

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on March 29, 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. 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. Sharon Greef (R)
Rep. Ed Hill (R)
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Amy Regier (R)
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)
Rep. Danny Tenenbaum (D)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Jane Gillette (R)
Rep. Mallerie Stromswold (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: HB 664, 3/29/2021; HB 691, 3/29/2021; SB 236, 3/29/2021

HEARING ON HB 691**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:01:53 Rep. Dennis Lenz (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB 691, Community crisis for people who have developmental disabilities.

15:03:52 Rep. Gillette joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:05:11 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

15:09:22 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Speech-Language-Hearing Association (MSHA)

15:10:44 Joel Peden, Montana Association of Centers for Independent Living (MTCIL)

15:12:39 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

Opponents' Testimony: None**Informational Testimony:**

15:13:50 Lindsey Carter, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:14:34 Rep. Kelker

15:16:45 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

15:17:31 Vice Chair Karjala

15:18:01 Rep. Lenz

15:18:54 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

15:19:41 Rep. Greef

15:19:58 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

15:20:48 Rep. Carlson

15:21:17 Rep. Lenz

15:21:43 Rep. Hill

15:22:56 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

15:23:50 Vice Chair Karjala

15:24:16 Rep. Lenz

15:25:07 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

Closing by Sponsor:

15:26:24 Rep. Lenz

HEARING ON SB 236**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:28:34 Sen. Shane Morigeau (D), SD 48, opened the hearing on SB 236, Provide transparency in health care pricing.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:35:44 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

Opponents' Testimony:

15:37:38 John Doran, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT)

EXHIBIT(huh61a01)

15:41:42 Bruce Spencer, Mountain Health Co-Op (MHC)
 15:43:53 Marti Wangen, Montana Psychological Association ((MPA); Montana Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA)
 15:45:16 Dr. Ron Benner, self
 15:47:56 Dr. Haley Owens, self
 15:50:10 Dr. Dirk Beyer, self
 15:52:30 Dr. Jason Ricks, self
 15:54:57 Dr. Joseph Vincent, Montana Optometric Association (MOA)
 15:56:53 Al Garver, Montana Dental Association (MDA)
 15:58:32 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Optometric Association (MOA); Montana Speech-Language-Hearing Association (MSHA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:02:41 Rep. Gillette
 16:07:46 Sen. Morigeau
 16:08:20 Rep. Tenenbaum
 16:09:12 John Doran, BCBSMT
 16:09:57 Rep. Kelker
 16:10:29 John Doran, BCBSMT
 16:11:57 Rep. Kelker
 16:12:25 John Doran, BCBSMT
 16:15:20 Abigail St. Lawrence, MOA; MSHA
 16:16:26 Rep. Stafman
 16:17:03 Sen. Morigeau
 16:18:57 Rep. Stafman
 16:21:18 John Doran, BCBSMT
 16:22:46 Vice Chair Karjala
 16:23:31 Sen. Morigeau
 16:25:21 Rep. Dunwell
 16:26:07 Jean Branscum, MMA
 16:26:30 Rep. Kelker
 16:28:12 Sen. Morigeau
 16:32:48 Chair Lenz
 16:35:52 Sen. Morigeau
 16:36:46 Rep. Hill
 16:38:49 Bruce Spencer, MHC

Closing by Sponsor:

16:39:42 Sen. Morigeau

HEARING ON HB 664

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:46:29 Rep. Katie Sullivan (D), HD 89, opened the hearing on HB 664, Create insulin safety net program.

EXHIBIT(huh61a02)

16:50:24 Rep. Gillette left the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:52:08 Quinn Leighton, self

EXHIBIT(huh61a03)

16:57:47 Nikolas Griffith, PacificSource Health plans

16:58:38 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

17:00:08 Stuart Doggett, Montana Pharmacy Association (MPA)

17:00:38 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Academy of Physicians Assistants (MTAPA)

17:01:39 John Doran, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT)

17:02:06 Shawn Reagor, Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN)

17:02:33 Jessica Lahr, self

EXHIBIT(huh61a04)

17:04:12 Laura Keller, American Diabetes Association (ADA)

EXHIBIT(huh61a05)**Opponents' Testimony:**

17:05:46 Asher Lisec, Pharmaceutical Researchers and Manufacturers of American (PhRMA)

Informational Testimony:

17:08:22 Marcie Bough, Montana Board of Pharmacy

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

17:09:13 Rep. Kelker

17:12:00 Rep. Sullivan

17:13:50 Rep. Carlson

17:14:29 Asher Lisec, PhRMA

17:15:18 Rep. Carlson

17:15:36 Rep. Sullivan

17:16:25 Vice Chair Karjala

17:21:17 Quinn Leighton, self

17:22:37 Rep. A. Regier left the meeting.

17:22:58 Rep. Hill

17:23:44 Asher Lisec, PhRMA

17:25:02 Rep. Welch

17:25:31 Rep. Sullivan

Closing by Sponsor:

17:26:34 Rep. Sullivan

17:28:42 Chair Lenz

ADJOURNMENT

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17:29:43

Jasmine Hart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([huh61aad.pdf](#))