

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

**Call to Order:** Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on March 16, 2021 at 3:15 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. 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. Danny Tenenbaum (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

Jasmine Hart, Committee Secretary  
Stephan Licitra, Remote Meeting 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: SB 149, 3/16/2021

15:19:00 Chair Lenz

### HEARING ON SB 149

#### Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:20:36 Sen. Tom McGillvray (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 149, Exempt health care sharing ministries from insurance laws.

[EXHIBIT\(huh52a01\)](#)

#### Proponents' Testimony:

15:29:08 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation (MFF)  
 15:32:03 Jackie Jones, Office of the Commissioner of Securities and Insurance of the Montana State Auditor (CSI)  
 15:38:32 Janee Weber, self  
 15:40:59 Keith Hopkinson, Christian Healthcare Ministries (CHM)  
 15:48:38 Joel Noble, Samaritan Ministries  
 15:52:37 Patrick Webb, Americans for Prosperity-Montana (AFP-MT)

#### Opponents' Testimony:

15:53:50 Sean Slinger, Christian Care Ministry  
 15:55:24 Rep. Abbott left the meeting.  
 15:57:34 Evelio Silvera, Christian Care Ministry; Medi-Share  
 16:02:47 Lesley Von Eschen, CostCare; Direct Primary Care (DPC)  
 16:05:21 Jennifer Green, Benefits Montana  
 16:09:52 Ronda Wiggers, National Federation of Independent Businesses (NFIB)  
 16:12:04 Dr. Todd Bergland, Montana Direct Patient Care Association  
 16:17:31 Jenny Aghamalian, Sedera  
 16:21:02 Makayla Grossman, self

[EXHIBIT\(huh52a02\)](#)

16:23:26 Diane Hellman, self

[EXHIBIT\(huh52a03\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

#### Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:27:07 Chair Lenz  
 16:27:59 Sen. McGillvray  
 16:28:45 Rep. Kelker  
 16:30:46 Joel Noble, Samaritan Ministries  
 16:31:38 Rep. Kelker  
 16:32:06 Jennifer Green, Benefits Montana  
 16:33:12 Rep. Gillette  
 16:37:49 Jackie Jones, CSI  
 16:38:02 Rep. Stafman  
 16:43:07 Jackie Jones, CSI  
 16:43:41 Rep. Tenenbaum  
 16:44:21 Jackie Jones, CSI  
 16:45:03 Chair Lenz  
 16:45:15 Jackie Jones, CSI

16:45:25 Rep. Welch joined the meeting.  
16:45:42 Rep. Carlson  
16:49:32 Joel Noble, Samaritan Ministries  
16:51:43 Vice Chair Karjala  
16:52:55 Jackie Jones, CSI  
16:54:45 Rep. Hill  
16:57:10 Keith Hopkinson, CHM  
16:58:00 Chair Lenz  
16:58:19 Keith Hopkinson, CHM  
16:58:58 Rep. Carlson  
17:03:11 Jackie Jones, CSI  
17:04:54 Rep. Gillette  
17:05:34 Sen. McGillvray  
17:06:28 Rep. Stafman  
17:10:50 Jackie Jones, CSI  
17:11:44 Rep. Greef  
17:12:49 Jackie Jones, CSI

**Closing by Sponsor:**

17:16:16 Sen. McGillvray  
17:26:18 Chair Lenz

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment:  
17:27:07

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Jasmine Hart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([huh52aad.pdf](#))