

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

**Call to Order:** Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on February 22, 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. Kathy Kelker (D)  
Rep. Amy Regier (R)  
Rep. Mallerie Stromswold (R)  
Rep. Danny Tenenbaum (D)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (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 155, 2/22/2021; HB 400, 2/22/2021  
Executive Action on: HB 57; HB 90; HB 250; HB 291; HB 328; HB 334; HB 344

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 57**

- 15:14:51 Chair Lenz  
15:15:01 Rep. Stafman joined the meeting.
- 15:15:05 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 57 BE REMOVED FROM TABLE.**
- 15:15:33 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-0 by voice vote. Rep. Abbott and Rep. C. Hinkle were excused.

**HEARING ON HB 155****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

- 15:16:48 Rep. Dennis Lenz (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 155, Revise laws related to reimbursement for certain Medicaid services.
- 15:19:35 Rep. C. Hinkle joined the meeting.  
15:20:00 Rep. Abbott joined the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

- 15:22:50 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association (MHCA)  
[EXHIBIT\(huh37a01\)](#)
- 15:28:10 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

**Opponents' Testimony:** None**Informational Testimony:** None**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

- 15:31:08 Vice Chair Karjala  
15:31:49 Rep. Lenz  
15:32:28 Rose Hughes, MHCA  
15:32:40 Vice Chair Karjala  
15:33:10 Rose Hughes, MHCA  
15:34:11 Rep. Gillette  
15:35:04 Rep. Lenz  
15:37:48 Rose Hughes, MHCA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

- 15:38:22 Rep. Lenz

**HEARING ON HB 400****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

- 15:40:57 Rep. Terry Moore (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 400, Generally revise laws related to physician assistants.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:44:45 Dewey Hahlbohm, Montana Academy of Physician Assistants (MTAPA)

[EXHIBIT\(huh37a02\)](#)

15:48:15 Megan Zawacki, Montana Academy of Physician Assistants (MTAPA)

[EXHIBIT\(huh37a03\)](#)

15:52:54 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Academy of Physician Assistants (MTAPA)

[EXHIBIT\(huh37a04\)](#)

15:57:55 Kathleen Wilson, Physicians Assistant

**Opponents' Testimony:**

16:03:19 Kiely Keane, Physicians Assistant

16:06:48 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

[EXHIBIT\(huh37a05\)](#)

16:14:13 Dr. Nicole Clark, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

16:17:09 Heather O'Hara, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

16:18:55 Dr. William Gallea, Montana Medical Association (MHA)

16:22:56 Mike Nielsen, Billings Clinic

[EXHIBIT\(huh37a06\)](#)

16:26:12 Megan Vigil, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

[EXHIBIT\(huh37a07\)](#)

16:27:28 Douglas Muir, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

16:29:31 Vicky Byrd, Montana Nurses Association (MNA)

16:30:03 Dr. Pam Cutler, Western Montana Clinic; Montana Medical Association (MMA)

**Informational Testimony:**

16:30:33 Darci Wiebe, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:31:00 Rep. Gillette

16:32:04 Kathleen Wilson, Physicians Assistant

16:32:50 Abigail St. Lawrence, MTAPA

16:34:32 Rep. Gillette

16:37:12 Jean Branscum, MMA

16:38:38 Rep. Dunwell

16:39:43 Dr. William Gallea, MHA

16:42:15 Vice Chair Karjala

16:43:14 Jean Branscum, MMA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:46:05 Rep. Moore

16:51:08 Brief Recess

17:30:13 Reconvened without Rep. Kelker, Rep. Stromswold, and Rep. A. Regier present.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 57**

17:30:47 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 57 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

17:31:02 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

17:31:33 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 57 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(huh37a08)**

**Discussion:**

17:31:47 Chair Lenz  
17:33:24 Vice Chair Karjala  
17:33:30 Chair Lenz

17:33:48 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Kelker, Rep. A. Regier and Rep. Stromswold voted by proxy.

