetings Coordinator (RMC)
15:41:58 Dr. Claire Oakley, Yellowstone City County Health Department

EXHIBIT(huh04a03)

15:44:56 Chair Lenz
15:45:08 Stephan Licitra, RMC
15:45:14 Chair Lenz
15:45:22 Stephan Licitra, RMC
15:45:24 Chair Lenz

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Witnesses: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:46:14 Rep. Carlson
15:48:50 Zoe Barnard, DPHHS
15:50:04 Rep. Stafman
15:52:16 Zoe Barnard, DPHHS
15:52:28 Rep. Karjala
15:53:02 Zoe Barnard, DPHHS
15:53:55 Rep. Karjala
15:54:23 Rep. Buckley
15:55:30 Rep. Holmlund
15:56:33 Rep. Gillette
16:00:17 Zoe Barnard, DPHHS
16:01:17 Rep. Karjala
16:01:56 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway
16:02:07 Zoe Barnard, DPHHS
16:04:41 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway
16:04:47 Rep. Karjala
16:05:22 Dr. Claire Oakley, Yellowstone City County Health Department
16:06:52 Rep. Karjala
16:07:22 Rep. Carlson
16:07:53 Zoe Barnard, DPHHS
16:08:22 Rep. Holmlund
16:09:22 Chair Lenz

Closing by Sponsor:

16:09:29 Rep. Holmlund

HEARING ON HB 38

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:10:29 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 38, Establish Legislative Intent for Home and Community Based Services Waivers

Proponents' Testimony:

16:14:04 Beth Brennehan, Disability Rights of Montana
16:18:49 Joel Peden, Montana Association of Centers For Independent Living (MTCIL)

16:22:21 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Montana)
16:24:02 Adrian Cotton, Montana Area Agencies on Aging Association (M4A)
16:26:20 Mike Batista, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP Montana)

EXHIBIT(huh04a04)

16:28:02 Travis Hoffman, Summit Independent Living Center (SILC)

EXHIBIT(huh04a05)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Witnesses:

16:32:01 Marie Matthews, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:32:34 Rep. Tenenbaum
16:32:47 Marie Matthews, DPHHS
16:33:18 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway
16:34:11 Marie Matthews, DPHHS
16:36:18 Rep. C. Hinkle
16:36:51 Marie Matthews, DPHHS
16:37:28 Rep. Gillette
16:38:27 Rep. Welch
16:39:15 Rep. Gillette
16:40:42 Marie Matthews, DPHHS
16:42:07 Rep. Kelker
16:43:23 Marie Matthews, DPHHS
16:43:55 Rep. Welch

Closing by Sponsor:

16:45:25 Rep. Welch

Committee Business:

16:45:29 Chair Lenz
16:47:48 Rep. Karjala
16:48:00 Chair Lenz
16:50:00 Rep. Carlson
16:50:18 Chair Lenz
16:50:38 Sue O'Connell, LSD
16:51:28 Chair Lenz
16:52:09 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway
16:53:03 Chair Lenz
16:53:09 Sue O'Connell, LSD
16:54:19 Chair Lenz
16:55:21 Rep. Welch
16:55:39 Chair Lenz

ADJOURNMENT

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16:55:50

Jasmine Hart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh04aad.pdf](#))