

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on February 17, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

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. Jennifer Carlson (R)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)
Rep. Jane Gillette (R)
Rep. Sharon Greef (R)
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Amy Regier (R)
Rep. Mallerie Stromswold (R)
Rep. Danny Tenenbaum (D)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Dennis R. Lenz, Chair (R)
Rep. Ed Hill (R)
Rep. Ed Stafman (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 328, 2/17/2021; HB 356, 2/17/2021

HEARING ON HB 328**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:04:15 Rep. Connie Keogh (D), HD 91, opened the hearing on HB 328, Provide guidelines for assessing language development in deaf children.

15:04:38 Chair Lenz joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:11:00 Beth Brennneman, Disability Rights Montana

15:12:24 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Speech-Language-Hearing Association (MSHA)

15:13:54 Cecily Whitworth, self

[EXHIBIT\(huh33a01\)](#)

15:25:56 Kiera Kirschner, self

[EXHIBIT\(huh33a02\)](#)

15:28:21 Jonathan Martin, self

15:29:24 Katelyn Opp, Montana Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (MRID)

15:32:18 President Cam Tulloch, Montana Association of the Deaf (MAD)

[EXHIBIT\(huh33a03\)](#)

15:35:40 Rita Brandborg, self

[EXHIBIT\(huh33a04\)](#)

15:38:15 Kevin Houck, self

[EXHIBIT\(huh33a05\)](#)

15:39:42 Robert Ellesch, self

[EXHIBIT\(huh33a06\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:44:42 Jamie Palagi, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

[EXHIBIT\(huh33a07\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:45:25 Rep. Kelker

15:51:16 Jamie Palagi, DPHHS

15:51:41 Rep. Carlson

15:55:38 Rep. Welch left the meeting.

15:56:33 Cecily Whitworth, self

15:57:58 Rep. Gillette

16:00:02 Jamie Palagi, DPHHS

16:01:14 Rep. Dunwell

16:02:18 Cecily Whitworth, self

16:05:44 Rep. Tenenbaum
16:06:14 Jamie Palagi, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

16:07:11 Rep. Keogh

16:08:00 Rep. Hill joined the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 356

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:13:24 Rep. Dennis Lenz (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 356, Prohibit anonymous reporting of child abuse and neglect cases.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:16:36 Matt Furlong, Montana Child Protection Alliance (MCPA)

[EXHIBIT\(huh33a08\)](#)

16:19:51 Denise Johnson, Montana Child Protection Alliance (MCPA)

16:24:15 Cindi Hamilton, self

16:26:27 Rep. Buttrey

16:27:20 Cathy Eakin, self

16:31:23 Valissa Thom, Montana Child Protection Alliance (MCPA)

[EXHIBIT\(huh33a09\)](#)

16:35:11 Robert Leach, self

16:37:30 Alyssa Landsverk, self

[EXHIBIT\(huh33a10\)](#)

16:40:04 Kelly Santiago, self

Opponents' Testimony:

16:45:27 Sheriff Jesse Slaughter, Cascade County; Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

[EXHIBIT\(huh33a11\)](#)

16:48:28 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

16:52:52 Sarah Piper, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

16:53:58 Rep. Stafman joined the meeting.

16:54:00 Rep. A. Regier left the meeting.

16:54:15 Marti Vining, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

16:58:55 Kelsie Harwood, Blaine County Attorney's Office

17:01:41 Marty Lambert, Gallatin County Attorney's Office

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

17:04:24 Rep. Greef

17:05:55 Denise Johnson, MCPA

EXHIBIT(huh33a12)

17:08:29 Rep. Carlson
17:08:58 Kelly Santiago, self
17:09:45 Rep. Gillette
17:12:53 Kelsie Harwood, Blaine County Attorney's Office
17:14:02 Rep. Tenenbaum
17:15:01 Marti Vining, DPHHS
17:15:22 Rep. Carlson
17:15:46 Kelly Santiago, self

Closing by Sponsor:

17:16:58 Rep. Lenz

17:20:39 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway
17:20:45 Chair Lenz
17:22:46 Rep. Stafman
17:22:59 Chair Lenz
17:24:58 Rep. Buttrey
17:25:10 Chair Lenz
17:25:19 Rep. Kelker
17:25:48 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
17:26:19 Chair Lenz
17:26:23 Rep. Kelker
17:26:37 Chair Lenz
17:27:16 Sue O'Connell, LSD

17:27:31 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **A COMMITTEE BILL DRAFT THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT WOULD PROVIDE REGULAR REPORTS ON THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH WHO ARE IN TREATMENT OUTSIDE OF THE STATE TO THE CHILD AND FAMILIES INTERIM COMMITTEE BE AUTHORIZED TO MOVE FORWARD.**

17:27:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:28:00 Rep. Hill
17:28:41 Chair Lenz

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:
17:29:11

Jasmine Hart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh33aad.pdf](#))