

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on February 25, 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. 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. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Edward Buttrey (R)
Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Gregory Frazer (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 585, 2/25/2021; HB 487, 2/25/2021; HB 508, 2/25/2021
Executive Action on: HB 423; HB 495; HB 364; HB 369; HB 408; HB 343; HB 575;
HB 484; HB 485

HEARING ON HB 487**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:21:27 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 487, Make Indian language education an allowable TANF work activity.

EXHIBIT(huh40a01)

15:22:36 Rep. Tenenbaum joined the meeting.

15:27:15 Rep. Carlson and Rep. Frazer joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:27:55 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

15:29:06 Jake Rider, self

15:33:39 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

15:35:41 Jonathan Eagleman, Box Elder School District 13G

EXHIBIT(huh40a02)

15:38:44 Jason Rosette, Stone Child College; Box Elder School District 13G

EXHIBIT(huh40a03)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:42:04 Gene Hermanson, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:42:33 Rep. Kelker

15:43:19 Gene Hermanson, DPHHS

15:44:23 Rep. Gillette

15:45:00 Gene Hermanson, DPHHS

15:45:29 Rep. Carlson

15:46:22 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

15:52:45 Rep. Windy Boy

15:54:18 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway

15:54:50 Gene Hermanson, DPHHS

15:55:33 Rep. Greef

15:56:17 Rep. Windy Boy

Closing by Sponsor:

15:57:57 Rep. Windy Boy

HEARING ON HB 508**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:59:02 Rep. Willis Curdy (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on HB 508, Establish cap on insulin cost-sharing requirements.

16:01:47 Rep. Abbott joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

16:03:09 John Doran, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT)

16:05:11 Sean Slanger, America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:06:55 Rep. Greef

16:07:27 John Doran, BCBSMT

16:07:36 Rep. Hill

16:08:08 John Doran, BCBSMT

16:09:23 Rep. Kelker

16:11:19 John Doran, BCBSMT

16:11:58 Rep. Stafman

16:12:28 Rep. Curdy

Closing by Sponsor:

16:13:50 Rep. Curdy

HEARING ON HB 585

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:18:09 Rep. Steven Galloway (R), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 585, Revise child abuse and neglect laws regarding adoptive families.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:21:59 Keith Newmeyer, self

[EXHIBIT\(huh40a04\)](#)

16:28:14 Bart Crabtree, Montana State Council on Judicial Accountability (MTSCOJA)

16:29:04 Becky Weikert, self

16:29:45 Bob Leach, self

16:31:51 Donna Elford, self

16:33:27 Sharon Nason, self

Opponents' Testimony:

16:36:02 Laura Smith, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:40:50 Rep. Kelker

16:44:17 Rep. Galloway

16:44:44 Chair Lenz

16:46:59 Laura Smith, DPHHS

16:47:10 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway

16:48:57 Laura Smith, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

16:49:32 Rep. Galloway

16:53:48 Chair Lenz

16:54:40 Brief Recess

14:36:14 Reconvened without Rep. Stafman and Rep. Tenenbaum present.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 423

17:29:17 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 423 DO PASS.**

17:29:30 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 423 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(huh40a05\)](#)

Discussion:

17:29:42 Chair Lenz

17:31:21 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Stafman and Rep. Tenenbaum voted by proxy.

17:31:53 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 423 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(huh40a06\)](#)

Discussion:

17:32:03 Chair Lenz

17:34:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Stafman and Rep. Tenenbaum voted by proxy.

