

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on February 11, 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. 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)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Jasmine Hart, Committee Secretary
Stephan Licitra, Remote Meetings Coordinator
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 39, 2/11/2021
Executive Action on: HB 37; HB 39, HB 275; HB 276; HB 299

HEARING ON HB 39**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:02:52 Rep. Dennis Lenz (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 39, Provide for continued interim review of child protective services matters.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:05:08 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA)
15:07:44 Beth McLaughlin, Montana Judicial Branch
15:12:26 Denise Johnson, Montana Child Protection Alliance (MCPA)
15:16:04 Beth Brennehan, Disability Rights Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

15:17:45 Marti Vining, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:18:14 Rep. Kelker
15:18:39 Rep. Lenz

Closing by Sponsor:

15:19:31 Rep. Lenz

15:21:59 Chair Lenz
15:23:29 Sue O'Connell
15:24:03 Chair Lenz
15:24:46 Rep. Dunwell

15:25:27 Brief Recess
15:52:43 Reconvened with Rep. Abbott present and Rep. Gillette not present.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 37

15:53:39 **Motion:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 37 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

15:53:48 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

15:54:18 **Motion:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 37 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(huh29a01)

15:55:01 Chair Lenz
15:55:25 Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Gillette voted by proxy.
15:56:05 **Motion:** Rep. Welch moved that **HB 37 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
15:56:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Gillette voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 39

15:57:31 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 39 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Gillette voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 275

15:58:14 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 275 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

15:58:29 Sue O'Connell, LSD

15:58:45 Chair Lenz

15:59:19 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley and Rep. Kelker voting no. Rep. Gillette voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 276

16:01:00 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 276 DO PASS**.
[EXHIBIT\(huh29a02\)](#)

16:01:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Gillette voted by proxy.

Discussion:

16:01:59 Sue O'Connell

16:02:34 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey made a substitute motion that **HB 276 BE AMENDED**.

Discussion:

16:02:59 Chair Lenz

16:03:08 Rep. Buttrey

16:03:12 Vice Chair Karjala

16:03:18 Chair Lenz

16:03:49 Sue O'Connell, LSD

16:04:16 Rep. Buttrey

16:04:22 Sue O'Connell, LSD

16:04:39 Chair Lenz

16:05:49 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Gillette voted by proxy.

16:06:15 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 276 DO PASS AS AMENDED**.

16:06:57 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Gillette, Rep. C. Hinkle and Rep. Sheldon-Galloway voting no. Rep. Gillette voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 299

16:08:02 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 299 DO PASS.**

16:08:16 **Motion:** Rep. Dunwell moved that **HB 299 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(huh29a03)

Discussion:

16:08:30 Rep. Dunwell

16:08:55 Rep. Buttrey left the meeting.

16:10:06 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Buttrey and Rep. Gillette voted by proxy.

16:10:28 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 299 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:10:40 Rep. Welch

16:10:49 Rep. Dunwell

16:11:55 Chair Lenz

16:12:00 Rep. Dunwell

16:13:24 Vice Chair Karjala

16:13:56 Chair Lenz

16:14:42 Rep. Kelker

16:15:06 Chair Lenz

16:15:16 Vice Chair Karjala

16:15:36 Chair Lenz

16:15:42 Rep. Carlson

16:16:04 Rep. Dunwell

16:17:49 Chair Lenz

16:18:11 Rep. Dunwell

16:18:29 Chair Lenz

16:18:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Buttrey and Rep. Gillette voted by proxy.

16:19:20 Chair Lenz

16:19:36 Rep. Carlson

16:20:26 Vice Chair Karjala

16:20:38 Chair Lenz

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:
16:21:00

Jasmine Hart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh29aad.pdf](#))