

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on February 26, 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. Ed Hill (R)
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Amy Regier (R)
Rep. Danny Tenenbaum (D)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Jane Gillette (R)
Rep. Sharon Greef (R)
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)
Rep. Mallerie Stromswold (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Jasmine Hart, Committee Secretary
Heather Vande-Sandt, Remote Meetings Coordinator
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 549, 2/26/2021; HB 561, 2/26/2021; HB 601, 2/26/2021;
HJ 19, 2/26/2021

Executive Action on : HB 487; HB 508; HB 585; HB 549; HB 561; HB 601; HJ 19; HB
485; HB 216

16:11:56 Rep. Gillette joined the meeting.

HEARING ON HJ 19

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:12:03 Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R), HD 75, opened the hearing on HJ 19, Resolution designating May as ALS Awareness Month.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:14:20 Chaya Semple, self

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

16:15:18 Rep. Bertoglio

16:15:54 Rep. Abbott joined the meeting.

HEARING ON HB 549

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:17:24 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 549, Revise state suicide reduction plans to include specific military-related data.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:18:52 Chaya Semple, American Legion of Montana

16:19:17 Roger Hagan, Montana National Guard Association; Montana American Legion

[EXHIBIT\(huh41a01\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:20:36 Zoe Barnard, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:21:08 Rep. Kelker

16:21:44 Zoe Barnard, DPHHS

16:21:52 Rep. Dunwell

16:23:02 Rep. Kerns

16:23:44 Rep. Dunwell

16:23:57 Zoe Barnard, DPHHS

16:24:15 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway

16:24:54 Zoe Barnard, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

16:25:31 Rep. Kerns

HEARING ON HB 561**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:26:43 Rep. Jim Hamilton (D), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB 561, Generally revise involuntary commitment hearing requirements.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:31:18 Eric Bryson, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
EXHIBIT(huh41a02)

16:33:15 Bradley Bowen, Gallatin County Attorney's Office

Opponents' Testimony:

16:36:43 James Reavis, self
EXHIBIT(huh41a03)

16:41:38 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

16:44:22 Joel Peden, Montana Association of Centers for Independent Living (MTCIL)

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

16:47:22 Rep. Kelker
16:47:53 Bradley Bowen, Gallatin County Attorney's Office
16:51:09 Rep. Kelker
16:51:38 James Reavis, self
16:52:27 Rep. Dunwell
16:52:57 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana
16:54:23 Rep. Gillette
16:54:30 Rep. Greef joined the meeting.
16:55:08 James Reavis, self
16:55:44 Vice Chair Karjala
16:57:13 Joel Peden, MTCIL
16:57:50 Chair Lenz
16:58:14 Eric Bryson, MACo
16:58:29 Rep. Hill
17:00:08 James Reavis, self

Closing by Sponsor:

17:00:58 Rep. Hamilton

HEARING ON HB 601**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

17:06:07 Rep. Dave Fern (D), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 601, Establishing requirements for certain long-term care facilities.

Proponents' Testimony:

17:11:52 Deb Johnson, self
17:15:03 Mike Batista, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

Opponents' Testimony:

17:20:06 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association (MHCA)

EXHIBIT(huh41a04)

17:21:21 Rep. Stromswold joined the meeting.

17:26:07 Duane Preshinger, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

17:26:57 Joe Lilienthal, Ivy Healthcare Group

EXHIBIT(huh41a05)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

17:28:49 Rep. Buttrey

17:29:36 Rose Hughes, MHCA

17:30:31 Rep. Gillette

17:32:40 Rose Hughes, MHCA

17:33:16 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway

17:34:37 Rose Hughes, MHCA

17:35:30 Rep. Kelker

17:35:54 Rose Hughes, MHCA

17:37:14 Rep. Greef

17:37:52 Rose Hughes, MHCA

Closing by Sponsor:

17:38:22 Rep. Fern

17:42:45 Chair Lenz

17:43:18 Brief Recess

18:10:11 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 487

18:10:26 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 487 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

18:11:10 Rep. Carlson

18:11:54 Rep. Gillette

18:12:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Gillette, Rep. Hill, Rep. Lenz, Rep. A. Regier and Rep. Sheldon-Galloway voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 508

18:13:22 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 508 DO PASS.**

18:13:35 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. C. Hinkle made a substitute motion that **HB 508 BE TABLED.**

18:13:47 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-8 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Frazer, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kelker, Rep. Stafman and Rep. Tenenbaum voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 585

18:14:58 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 585 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

18:15:16 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway

18:15:43 Chair Lenz

18:15:58 Rep. Stafman

18:16:01 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-14 by roll call vote with Rep. Frazer, Rep. Gillette, Rep. Hill, Rep. C. Hinkle and Rep. Sheldon-Galloway voting aye.

18:17:14 **Motion:** Without objection Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 585 BE TABLED.**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 549

18:17:27 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 549 DO PASS.**

18:17:40 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 549 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(huh41a06\)](#)

Discussion:

18:17:54 Rep. Hill

18:18:10 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway

18:18:31 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

18:18:57 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 549 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

18:19:12 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Kelker, Rep. Lenz and Rep. Tenenbaum voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 561

18:20:21 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 561 DO PASS.**

18:20:39 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 561 BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(huh41a07\)](#)

Discussion:

18:20:59 Rep. Carlson

18:21:12 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-5 by roll call vote with Rep. Carlson, Rep. C. Hinkle, Rep. Lenz, Rep. A. Regier and Rep. Sheldon-Galloway voting no.

18:22:17 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 561 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

18:22:28 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Buttrey made a substitute motion that **HB 561 BE TABLED.**

18:22:56 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott and Rep. Hill voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 601

18:24:03 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 601 DO PASS.**

18:24:21 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-14 by roll call vote with Rep. Buckley, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Greef, Rep. Karjala and Rep. Tenenbaum voting aye.

18:25:36 **Motion:** Without objection Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 601 BE TABLED.**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 19

18:25:51 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HJ 19 DO PASS.**

18:26:10 **Vote:** Motion carried 17-2 by roll call vote with Rep. Carlson and Rep. Sheldon-Galloway voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 485

18:27:15 **Motion:** Rep. Gillette moved to **RECONSIDER THE MOTION** on **HB 485.**

Discussion:

18:27:28 Chair Lenz

18:27:31 Rep. Gillette

18:27:49 Rep. Buttrey

18:27:58 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

18:28:31 Chair Lenz

18:28:36 Rep. Buttrey

18:29:05 **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.

18:30:20 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 485 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

18:30:31 Rep. Gillette

18:32:12 **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.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 216

18:33:19 **Motion:** Rep. Buckley moved to **RECONSIDER THE MOTION** on **HB 216**.

Discussion:

18:34:11 Sue O'Connell, LSD

18:34:42 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Frazer, Rep. Greef, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kelker, Rep. Stafman and Rep. Tenenbaum voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT

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18:36:14

Jasmine Hart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh41aad.pdf](#))