

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

**Call to Order:** Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on February 2, 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. Kim Abbott (D)  
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. 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:** None

**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:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 231, 2/2/2021

15:01:21 Vice Chair Karjala  
15:02:01 Chair Lenz

### **HEARING ON HB 231**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:02:22 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 231, Revise laws relating to certificate of need.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

15:04:13 Kendall Cotton, Frontier Institute (FI)  
15:07:05 John Sonju, Opportunity Solutions Project  
15:07:37 Henry Kriegel, Americans for Prosperity (AFP)

[EXHIBIT\(huh22a01\)](#)

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

15:09:38 Margaret Morgan, St. John's United

[EXHIBIT\(huh22a02\)](#)

15:10:53 David Trost, St. John's United

#### **Informational Testimony:**

15:15:25 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association (MHCA)  
15:16:57 Carter Anderson, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:17:27 Rep. Carlson  
15:17:57 Rep. M. Regier  
15:18:21 Rep. Kelker  
15:19:32 Kendall Cotton, FI  
15:20:14 Rep. Kelker  
15:20:34 Rep. M. Regier  
15:20:56 Rep. Gillette  
15:21:32 Rose Hughes, MHCA  
15:21:41 Rep. Tenenbaum  
15:22:02 Rep. Buttrey left the meeting.  
15:22:07 Kendall Cotton, FI  
15:23:40 Vice Chair Karjala  
15:24:33 David Trost, St. John's United  
15:28:57 Rep. Stafman  
15:29:31 Rose Hughes, MHCA  
15:34:28 Rep. Stafman  
15:36:55 Rep. M. Regier  
15:37:31 Rep. Carlson  
15:38:45 Rose Hughes, MHCA  
15:40:43 Rep. Kelker  
15:42:36 Rep. M. Regier  
15:43:13 Rep. Stafman  
15:45:06 Rep. M. Regier  
15:46:14 Rep. Gillette

15:47:11 Henry Kriegel, AFP  
15:48:34 Rep. Buckley  
15:48:46 Rep. C. Hinkle joined the meeting.  
15:49:01 Kendall Cotton, FI

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:50:40 Rep. M. Regier  
  
15:51:02 Chair Lenz

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment:  
15:51:24

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Jasmine Hart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([huh22aad.pdf](#))**