

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Matt Regier, on February 22, 2021 at 11:00 A.M., in Room 102
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Matt Regier, Chair (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Frank Garner (R)
Sen. Carl Glimm (R)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)
Rep. Terry Moore (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Brooke Sangray, Committee Secretary
Josh Poulette, Legislative Branch
Ariel Hammerquist, Legislative Branch
Jon Arnold, 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: Executive Action on HB 2.

11:07:54 Chair Regier
11:11:35 Josh Poulette, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

[EXHIBIT\(jhh37a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(jhh37a02\)](#)

11:14:13 Chair Regier
11:14:49 Gene Hermanson, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
11:15:09 Sen. Glimm
11:17:14 Gene Hermanson, DPHHS
11:17:34 Marie Matthews, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
11:18:20 Rep. Caferro
11:19:12 Chair Regier
11:20:07 Sen. Glimm
11:20:43 Josh Poulette, LFD
11:21:41 Sen. Glimm
11:23:04 Erica Johnston, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

11:24:32 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved to **ADJUST MEDICALLY NEEDY TO A GENERAL FUND AMOUNT OF \$500,000 OVER THE BIENNIUM.**

Discussion:

11:26:31 Rep. Garner
11:26:45 Vice Chair Keenan
11:27:19 Chair Keenan
11:27:23 Rep. Caferro
11:28:03 Chair Regier

11:28:11 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Caferro made a substitute motion to **ADJUST THE MEDICALLY NEEDY AS A 1 MILLION DOLLAR APPROPRIATION IN GENERAL FUND WITH MATCHING FEDERAL FUNDS OF 1,863,278.**

Discussion:

11:28:26 Rep. Moore
11:28:47 Chair Regier
11:28:50 Josh Poulette, LFD
11:29:36 Rep. Caferro

11:29:57 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. McNally voted by proxy.

11:30:24 Chair Regier
11:30:44 Josh Poulette, LFD
11:33:07 Jon Arnold, LFD

[EXHIBIT\(jhh37a03\)](#)

11:33:34 Chair Regier
11:37:42 Josh Poulette, LFD
11:38:27 Sen. McNally joined the meeting
11:39:17 Chair Regier
11:40:01 Rep. Caferro

11:40:15 Josh Poulette, LFD
11:41:37 Chair Regier
11:42:14 Vice Chair Keenan
11:42:56 Josh Poulette, LFD
11:43:15 Vice Chair Keenan
11:43:26 Chair Regier

11:43:37 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved that **ROW 7 APPLY TO LINE ITEM: OFFICES OF PUBLIC ASSISTANCE; ROW 17 APPLY TO LINE ITEM: DSD TRADITIONAL MEDICAID BENEFITS; ROW 18 TO LINE ITEM: AMDD TRADITIONAL MEDICAID BENEFITS; ZERO OUT STATE SPECIAL IN ROW 63 (HEART ACT FUNDING); ROW 60 APPLY TO DIVISION: 10; AND, ROW 61 APPLY TO DIVISION:11.**

11:44:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:44:19 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved that **CHANGE PACKAGE 11791 DO PASS.**

11:45:04 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:45:09 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved that **PRESENT LAW 16222 CHANGE TO NEW PROPOSAL 16222, AND PRESENT LAW 11790 CHANGE TO NEW PROPOSAL 11790.**

Discussion:

11:45:33 Rep. Caferro
11:45:48 Josh Poulette, LFD

11:46:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:46:42 Vice Chair Keenan
11:46:55 Chair Regier
11:47:28 Jon Arnold, LFD

11:48:31 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved that **REMOVE ROW 97.**

Discussion:

11:48:46 Jon Arnold, LFD
11:48:59 Without objection, Sen. Keenan withdrew the **DO PASS** motion.

11:49:08 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved that **LINE ITEM BE REMOVED FROM ROW 97. .**

11:49:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:49:31 Vice Chair Keenan
11:49:35 Chair Regier

11:49:46 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved that **THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE BE RECOMMENDED FOR HB 2: "THE DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT & TRANSITIONS DIVISION IS APPROPRIATED \$775,000 OF THE STATE SPECIAL REVENUE FROM THE MONTANA TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACCESS PROGRAM (MTAP) DURING EACH YEAR OF THE 2023 BIENNIUM TO COVER A CONTINGENT FCC MANDATE, WHICH WOULD REQUIRE STATES TO PROVIDE BOTH VIDEO AND INTERNET PROTOCOL RELAY SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH SEVERE HEARING, MOBILITY OR SPEECH IMPAIRMENTS."**

"THE OPERATING AND MAINTENANCE REQUIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH 17-7-210 FOR THE COMMODITIES WAREHOUSE EXPANSION HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN THE GENERAL SERVICES RENTAL RATE IN HTE BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES DIVISION."

"DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AND TRANSITION DIVISION, HUMAN AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION, CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION, DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION, BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES DIVISION, PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY DIVISION, QUALITY ASSURANCE DIVISION, TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DIVISION, DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES DIVISION, HEALTH RESOURCES DIVISION, MEDICAID AND HEATH RESOURCES DIVISION, OPERATIONS SERVICES DIVISION, SENIOR AND LONG TERM CARE DIVISION, EARLY CHILDHOOD AND FAMILY SUPPORT DIVISION, ADDICTIVE AND MENTAL DISORDERS DIVISION INCLUDES A ONE-TIME-ONLY REDUCTION IN FY 2022 FOR A TWO-MONTH SUSPENSION OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STATE GROUP BENEFIT PLAN. THE REDUCTION IS CONTINGENT ON THE PASSAGE AND APPROVAL OF SENATE BILL 110."

11:50:06 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:50:11 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved that **THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE BE RECOMMENDED FOR HB 2: "THE DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES DIVISION MAY ONLY TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING LINE ITEMS: DSD TRADITIONAL MEDICAID BENEFITS, DSD MEDICAID WAIVER BENEFITS, DSD CSCT FEDERAL FUNDS, AND DSD CSCT STATE FUNDS. THE DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES DIVISION MAY NOT TRANSFER ANY MEDICAID APPROPRIATIONS OUTSIDE OF THE DIVISION. IF HOUSE BILL NO. 341 IS PASSED AND APPROVED THE RESTRICTION IN THIS PARAGRAPH IS VOID."**

"THE HEALTH RESOURCES DIVISION MAY ONLY TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING LINE ITEMS: HRD TRADITIONAL MEDICAID BENEFITS, HRD TRADITIONAL MEDICAID HUF PAYMENTS, HRD MEDICAID EXPANSION BENEFITS, HRD MEDICAID EXPANSION HUF PAYMENTS, AND HRD CHIP BENEFITS, THE HEALTH

RESOURCES DIVISION MAY NOT TRANSFER ANY MEDICAID APPROPRIATIONS OUTSIDE OF THE DIVISION. IF HOUSE BILL NO. 341 IS PASSED AND APPROVED THE RESTRICTION IN THIS PARAGRAPH IS VOID."

"THE SENIOR AND LONG-TERM CARE DIVISION MAY ONLY TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING LINE ITEMS: SLTC TRADITIONAL MEDICAID BENEFITS, SLTC MEDICAID WAIVER BENEFITS, AND SLTC MEDICAID EXPANSION BENEFITS. THE SENIOR AND LONG-TERM CARE DIVISION MAY NOT TRANSFER ANY MEDICAID APPROPRIATIONS OUTSIDE OF THE DIVISION. IF HOUSE BILL NO. 341 IS PASSED AND APPROVED THE RESTRICTION IN THE PARAGRAPH IS VOID."

"THE ADDICTIVE AND MENTAL DISORDERS DIVISION MAY ONLY TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING LINE ITEMS: AMDD TRADITIONAL MEDICAID BENEFITS, AMDD MEDICAID WAIVER BENEFITS AND AMDD MEDICAID EXPANSION BENEFITS. THE ADDICTIVE AND MENTAL DISORDERS DIVISION MAY NOT TRANSFER ANY MEDICAID APPROPRIATIONS OUTSIDE OF THE DIVISION. IF HOUSE BILL NO. 341 IS PASSED AND APPROVED THE RESTRICTION IN THIS PARAGRAPH IS VOID."

Discussion:

11:50:37 Chair Regier

11:51:33 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-1 by voice vote with Rep. Caferro voting no.

11:51:45 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved that **THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE BE RECOMMENDED FOR HB 2: "THE BUDGET FOR THE CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES DIVISION IS RESTRICTED TO USE IN THAT DIVISION."**

11:52:09 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:52:17 **Motion:** Sen. Keenan moved that **THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE BE RECOMMENDED FOR HB 2: "IF [LC X] IS NOT PASSED AND APPROVED, THE APPROPRIATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES DIVISION IN HB 2 IS INCREASED BY \$1,188,629 GENERAL FUND IN FY 2022."**

Discussion:

11:52:57 Chair Regier

11:53:46 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:53:58 Chair Regier

11:54:10 **Motion:** Rep. Caferro moved that **THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE BE RECOMMENDED FOR INCLUSION IN LC 2554: "APPROPRIATING \$20 MILLION OF THE EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE FROM CARES II TO DPHHS."**

"PROVIDING OBPP WITH THE FLEXIBILITY AND AUTHORITY TO COORDINATE AND MOVE THE APPROPRIATION AUTHORITY BETWEEN DPHHS, COMMERCE, & CORRECTIONS TO MAXIMIZE THE USE OF THESE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSES AUTHORIZED IN FEDERAL LAW."

[EXHIBIT\(jhh37a04\)](#)

Discussion:

11:54:38 Chair Regier
11:55:06 Rep. Moore
11:55:33 Rep. Caferro
11:57:01 Sen. Glimm
11:57:41 Rep. Caferro
11:59:56 Vice Chair Keenan
12:00:34 Chair Regier
12:00:56 Josh Poulette, LFD
12:01:05 Chair Regier

12:01:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

12:01:32 Rep. Caferro
12:02:31 Chair Regier
12:02:38 Sen. McNally
12:03:10 Rep. Garner
12:04:07 Vice Chair Keenan
12:04:44 Chair Regier

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:
12:04:55

Brooke Sangray, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jhh37aad.pdf](#))