

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on February 18, 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. Alice Buckley (D)
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. Lola Sheldon-Galloway, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Edward Buttrey (R)
Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R)

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 339, 2/18/2021
Executive Action: HB 231; HB 235; HB 274; HB 280; HB 307; HB 341; HR 1

HEARING ON HB 339**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

- 15:12:13 Rep. Frank Fleming (R), HD 51, opened the hearing on HB 339, Require child support cooperation for food stamp eligibility.
- 15:12:22 Rep. Carlson joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

- 15:14:10 Scott Centorino, Opportunity Solutions Project
- 15:15:39 Rep. Buttrey joined the meeting.

Opponents' Testimony:

- 15:20:35 S. J. Howell, Montana Women Vote
- 15:24:06 Sean Slanger, Missoula Food Bank
- 15:26:33 Lorianne Burhop, Montana Food Bank Network
- 15:30:14 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violation (MCADSV)
- 15:32:48 Jessica Harding, self
- 15:36:23 Breanna Belgarde, Community Support Center (CSC)

EXHIBIT(huh34a01)

- 15:39:57 Jamie Quinn, Flathead Food Bank
- 15:42:54 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway joined the meeting.
- 15:42:59 Ann Truesdell, National Association of Social Workers (Montana NASW)
- 15:44:16 Lauren Wilson, American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

EXHIBIT(huh34a02)

- 15:46:29 Gayle Espeseth, Montana Association of WIC Agencies (MAWA)

EXHIBIT(huh34a03)

- 15:49:22 Danielle Vazquez, self

EXHIBIT(huh34a04)

- 15:50:38 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget and Policy Center (MBPC)

Informational Testimony:

- 15:56:46 Erica Johnston, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

- 15:53:29 Rep. Kelker
- 15:55:15 Lorianne Burhop, Montana Food Bank Network
- 15:55:47 Rep. Buckley
- 15:56:09 Rep. Fleming
- 15:57:07 Rep. Gillette

EXHIBIT(huh34a05)

- 15:58:35 S. J. Howell, Montana Women Vote

16:00:23 Vice Chair Karjala
16:01:45 S. J. Howell, Montana Women Vote
16:03:16 Rep. Carlson
16:03:55 S. J. Howell, Montana Women Vote
16:04:17 Rep. Carlson
16:05:32 Scott Centorino, Opportunity Solutions Project
16:05:57 Rep. Dunwell
16:06:29 Kelsen Young, MCADSV
16:09:28 Rep. Abbott
16:09:48 Lorianne Burhop, Montana Food Bank Network
16:10:39 Rep. Carlson
16:11:35 Scott Centorino, Opportunity Solutions Project
16:14:18 Rep. Carlson
16:17:32 Erica Johnston, DPHHS
16:18:22 Rep. Hill
16:20:01 Lorianne Burhop, Montana Food Bank Network
16:21:02 Rep. Gillette
16:22:56 Erica Johnston, DPHHS
16:23:24 Rep. Kelker
16:24:38 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

Closing by Sponsor:

16:25:00 Rep. Fleming

16:27:02 Brief Recess

16:55:04 Reconvened

16:55:07 Chair Lenz

16:56:44 Rep. Kelker

EXHIBIT(huh34a06)

16:58:00 Rep. Buttrey

16:58:26 Chair Lenz

16:58:52 Rep. Carlson

16:59:17 Sue O'Connell, LSD

17:00:00 Rep. Kelker

17:00:09 Chair Lenz

17:00:17 Rep. Dunwell

17:03:01 Sue O'Connell, LSD

17:03:29 Rep. Buttrey

17:04:52 Chair Lenz

17:05:10 Rep. Carlson

17:05:24 Chair Lenz

17:05:41 Sue O'Connell, LSD

17:05:45 Rep. C. Hinkle left the meeting.

17:05:58 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey move that **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 APPROVED FOR EDITING.**

17:06:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. C. Hinkle voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HR 1

17:07:18 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HR 1 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**

17:07:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Lenz, Rep. A. Regier and Rep. Sheldon-Galloway voting no. Rep. C. Hinkle was excused.

17:09:14 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey move that **AMENDMENT # HR1.1.1 BE REMOVED FROM HR 1.**

[EXHIBIT\(huh34a07\)](#)

Discussion:

17:09:35 Sue O'Connell, LSD
17:09:42 Chair Lenz
17:10:46 Rep. C. Hinkle joined the meeting.
17:10:43 Vice Chair Karjala
17:10:56 Rep. Stafman
17:11:02 Chair Lenz
17:12:24 Rep. Buttrey

17:13:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:13:39 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HR 1 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

17:13:50 Rep. Buttrey
17:14:28 Chair Lenz

17:15:52 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:16:36 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HR 1 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

17:16:56 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Lenz and Rep. Sheldon-Galloway voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 231

17:18:31 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 231 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:18:49 Rep. Kelker
17:18:52 Rep. A. Regier left the meeting.
17:20:31 Chair Lenz

17:21:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kelker, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Tenenbaum and Rep. Welch voting no. Rep. A. Regier voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 235

17:22:22 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 235 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:22:34 Rep. Welch

17:23:08 **Motion:** Rep. Welch move that **HB 235 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(huh34a08)

Discussion:

17:23:42 Rep. Welch

17:24:30 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. A. Regier voted by proxy.

17:24:52 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 235 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

17:25:08 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Carlson, Rep. C. Hinkle, Rep. Lenz, Rep. A. Regier and Rep. Stromswold voting no. Rep. A. Regier voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 274

17:26:41 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 274 DO PASS.**

17:27:08 Chair Lenz
17:27:15 Sue O'Connell, LSD

17:28:05 **Motion:** Rep. Carlson move that **HB 274 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(huh34a09)

Discussion:

17:28:21 Rep. Carlson
17:29:44 Rep. Kelker
17:29:55 Rep. Karjala

17:30:22 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. A. Regier voted by proxy.

17:30:46 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 274 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

17:31:04 Chair Lenz

17:31:45 Rep. Gillette

17:32:27 Rep. Kelker

17:33:29 Rep. Carlson

17:34:39 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Frazer, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kelker, Rep. Stafman and Rep. Tenenbaum voting aye. Rep. A. Regier voted by proxy.

17:36:14 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 274 BE TABLED** without objection.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 280

17:36:27 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 280 DO PASS.**

17:36:52 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Rep. Dunwell voting no. Rep. A. Regier voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 307

17:37:32 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 307 DO PASS.**

17:37:46 **Motion:** Rep. Gillette moved that **HB 307 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(huh34a10\)](#)

Discussion:

17:37:59 Rep. Gillette

17:38:47 Chair Lenz

17:39:02 Rep. Gillette

17:39:26 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. A. Regier voted by proxy.

17:39:53 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 307 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

17:40:06 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. A. Regier voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 341

17:40:35 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 341 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:40:48 Rep. Kelker

17:41:51 Rep. Gillette

17:42:09 Rep. Kelker
17:43:20 Rep. Buttrey
17:44:18 Rep. Kelker
17:45:26 Chair Lenz
17:46:02 Rep. Gillette

17:46:27 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Greef, Rep. Kelker, Rep. Stafman and Rep. Tenenbaum voting no. Rep. A. Regier voted by proxy.

17:47:41 Chair Lenz

ADJOURNMENT

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17:49:20

Jasmine Hart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh34aad.pdf](#))