

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL RELATIONS

Call to Order: Chair Derek Skees, on February 10, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Derek Skees, Chair (R)
Rep. Denise Hayman, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Katie Zolnikov, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Michele Binkley (R)
Rep. Larry Brewster (R)
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)
Rep. Neil Duram (R)
Rep. Joshua Kassmier (R)
Rep. Kelly Kortum (D)
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)
Rep. Bob Phalen (R)
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Brittany Bury, Committee Secretary
Trevor Graff, Legislative Branch
Taylor Eggebrecht, Remote Meeting 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 315, 2/4/2021

Committee Business:

15:00:57 Chair Skees
 15:02:41 Vice Chair Hayman
 15:02:46 Chair Skees

HEARING ON HB 315

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:04:03 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB 315, Implement 988 suicide prevention lifeline.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:07:20 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI)
 15:10:29 Jack Rinck, Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM)
 15:13:42 Rebecca Meyers, Montana Magistrates Association (MMA)
 15:15:54 Heather Zaluski, Shodair Hospital
 15:18:08 Nancy Yates, American Foundation of Suicide Prevention (AFSP)
 15:19:10 Jennifer Preble, American Foundation of Suicide Prevention (AFSP)
 15:21:49 Nancy Hobbins, Missoula City-County Health Department (MCCHD)
 15:24:06 Chris Lounsbury, Missoula County
 15:25:53 Tracy Rassley, self
 15:27:39 Mary Windecker, Behavioral Health Alliance (BHA)
 15:30:41 Joan Meyer Nye, American Foundation of Suicide Prevention (AFSP)
 15:34:56 Ann Truesdell, National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
 15:36:05 Linda Beischel, self
 15:38:10 Dorea Wilmoth, American Foundation of Suicide Prevention (AFSP)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:41:15 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers Association (MonTax)

[EXHIBIT\(feh28a01\)](#)

15:45:33 Margaret Morgan, T-Mobile

Informational Testimony:

15:48:16 Jeff Feiss, Montana Telecommunications Association (MTA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:49:20 Rep. Custer
 15:49:59 Rep. Dunwell
 15:52:22 Matt Kuntz, NAMI
 15:53:10 Vice Chair Hayman
 15:54:05 Jeff Feiss, MTA
 15:55:54 Rep. Brewster
 15:56:46 Matt Kuntz, NAMI
 15:57:43 Rep. Duram
 15:59:49 Matt Kuntz, NAMI
 16:00:32 Rep. Custer
 16:01:08 Bob Story, MonTax
 16:01:27 Jeff Feiss, MTA
 16:02:17 Rep. Olsen
 16:04:11 Jeff Feiss, MTA

16:04:58 Chair Skees
16:05:22 Rep. Dunwell
16:05:32 Chair Skees
16:09:31 Jennifer Preble, AFSP
16:10:17 Chair Skees
16:12:21 Matt Kuntz, NAMI
16:12:56 Chair Skees
16:13:11 Jennifer Preble, AFSP
16:13:52 Chair Skees
16:19:09 Rep. Dunwell

Closing by Sponsor:

16:19:22 Rep. Dunwell

16:20:57 Chair Skees

16:21:44 Recess
16:40:37 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 50

16:41:12 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **HB 50 DO PASS.**

16:41:23 Chair Skees
16:41:33 Trevor Graff, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
16:42:05 Chair Skees

16:42:10 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **HB 50 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(feh28a02)

16:42:27 Chair Skees
16:42:32 Trevor Graff, LSD
16:43:20 Chair Skees
16:43:24 Vice Chair Hayman
16:43:31 Chair Skees
16:43:54 Rep. Olsen
16:44:26 Rep. Custer
16:45:02 Chair Skees
16:45:14 Trevor Graff, LSD
16:46:08 Chair Skees
16:47:07 Trevor Graff, LSD
16:47:51 Chair Skees
16:51:38 Rep. Custer
16:52:52 Rep. Olsen
16:53:46 Chair Skees

16:54:16 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **HB 50 BE AMENDED**. Motion failed 6-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Binkley, Rep. Brewster, Rep. Duram, Rep. Phalen, Rep. Skees and Rep. Zolnikov voting aye.

16:54:55 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **HB 50 DO PASS**.

16:55:05 Rep. Duram

16:55:58 Chair Skees

16:56:09 Rep. Kortum

16:56:55 Chair Skees

16:57:19 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **HB 50 DO PASS**. Motion carried 10-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Phalen and Rep. Skees voting no.

16:58:08 Chair Skees

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 182

16:58:20 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **HB 182 DO PASS**.

16:58:35 Rep. Sullivan

16:58:44 Chair Skees

16:58:47 **Motion:** Rep. Sullivan moved that **HB 182 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(feh28a03\)](#)

16:58:57 Chair Skees

16:59:16 Trevor Graff, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

17:01:00 Rep. Sullivan

17:01:16 Chair Skees

17:01:56 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Hayman, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Sullivan voting aye.

17:02:40 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **HB 182 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

17:02:44 Chair Skees

17:03:01 Rep. Duram

17:03:15 Chair Skees

17:04:11 Rep. Custer

17:05:04 Vice Chair Hayman

17:05:51 Chair Skees

17:05:57 Rep. Brewster

17:06:35 Chair Skees

17:06:44 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **HB 182 DO PASS**. Motion failed 4-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Hayman, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Sullivan voting aye.

17:07:33 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 182 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 273

17:08:02 **Motion:** Rep. Zolnikov moved that **HB 273 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

17:08:18 Vice Chair Hayman
17:10:45 Rep. Olsen
17:12:05 Chair Skees
17:12:08 Vice Chair Zolnikov
17:12:53 Rep. Kortum
17:13:55 Rep. Duram
17:16:26 Chair Skees
17:19:06 Rep. Custer
17:21:25 Vice Chair Hayman
17:23:08 Chair Skees
17:23:47 Rep. Olsen
17:24:00 Chair Skees

17:24:44 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Hayman, Rep. Kortum, Rep. Olsen and Rep. Sullivan voting no.

17:25:24 Chair Skees
17:25:30 Rep. Olsen
17:27:01 Chair Skees
17:27:19 Rep. Olsen
17:28:25 Chair Skees
17:28:28 Rep. Kortum
17:31:28 Chair Skees
17:34:06 Rep. Duram
17:34:19 Chair Skees
17:34:45 Rep. Olsen
17:35:20 Chair Skees
17:35:33 Vice Chair Zolnikov
17:35:36 Chair Skees

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:35:40

Brittany Bury, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([feh28aad.pdf](#))