

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on March 18, 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. 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)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)

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 166, 3/18/2021; SB 167, 3/18/2021

Executive Action on : SB 33; SB 43

HEARING ON SB 166

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:02:12 Sen. Terry Gauthier (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 166, Generally revise laws related to licensed addiction counselors.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:05:19 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)
15:07:31 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Montana)
15:08:20 Carol Staben-Burroughs, Montana Board of Behavioral Health

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:09:41 Lucy Richards, Montana Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

[EXHIBIT\(huh54a01\)](#)

15:10:00 Rep. Stromswold left the meeting.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:10:09 Rep. Carlson
15:12:06 Lucy Richards, DLI
15:12:37 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway
15:15:18 Stacey Anderson, MPCA

Closing by Sponsor:

15:16:28 Sen. Gauthier

HEARING ON SB 167

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:17:18 Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 167, Remove termination date for medical malpractice-related portions of the HELP Act.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:18:55 Jessie Luther, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)
15:21:25 Greg Dorrington, Montana Medical Association (MMA); Montana Defense Trial Lawyers (MDTL)
15:23:27 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

Opponents' Testimony:

15:25:19 Al Smith, Montana Trial Lawyers Association (MTLA)

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Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:29:04 Rep. Tenenbaum

15:30:49 Sen. Fitzpatrick
15:31:05 Rep. Stafman
15:31:39 Sen. Fitzpatrick
15:32:38 Jessie Luther, MHA
15:33:26 Rep. Buttrey
15:34:16 Jessie Luther, MHA
15:34:30 Rep. Stafman
15:34:48 Rep. Buttrey
15:35:20 Rep. Stafman
15:38:26 Al Smith, MTLA

Closing by Sponsor:

15:38:56 Sen. Fitzpatrick

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 33

15:41:06 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 33 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Dunwell and Rep. Stromswold voted by proxy. Rep. Kelker will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 43

Discussion:

15:42:49 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

15:43:21 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 43 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Dunwell and Rep. Stromswold voted by proxy. Rep. Kelker will carry the bill.

15:44:09 Chair Lenz

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:
15:45:03

Jasmine Hart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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