

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on February 8, 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. 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. Edward Buttrey (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 275, 2/8/2021; HB 299, 2/8/2021

15:01:31 Rep. Buttrey joined the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 299

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:01:44 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 299, Revise insurance requirements for diabetes self-management education.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:04:50 Riley Ford, self

15:07:36 Jennifer Hensley, PacificSource Health Plans

15:09:21 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

15:11:12 Marci Butcher, Montana Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists (ADCS)

[EXHIBIT\(huh26a01\)](#)

15:14:27 Walter Joyce, self

[EXHIBIT\(huh26a02\)](#)

15:16:42 Karen Fairbrother, self

[EXHIBIT\(huh26a03\)](#)

15:19:17 Lisa Raney, Billings Clinic

[EXHIBIT\(huh26a04\)](#)

15:22:44 Linda Beischel, self

[EXHIBIT\(huh26a05\)](#)

15:25:20 Richard Newby, self

[EXHIBIT\(huh26a06\)](#)

15:26:47 Gary Dorcheus, self

[EXHIBIT\(huh26a07\)](#)

15:30:48 Kathy Rux, self

15:33:30 Julie OConnor, self

[EXHIBIT\(huh26a08\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:28:39 Kali Wicks, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:35:31 Rep. Carlson

15:37:45 Rep. Dunwell

15:38:16 Lisa Raney, Billings Clinic

15:39:15 Rep. Carlson

15:40:24 Karen Fairbrother, self

15:43:03 Rep. Gillette

15:45:04 Kali Wicks, BCBSMT
 15:45:15 Chair Lenz
 15:48:26 Jennifer Hensley, PacificSource Health Plans
 15:50:21 Rep. Buckley
 15:51:12 Lisa Ranes, Billings Clinic

Closing by Sponsor:

15:51:34 Rep. Dunwell

 15:55:32 Rep. Gillette
 15:56:35 Chair Lenz

HEARING ON HB 275**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:57:46 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 81, opened the hearing on HB 275, Establish uses of medicaid waiver funds.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:01:30 Joel Peden, The Montana Association Centers for Independent Living (MTCIL)
 16:05:50 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana
 16:09:28 Adrienne Cotton, Montana Area Agencies on Aging (M4A); American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)
 16:12:16 Mitch Tropila, Easterseals-Goodwill Northern Rocky Mountain, Inc; Montana Association of Community Disability Services (MACDS)

Opponents' Testimony:

16:15:01 Marie Matthews, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

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

16:21:10 Rep. Kelker
 16:26:37 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana
 16:27:44 Rep. Gillette
 16:31:37 Marie Matthews, DPHHS
 16:32:10 Rep. Buttrey left the meeting.
 16:34:44 Rep. Carlson
 16:35:39 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana
 16:35:54 Vice Chair Karjala
 16:36:52 Rep. Caferro
 16:38:40 Rep. Dunwell
 16:39:11 Rep. Caferro
 16:40:59 Rep. Stafman
 16:41:41 Rep. Caferro
 16:43:26 Rep. Carlson
 16:49:51 Marie Matthews, DPHHS
 16:50:51 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway
 16:51:30 Marie Matthews, DPHHS
 16:52:12 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway

16:52:38 Rep. Caferro
16:54:02 Rep. Hill
16:54:23 Marie Matthews, DPHHS
16:55:01 Rep. Gillette
16:58:42 Marie Matthews, DPHHS
17:00:26 Rep. Hill
17:00:47 Rep. Caferro

Closing by Sponsor:

17:02:07 Rep. Caferro

17:08:25 Chair Lenz
17:08:53 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

ADJOURNMENT

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17:10:06

Jasmine Hart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh26aad.pdf](#))