

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on February 24, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dennis R. Lenz, 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. Ed Hill (R)
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Amy Regier (R)
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)
Rep. Mallerie Stromswold (R)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Jessica Karjala, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Danny Tenenbaum (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 495, 2/24/2021; HB 423, 2/24/2021; HB 574, 2/24/2021;
HB 575, 2/24/2021
Executive Action on: HB 356; HB 339; HB 321; HB 360; HB 155; HB 400; HB 574

HEARING ON HB 575

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:03:05 Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R), HD 43, opened the hearing on HB 575, Prohibit school programming that may transmit infectious agents.

EXHIBIT(huh39a01)

15:04:00 Rep. Stafman, Rep. Carlson, Rep. Kelker, Rep. A. Regier, and Rep. Stromswold left the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

15:06:33 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Speech-Language-Hearing Association (MSHA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:08:09 Rep. Gillette

15:09:04 Rep. Seekins-Crowe

Closing by Sponsor:

15:09:46 Rep. Seekins-Crowe

HEARING ON HB 495

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:10:57 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 81, opened the hearing on HB 495, Revise laws related to health care providers.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:15:15 Vicky Byrd, Montana Nurses Association (MNA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:19:30 Rep. Buttrey

15:21:08 Vicky Byrd, MNA

15:21:13 Rep. Tenenbaum joined the meeting.

15:21:45 Rep. Dunwell

15:21:55 Vicky Byrd, MNA

Closing by Sponsor:

15:22:39 Rep. Caferro

HEARING ON HB 423

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:26:27 Rep. Dennis Lenz (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 423, Revise laws to provide for additional screening of newborn infants.

EXHIBIT(huh39a02)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:30:42 Ashley Monaco, self

EXHIBIT(huh39a03)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:36:29 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

15:37:58 Dr. Abdallah Elias, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

15:39:24 Vice Chair Karjala joined the meeting.

15:41:32 Jim Murphy, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:43:40 Rep. Hill

15:49:12 Dr. Elias, MMA

15:50:07 Rep. Dunwell

15:51:05 Dr. Elias, MMA

15:52:21 Rep. Dunwell

15:52:46 Rep. Lenz

15:53:27 Rep. Buckley

15:54:07 Rep. Lenz

15:55:00 Chair Buttrey

15:56:15 Rep. Lenz

Closing by Sponsor:

15:57:43 Rep. Lenz

HEARING ON HB 574

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:01:34 Rep. Dennis Lenz (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 574, Revise laws related to reporting on out-of-state placement of certain children.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:02:14 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

16:03:18 Rep. Lenz

16:03:53 Chair Lenz

16:04:34 Recess

16:49:59 Reconvened with Rep. Carlson, Rep. C. Hinkle, Rep. Stromswold, Rep. A. Regier, Rep. Stafman, and Rep. Kelker absent.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 155

16:50:34 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 155 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:50:44 Chair Lenz

16:51:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Carlson, Rep. C. Hinkle, Rep. Kelker, Rep. A. Regier, Rep. Stafman and Rep. Stromswold voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 321

16:52:15 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 321 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:52:53 Rep. Gillette

16:56:06 **Motion:** Rep. Gillette moved that **HB 321 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(huh39a04)

16:57:05 Rep. Stafman joined the meeting.

16:57:07 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Carlson, Rep. C. Hinkle, Rep. Kelker, Rep. A. Regier and Rep. Stromswold voted by proxy.

16:57:51 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 321 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

16:58:08 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-13 by roll call vote with Rep. Gillette, Rep. Greef, Rep. Hill, Rep. C. Hinkle, Rep. A. Regier and Rep. Sheldon-Galloway voting aye. Rep. Carlson, Rep. C. Hinkle, Rep. Kelker, Rep. A. Regier and Rep. Stromswold voted by proxy.

16:59:40 **Motion:** Without objection Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 321 BE TABLED.**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 339

17:00:01 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 339 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:00:29 Rep. Gillette

17:00:57 Rep. Hill

17:01:10 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-14 by roll call vote with Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Carlson, Rep. Gillette, Rep. Lenz and Rep. A. Regier voting aye. Rep. Carlson, Rep. C. Hinkle, Rep. Kelker, Rep. A. Regier and Rep. Stromswold voted by proxy.

17:02:43 **Motion:** Without Objection Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 339 BE TABLED.**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 356

17:03:14 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 356 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:04:03 Rep. Greef

17:04:07 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kelker and Rep. Stafman voting no. Rep. Carlson, Rep. C. Hinkle, Rep. Kelker, Rep. A. Regier and Rep. Stafman voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 360

17:05:28 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 360 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:05:53 Rep. Buttrey

17:06:32 Rep. Stafman

17:07:24 Rep. Dunwell

17:07:55 Rep. Hill

17:08:19 Rep. Buttrey

17:08:59 Rep. Hill

17:09:23 **Vote:** Motion carried 10-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Carlson, Rep. Frazer, Rep. Greef, Rep. Lenz, Rep. Stromswold and Rep. Welch voting no. Rep. Carlson, Rep. C. Hinkle, Rep. Kelker, Rep. A. Regier and Rep. Stromswold voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 400

17:11:03 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 400 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:11:20 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved that **HB 400 BE TABLED.**

17:11:56 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Greef, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway and Rep. Tenenbaum voting no. Rep. Carlson, Rep. C. Hinkle, Rep. Kelker, Rep. A. Regier and Rep. Stromswold voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 574

17:13:18 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 574 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:13:36 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Carlson, Rep. C. Hinkle, Rep. Kelker, Rep. A. Regier and Rep. Stromswold voted by proxy.

17:14:23 Chair Lenz

17:17:50 Rep. Dunwell

17:17:56 Chair Lenz

17:19:25 Rep. Stafman

17:20:00 Chair Lenz

ADJOURNMENT

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17:20:43

Jasmine Hart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh39aad.pdf](#))