

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

**Call to Order:** Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on January 13, 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. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)  
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)  
Rep. Jane Gillette (R)  
Rep. Sharon Greef (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. Ed Hill (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

Jasmine Hart, Committee Secretary  
Stephan Licitra, Remote Meetings Coordinator  
Sue O'Connell, 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 37, 1/13/2021; HB 137, 1/13/2021

**HEARING ON HB 137****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:04:37 Rep. Ron Marshall (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 137, Generally revise vaping and alternative nicotine products laws.

**[EXHIBIT\(huh08a01\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:07:02 Deanna Marshall, Freedom Vapes LLC; MT State Firemen's Association (MSFA)

**[EXHIBIT\(huh08a02\)](#)**

15:14:42 Keith Bowman, Ecig Vapor Juice Store; MT State Firemen's Association (MSFA)

15:17:52 Tommie Dobbs, Liberty Vapor Smoke; MT State Firemen's Association (MSFA)

15:21:36 Rob Cracraft, Vaporology Vape Shop

15:21:58 Wesley Carroll, Vaporology Vape Shop

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:23:38 Dr. Lauren Wilson, American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

**[EXHIBIT\(huh08a03\)](#)**

15:26:50 Erin McGowan, Association of Montana Health Officials

15:27:40 Rep. Hill joined the meeting.

15:28:52 Nancy Crawford

**[EXHIBIT\(huh08a04\)](#)**

15:32:20 Chair Lenz

15:33:22 Dr. Heather Heggem, Medical Science Program at Rocky Mountain College

**[EXHIBIT\(huh08a05\)](#)**

15:35:25 Rep. Dunwell

15:36:10 Chair Lenz

15:36:35 Rep. Gillette

15:37:08 Rick Duncan, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)

15:39:55 Cynthia Stremba, Parents Against Vaping (PAV)

**[EXHIBIT\(huh08a06\)](#)**

15:42:34 Dr. Tanya Jagodzinski

**[EXHIBIT\(huh08a07\)](#)**

15:46:05 Eden Sowards, Tobacco Prevention Specialist at RiverStone Health

**[EXHIBIT\(huh08a08\)](#)**

15:47:49 John MacDonald, City of Missoula and City of Bozeman; Mt League of Cities and Towns

**[EXHIBIT\(huh08a09\)](#)**

15:50:32 Amanda Cahill, American Hearth Association (AHA)

**[EXHIBIT\(huh08a10\)](#)**

15:54:02 Vice Chair Karjala

15:54:21 Chair Lenz  
 15:54:58 Rep. Dunwell  
 15:56:59 Chair Lenz

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

15:57:36 Vice Chair Karjala  
 15:58:13 Chair Lenz  
 15:58:31 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
 15:58:54 Chair Lenz  
 15:59:14 Sue O'Connell, LSD  
 15:59:32 Rep. Carlson  
 16:03:38 Rep. Marshall  
 16:03:43 Rep. Stafman  
 16:05:08 Amanda Cahill, AHA  
 16:07:14 Rep. Stafman  
 16:07:23 Chair Lenz  
 16:07:30 Sue O'Connell, LSD  
 16:07:47 Chair Lenz  
 16:08:27 Rep. Stafman  
 16:08:51 Rep. Kelker  
 16:10:55 Erin McGowan, Association of Montana Health Officials (AMPHO)  
 16:11:33 Vice Chair Karjala  
 16:12:14 Kristin Page-Nei, Action Network

**EXHIBIT(huh08a11)**

16:15:40 Chair Lenz  
 16:16:22 Rep. Dunwell  
 16:17:23 Rick Duncan, SAM  
 16:20:15 Rep. Stafman  
 16:22:21 Erin McGowan, Association of Montana Health Officials  
 16:22:59 Rep. Greef  
 16:24:25 Dr. Tanya Jagodzinski  
 16:26:17 Rep. Carlson  
 16:26:49 Rep. Marshall  
 16:27:04 Rep. Gillette  
 16:29:50 Rep. Marshall  
 16:29:58 Rep. Tenenbaum  
 16:30:39 Dr. Lauren Wilson, AAP  
 16:31:25 Rep. C. Hinkle  
 16:32:48 Chair Lenz  
 16:32:59 Rep. Buckley  
 16:33:26 Amanda Cahill, AHA  
 16:34:12 Vice Chair Karjala  
 16:35:27 John MacDonald, City of Missoula and City of Bozeman; Mt League of Cities and Towns  
 16:37:00 Rep. Dunwell  
 16:37:38 Rex Koenig

**EXHIBIT(huh08a12)**

16:39:42 Rep. Dunwell  
16:40:12 Annie Tegen, Tobacco Free Kids  
[EXHIBIT\(huh08a13\)](#)

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:41:29 Rep. Marshall  
  
16:51:05 Chair Lenz  
16:51:49 Vice Chair Karjala  
16:52:25 Chair Lenz  
  
16:52:51 Brief Recess  
16:58:09 Reconvened

**HEARING ON HB 37**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:58:17 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 37, Clarify requirements for the Medicaid medically needy program.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

17:05:35 Joel Peden, Montana Association of Centers for Independent Living (MTCIL)  
17:15:49 Travis Hoffman, Summit Independent Living Center  
[EXHIBIT\(huh08a14\)](#)

17:19:37 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana  
[EXHIBIT\(huh08a15\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

17:21:25 Rep. Carlson  
17:22:04 Chair Lenz  
17:22:18 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana  
17:22:58 Sue O'Connell, LSD  
17:24:04 Rep. Carlson  
17:24:38 Joel Peden, MTCIL  
17:26:39 Vice Chair Karjala  
17:27:38 Joel Peden, MTCIL  
17:29:51 Rep. Kelker  
17:30:50 Chair Lenz

**Closing by Sponsor:**

17:31:25 Rep. Welch  
  
17:32:55 Chair Lenz  
17:33:54 Vice Chair Karjala  
17:34:08 Rep. Carlson

17:34:35 Chair Lenz

**ADJOURNMENT**

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17:35:51

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Jasmine Hart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([huh08aad.pdf](#))**