**Discussion:**

17:35:28 Rep. Tenenbaum  
17:35:40 Chair Lenz  
17:35:46 Rep. Tenenbaum  
17:36:01 Sue O'Connell, LSD  
17:36:14 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway  
17:36:20 Sue O'Connell, LSD  
17:38:05 Chair Lenz  
17:38:22 Vice Chair Karjala  
17:38:30 Chair Lenz

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 90**

17:38:55 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 90 DO PASS.**

17:39:12 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 90 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(huh37a09)**

**Discussion:**

17:39:31 Chair Lenz  
17:41:30 Rep. Dunwell  
17:41:45 Chair Lenz  
17:42:43 Rep. Tenenbaum  
17:43:36 Chair Lenz

17:44:16 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-1 by roll call vote with Rep. Dunwell voting no. Rep. Kelker, Rep. A. Regier and Rep. Stromswold voted by proxy.

17:45:53 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 90 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

17:46:09 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Kelker, Rep. A. Regier and Rep. Stromswold voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 57**

17:47:42 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 57 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

17:47:51 **Motion:** Rep. Tenenbaum moved that **HB 57 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(huh37a10)**

**Discussion:**

17:48:03 Rep. Tenenbaum

17:49:44 Chair Lenz

17:50:16 Rep. Buttrey

17:50:26 Chair Lenz

17:51:10 Rep. Gillette

17:51:20 Chair Lenz

17:51:36 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Carlson, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Hill, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kelker, Rep. Stafman and Rep. Tenenbaum voting aye. Rep. Kelker, Rep. A. Regier and Rep. Stromswold voted by proxy.

17:53:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. Kelker, Rep. A. Regier and Rep. Stromswold voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 250**

17:53:59 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 250 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

17:54:12 Chair Lenz

17:55:55 **Motion:** Rep. Karjala moved that **HB 57 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(huh37a11)**

17:56:09 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Carlson, Rep. Gillette, Rep. C. Hinkle, Rep. Lenz, Rep. A. Regier, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway and Rep. Welch voting no. Rep. Kelker, Rep. A. Regier and Rep. Stromswold voted by proxy.

17:57:26 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 57 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

17:57:39 Rep. Hill

17:57:53 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Stafman made a substitute motion that **HB 250 BE TABLED.**

17:58:03 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Frazer, Rep. Kelker and Rep. Tenenbaum voting no. Rep. Kelker, Rep. A. Regier and Rep. Stromswold voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 291**

17:59:42 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 291 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

18:00:06 Rep. Buckley

18:00:37 Rep. Carlson

18:01:02 Rep. Hill

18:01:32 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Kelker, Rep. A. Regier and Rep. Stromswold voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 328**

18:02:09 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 328 DO PASS.**

18:02:22 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 328 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(huh37a12\)](#)

**Discussion:**

18:02:44 Rep. Buttrey

18:03:10 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Kelker, Rep. A. Regier and Rep. Stromswold voted by proxy.

18:03:47 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 328 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

18:04:03 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Gillette and Rep. Lenz voting no. Rep. Kelker, Rep. A. Regier and Rep. Stromswold voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 334**

18:05:15 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 334 DO PASS.**

18:05:26 **Motion:** Rep. Carlson moved that **HB 334 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(huh37a13\)](#)

**Discussion:**

18:05:35 Rep. Carlson

18:06:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Kelker, Rep. A. Regier and Rep. Stromswold voted by proxy.

18:06:50 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 334 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

18:07:37 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kelker, Rep. Stafman and Rep. Tenenbaum voting no. Rep. Kelker, Rep. A. Regier and Rep. Stromswold voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 344**

18:08:52 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 344 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

18:09:08 Rep. Gillette  
18:10:09 Rep. Carlson  
18:11:27 Chair Lenz  
18:11:54 Rep. Stafman  
18:13:04 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway  
18:15:20 Vice Chair Karjala  
18:16:08 Rep. Dunwell  
18:16:58 Rep. Hill  
18:17:28 Rep. Gillette

18:18:02 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Carlson, Rep. Gillette, Rep. Greef, Rep. Hill, Rep. C. Hinkle, Rep. Lenz, Rep. A. Regier and Rep. Sheldon-Galloway voting aye. Rep. Kelker, Rep. A. Regier and Rep. Stromswold voted by proxy.

18:19:15 **Motion:** Without objection Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 344 BE TABLED.**

18:19:26 Chair Lenz  
18:20:22 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway  
18:20:43 Chair Lenz

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment:  
18:21:19

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Jasmine Hart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([huh37aad.pdf](#))