17:34:41 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 423 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

17:34:57 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Stafman and Rep. Tenenbaum voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 495

17:35:29 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 495 DO PASS.**

17:35:53 **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. Stromswold voting no. Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Stafman and Rep. Tenenbaum voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 364

17:37:12 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 364 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:37:34 Rep. Carlson

17:37:48 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
17:38:14 Rep. Carlson

17:38:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Stafman and Rep. Tenenbaum voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 369

17:38:57 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 369 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:39:25 Rep. Hill
17:39:40 Chair Lenz
17:39:58 Rep. Carlson
17:40:03 Rep. Frazer
17:40:20 Rep. Kelker
17:41:13 Rep. Gillette
17:41:58 Rep. Kelker
17:42:13 Chair Lenz
17:43:15 Rep. Abbott
17:43:51 Chair Lenz
17:44:05 Rep. Hill
17:44:18 Rep. Frazer
17:44:47 Vice Chair Karjala
17:46:08 Rep. Carlson
17:46:45 Chair Lenz
17:47:04 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway
17:47:54 Chair Lenz
17:48:32 Rep. Buckley
17:49:14 Rep. Welch
17:49:57 Chair Lenz

17:50:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Buttrey and Rep. Lenz voting no. Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Stafman and Rep. Tenenbaum voted by proxy.

17:51:19 Rep. Gillette

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 408

17:51:43 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 408 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:51:59 Sue O'Connell, LSD
17:52:40 Rep. Kelker
17:53:35 Rep. Frazer
17:54:18 Rep. Carlson
17:55:32 Vice Chair Karjala
17:56:21 Rep. Gillette
17:56:57 Rep. Kelker

17:57:59 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway
17:58:56 Chair Lenz
17:59:06 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway
17:59:24 Rep. C. Hinkle

18:00:01 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Frazer, Rep. Hill, Rep. C. Hinkle, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway and Rep. Tenenbaum voting aye. Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Stafman and Rep. Tenenbaum voted by proxy.

18:01:18 **Motion:** Without Objection Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 408 BE TABLED.**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 343

18:01:34 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 343 DO PASS.**

18:01:50 **Motion:** Rep. Gillette moved that **HB 343 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(huh40a07\)](#)

Discussion:

18:02:02 Rep. Gillette

18:03:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Stafman and Rep. Tenenbaum voted by proxy.

18:03:57 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 343 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

18:04:14 Rep. Gillette

18:05:01 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Carlson, Rep. Gillette, Rep. Greef, Rep. C. Hinkle, Rep. Lenz, Rep. A. Regier and Rep. Sheldon-Galloway voting aye. Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Stafman and Rep. Tenenbaum voted by proxy.

18:06:18 **Motion:** Without objection Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 343 BE TABLED.**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 575

18:06:34 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 575 DO PASS.**

18:06:50 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 575 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(huh40a08\)](#)

Discussion:

18:07:08 Sue O'Connell, LSD
18:07:46 Rep. Kelker
18:08:23 Sue O'Connell, LSD
18:09:04 Rep. Gillette

- 18:09:31 Rep. Kelker
18:09:41 Chair Lenz
- 18:10:06 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Stafman and Rep. Tenenbaum voted by proxy.
- 18:10:29 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 575 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
- 18:10:51 **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. Buttrey, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Stafman and Rep. Tenenbaum voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 484

- 18:12:05 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 484 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

- 18:12:26 Rep. Gillette
18:12:40 Rep. Carlson left the meeting.
- 18:13:19 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Hill, Rep. Karjala and Rep. Tenenbaum voting no. Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Carlson, Rep. Stafman and Rep. Tenenbaum voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 485

- 18:14:36 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 485 DO PASS.**

- 18:14:43 **Motion:** Rep. Gillette moved that **HB 485 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(huh40a09\)](#)

Discussion:

- 18:14:55 Rep. Gillette
- 18:16:42 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-1 by voice vote with Rep. Buttrey voting no. Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Carlson, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Stafman and Rep. Tenenbaum voted by proxy.
- 18:17:15 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 485 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
- 18:17:29 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Carlson, Rep. Frazer, Rep. Gillette, Rep. Greef, Rep. C. Hinkle, Rep. Lenz, Rep. A. Regier, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway and Rep. Stromswold voting aye. Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Carlson, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Stafman and Rep. Tenenbaum voted by proxy.
- 18:18:43 **Motion:** Without objection Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 485 BE TABLED.**
- 18:19:01 Chair Lenz

ADJOURNMENT

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18:20:48

Jasmine Hart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh40aad.pdf](#))