

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on February 3, 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. 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. Amy Regier (R)
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)
Rep. Mallerie Stromswold (R)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Edward Buttrey (R)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Danny Tenenbaum (D)

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 235, 2/3/2021

15:02:20 Rep. Tenenbaum joined the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 235

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:02:22 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 235, Create nutrition incentive program for SNAP participants.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:06:13 Elisha Buchholz, Montana Food Bank Network (MFBN)

EXHIBIT(huh23a01)

15:09:03 Rep. Stromswold left the meeting.

15:10:05 Ian Finch, Community Food and Agriculture Coalition (CFAC)

15:15:15 MaKenna Sellers, Northern Plains Resource Council (NPRC)

15:15:43 Rep. Kelker joined the meeting.

15:17:35 Rachel Prevost, Montana Farmers Union

15:17:56 Rep. Buttrey joined the meeting.

15:18:27 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

15:19:49 Laurie Little Dog, self

EXHIBIT(huh23a02)

15:21:48 Amanda Cahill, American Heart Association (AHA)

15:23:19 Rochelle Davies, Montana Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (MTAND)

15:26:47 Commissioner Josh Slotnick, Missoula County

EXHIBIT(huh23a03)

15:29:42 Susen-Marie Ladd, self

EXHIBIT(huh23a04)

15:33:12 Gretchen Boyer, Farm Hands - Nourish the Flathead

15:36:34 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

15:37:19 Sydney Barry, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

EXHIBIT(huh23a05)

15:38:07 Courtney Nucito, Butte Farmers' Market SNAP Dollar Coordinator

EXHIBIT(huh23a06)

15:39:47 Chelsea Cross, self

15:42:57 Mekenzye Senn-Cadottee, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:45:20 Rep. Welch

15:46:37 Gene Hermanson, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

15:47:15 Christy Clark, Montana Department of Agriculture (AGR)

15:47:44 Cindy Trimp, Montana Department of Agriculture (AGR)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:48:17 Rep. Carlson
15:50:34 Ian Finch, CFAC
15:51:12 Rep. Gillette
15:52:56 Ian Finch, CFAC
15:53:47 Rep. Buttrey
15:54:32 Christy Clark, AGR
15:54:49 Rep. Buttrey
15:55:52 Cindy Trimp, AGR
15:56:07 Rep. Buckley
15:57:51 Christy Clark, AGR
15:58:43 Rep. Kelker
16:01:23 Rep. Welch
16:01:47 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway
16:03:30 Rep. Welch
16:03:58 Rep. Dunwell
16:05:33 Ian Finch, CFAC
16:06:36 Rep. Carlson
16:12:00 Christy Clark, AGR
16:14:40 Rep. Hill
16:15:03 Christy Clark, AGR
16:16:08 Rep. Hill
16:16:28 Elisha Buchholz, MFBN
16:17:10 Rep. Gillette
16:19:22 Ian Finch, CFAC

Closing by Sponsor:

16:20:12 Rep. Welch

16:23:38 Chair Lenz
16:24:02 Rep. Buttrey
16:24:31 Chair Lenz
16:24:40 Rep. Welch
16:25:20 Chair Lenz

ADJOURNMENT

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16:25:30

Jasmine Hart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh23aad.pdf](#))