

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on February 23, 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. Jennifer Carlson (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. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)
Rep. Jane Gillette (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 364, 2/23/2021; HB 369, 2/23/2021; HB 408, 2/23/2021;
HB 484, 2/23/2021; HB 485, 2/23/2021

15:01:50 Rep. Carlson, Rep. Stromswold, Rep. A. Regier, Rep. Stafman, and Rep. Kelker left the meeting.
15:02:30 Rep. Gregory Frazer joined the meeting.
15:03:32 Rep. Gillette joined the meeting.
15:04:10 Rep. Welch joined the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 484

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:07:20 Rep. Jane Gillette (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 484, Require state programs to participate in a health information exchange.

[**EXHIBIT\(huh38a01\)**](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:11:36 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

[**EXHIBIT\(huh38a02\)**](#)

15:18:18 Jennifer Hensley, PacificSource Health Plans
15:20:16 John Doran, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT)
15:21:01 Blair Fjeseth, Mountain Health Co-Op
15:21:20 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Montana)
15:21:48 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:22:58 Nick Dawson, Big Sky Care Connect (BSCC)
15:23:44 Marie Matthews, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
15:24:08 Amy Jenks, Department of Administration (DOA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:24:42 Rep. Hill
15:28:42 Rep. Gillette
15:31:09 Rep. Welch
15:31:29 Rep. Gillette
15:35:05 Jean Branscum, MMA
15:35:53 Rep. Hill
15:36:41 Jean Branscum, MMA
15:39:35 Vice Chair Karjala
15:40:04 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway
15:40:22 Rep. Gillette

[**EXHIBIT\(huh38a03\)**](#)

15:40:54 Vice Chair Karjala

Closing by Sponsor:

15:41:50 Rep. Gillette

HEARING ON HB 369**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:44:53 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 81, opened the hearing on HB 369, Support school-based prevention programs.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:47:43 Sen. McClafferty
15:49:23 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Montana)
15:52:09 Janee Weber, Montana State Council on Judicial Accountability
15:54:36 John Doran, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT)
15:57:58 Bill Warden, Shodair Children's Hospital

EXHIBIT(huh38a04)

15:59:13 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)
16:00:02 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)
16:00:28 Jennifer Preble,
16:01:20 Nancy Hobbins, Missoula City-County Health Department

EXHIBIT(huh38a05)

16:03:00 Mary Windecker, Behavioral Health Alliance of Montana

EXHIBIT(huh38a06)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:04:40 Rep. Gillette
16:08:59 Rep. Caferro
16:09:55 Rep. Greef
16:10:24 Rep. Caferro
16:11:21 Matt Kuntz, NAMI Montana
16:12:33 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway
16:13:35 Rep. Caferro
16:14:56 Matt Kuntz, NAMI Montana
16:15:42 Rep. Hill
16:16:26 Matt Kuntz, NAMI Montana
16:17:56 Chair Lenz

Closing by Sponsor:

16:18:35 Rep. Caferro

HEARING ON HB 485**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:20:36 Rep. Jane Gillette (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 485, Establish reporting requirements for Medicaid/CHIP quality measures.

[EXHIBIT\(huh38a07\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

16:29:48 Rep. M. Regier

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:31:28 John Doran, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT)

16:31:56 Marie Matthews, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:32:21 Rep. Hill

16:32:57 Rep. Gillette

16:33:41 Rep. Buckley

16:33:59 Rep. Gillette

16:34:27 Rep. Buttrey

16:35:50 Marie Matthews, DPHHS

16:36:09 Rep. Hill

16:36:57 Marie Matthews, DPHHS

16:37:37 Vice Chair Karjala

16:39:19 Marie Matthews, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

16:41:13 Rep. Gillette

16:43:19 Rep. C. Hinkle left the meeting.

16:44:48 Chair Lenz left the meeting.

16:45:10 Rep. Gillette left the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 408**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:44:52 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 408, Generally revise mental health laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:48:26 John Doran, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT)

16:50:38 Jennifer Hensley, PacificSource Health Plans

16:51:28 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

[EXHIBIT\(huh38a08\)](#)

16:54:20 Mary Windecker, Behavioral Health Alliance of Montana

16:55:32 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:57:07 Rep. Hill
16:57:28 Mary Windecker, MPCA
16:58:20 Vice Chair Karjala
16:59:23 Rep. Kerns
17:00:35 Rep. Buckley
17:02:40 Rep. Kerns
17:03:50 Vice Chair Karjala

Closing by Sponsor:

17:04:27 Rep. Kerns

17:05:00 Rep. Buckley left the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 364

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

17:05:51 Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R), HD 26, opened the hearing on HB 364, Require CPS to share limited information with certain reporters upon request.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

17:10:14 Rep. Buttrey
17:11:19 Rep. Trebas
17:12:01 Rep. Hill
17:12:24 Rep. Trebas

Closing by Sponsor:

17:13:14 Rep. Trebas

17:13:54 Chair Sheldon-Galloway

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:
17:15:22

Jasmine Hart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh38aad.pdf](#))