

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

**Call to Order:** Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on February 15, 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. 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)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R)  
Rep. Tom Welch (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 280, 2/15/2021; HB 341, 2/15/2021; HB 291, 2/15/2021

15:02:24 Chair Lenz

### **HEARING ON HB 291**

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

15:03:06 Rep. Moffie Funk (D), HD 82, opened the hearing on HB 291, Requiring coverage of amplification devices, services for kids with hearing loss.

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

15:06:17 Nicole Thuotte, self

**[EXHIBIT\(huh31a01\)](#)**

15:13:48 Brad Griffin, self

15:13:59 Rep. Carlson joined the meeting.

15:14:41 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Speech-Language-Hearing Association

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

15:16:19 Linda Rost, self

**[EXHIBIT\(huh31a02\)](#)**

15:18:34 Cecily Whitworth, self

**[EXHIBIT\(huh31a03\)](#)**

15:21:02 Pam and Caden Shrauger, self

**[EXHIBIT\(huh31a04\)](#)**

15:26:16 Kiera Kirschner, self

15:29:11 Anna Haslund with Stella Woodrum as Interpreter, self

**[EXHIBIT\(huh31a05\)](#)**

15:32:43 Moriah Cochran, self

**[EXHIBIT\(huh31a06\)](#)**

15:36:41 Kayla Lee, self

**[EXHIBIT\(huh31a07\)](#)**

15:38:43 Rep. Welch joined the meeting.

15:38:51 Georg Kirschner, self

**[EXHIBIT\(huh31a08\)](#)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

#### **Informational Testimony:**

15:41:29 Jennifer Hensley, PacificSource Health Plans

15:42:04 Kali Wicks, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT)

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

15:42:34 Rep. Kelker

15:44:03 Jennifer Hensley, PacificSource Health Plans

15:45:16 Rep. Kelker

15:45:47 Kali Wicks, BCBSMT

15:46:15 Rep. Gillette  
15:50:33 Kali Wicks, BCBSMT  
15:51:08 Rep. Kelker  
15:52:32 Rep. Gillette  
15:53:10 Rep. Abbott  
15:53:24 Jennifer Hensley, PacificSource Health Plans  
15:55:14 Rep. Kelker  
15:55:47 Jennifer Hensley, PacificSource Health Plans  
15:56:07 Rep. Hill  
15:56:45 Chair Lenz

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:57:07 Rep. Funk

**HEARING ON HB 280**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:58:51 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 280, Repeal authorization for senior citizen legislature.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:02:05 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway  
16:02:33 Rep. M. Regier  
16:02:40 Rep. Gillette  
16:02:47 Rep. M. Regier  
16:03:09 Vice Chair Karjala  
16:03:38 Rep. M. Regier

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:04:13 Rep. M. Regier

**HEARING ON HB 341**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:04:32 Rep. Matt Regier (R), HD 4, opened the hearing on HB 341, Require that medicaid appropriations be used only for medicaid expenditures.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:08:37 Rep. Gillette  
16:10:51 Rep. M. Regier  
16:11:44 Rep. Kelker  
16:13:51 Rep. M. Regier  
16:14:12 Vice Chair Karjala  
16:16:56 Rep. M. Regier  
16:17:13 Rep. Buttrey  
16:18:07 Rep. M. Regier  
16:18:59 Rep. Greef left the meeting.  
16:19:09 Rep. Buttrey  
16:19:39 Chair Lenz  
16:20:28 Rep. M. Regier

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:21:02 Rep. M. Regier  
  
16:22:29 Chair Lenz  
16:24:14 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway  
16:24:34 Chair Lenz

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment:  
16:24:42

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Jasmine Hart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([huh31aad.pdf](#))**