

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

Call to Order: Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on March 31, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Dennis R. Lenz, Chair (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Edward Buttrey (R)
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)
Rep. Jane Gillette (R)
Rep. Sharon Greef (R)
Rep. Ed Hill (R)
Rep. Kathy Kelker (D)
Rep. Amy Regier (R)
Rep. Mallerie Stromswold (R)
Rep. Danny Tenenbaum (D)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)

Members Excused:

Rep. Jessica Karjala, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Alice Buckley (D)
Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R)
Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)
Rep. Ed Stafman (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: HB 680, 3/31/2021; HB 687, 3/31/2021
Executive Action on: HB 645, HB 664, HB 676, HB 680, HB 687; HB 691, SB 111,
SB 236

HEARING ON HB 680**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:31:32 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 680, Require collection and mapping of mental health workforce data.

15:31:44 Rep. Buttrey and Vice Chair Karjala joined the meeting.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:35:03 Rich Rasmussen, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

15:35:52 Rep. Stafman joined the meeting.

15:38:23 Bob Leach, self

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

15:39:29 Todd Younkin, MT Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:40:00 Rep. Kelker

15:42:31 Rep. Kerns

15:42:47 Rep. Gillette

15:43:08 Rep. Kerns

15:44:00 Rep. Gillette

15:44:59 Rep. Dunwell

15:45:52 Rep. Kerns

15:46:28 Todd Younkin, DLI

15:47:20 Rep. Dunwell

15:47:49 Todd Younkin, DLI

15:49:47 Rep. Dunwell

15:50:05 Rich Rasmussen, MHA

15:53:01 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway

15:54:47 Rich Rasmussen, MHA

15:56:00 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway

15:56:26 Todd Younkin, DLI

Closing by Sponsor:

15:57:47 Rep. Kerns

HEARING ON HB 687**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:59:50 Rep. Danny Tenenbaum (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on HB 687, Create mortality review commission for people with developmental disabilities.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:01:48 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

16:03:36 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Academy of Physicians Assistants (MTAPA);
Montana Speech-Language-Hearing Association (MSHA)

Opponents' Testimony:

16:04:50 Bob Leach, self

Informational Testimony:

16:05:41 Lindsey Carter, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:06:18 Rep. Hill
16:06:36 Rep. Tenenbaum
16:06:59 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana
16:07:49 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway
16:08:05 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana
16:08:55 Chair Lenz
16:09:10 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

Closing by Sponsor:

16:10:04 Rep. Tenenbaum

16:10:56 Brief Recess

16:47:46 Reconvened with Rep. Carlson and Rep. Buckley present.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 645

16:48:05 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 645 DO PASS.**

16:48:56 **Motion:** Rep. Karjala moved that **HB 645 BE AMENDED.**

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Discussion:

16:49:38 Vice Chair Karjala
16:53:09 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway
16:53:26 Vice Chair Karjala
16:54:14 Chair Lenz
16:55:17 Rep. Dunwell
16:56:09 Chair Lenz

16:56:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-6 by roll call vote with Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Carlson, Rep. C. Hinkle, Rep. Lenz, Rep. A. Regier and Rep. Stromswold voting no. Rep. Abbott and Rep. C. Hinkle voted by proxy.

16:57:59 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 645 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:58:14 Rep. Kelker

16:58:53 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-16 by roll call vote with Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Hill and Rep. Sheldon-Galloway voting aye. Rep. Abbott and Rep. C. Hinkle voted by proxy.

17:00:10 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 645 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 664

17:00:26 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 664 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:00:39 Rep. Kelker
17:01:42 Rep. Greef
17:02:05 Rep. Stafman

17:02:24 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Frazer, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kelker, Rep. Stafman and Rep. Tenenbaum voting aye. Rep. Abbott and Rep. C. Hinkle voted by proxy.

17:03:31 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 664 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 676

17:03:45 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 676 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:04:07 Rep. Gillette
17:05:51 Rep. Kelker
17:07:56 Chair Lenz

17:08:25 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Carlson, Rep. Gillette, Rep. Hill, Rep. C. Hinkle, Rep. Lenz, Rep. A. Regier and Rep. Sheldon-Galloway voting aye. Rep. Abbott and Rep. C. Hinkle voted by proxy.

17:09:51 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 676 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 680

17:10:05 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 680 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:10:21 Rep. Kelker
17:12:02 Rep. Dunwell
17:12:47 Rep. Gillette
17:13:58 Rep. Hill
17:15:18 Chair Lenz
17:16:08 Rep. Frazer

17:17:18 **Vote:** Motion failed 1-18 by roll call vote with Rep. Dunwell voting aye. Rep. Abbott and Rep. C. Hinkle voted by proxy.

17:18:24 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 680 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 687

17:18:33 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 687 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:18:52 Rep. Tenenbaum
17:21:40 Rep. Hill
17:22:31 Rep. Kelker
17:23:59 Rep. Buttrey
17:24:50 Rep. Carlson
17:26:11 Rep. Stafman
17:26:45 Rep. Tenenbaum
17:27:50 Rep. C. Hinkle joined the meeting.
17:27:54 Chair Lenz
17:28:24 Rep. Tenenbaum
17:28:54 Chair Lenz

17:29:21 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Frazer, Rep. Gillette, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kelker, Rep. Stafman and Rep. Tenenbaum voting aye. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy.

17:30:47 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 687 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:31:19 Rep. Stafman

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 691

17:31:35 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 691 DO PASS.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 111

17:32:24 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 111 BE CONCURRED IN.** Motion failed 6-13 by roll call vote with Rep. Frazer, Rep. Gillette, Rep. C. Hinkle, Rep. Lenz, Rep. A. Regier and Rep. Sheldon-Galloway voting aye. Rep. Abbott voted by proxy.

17:33:57 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 111 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 236

17:34:10 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 236 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

17:34:21 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway
17:35:04 Rep. Carlson
17:35:40 Rep. Dunwell
17:36:33 Rep. Tenenbaum

17:38:13 Rep. Hill
17:38:45 Rep. Kelker
17:40:02 Rep. Stafman left the meeting.
17:41:29 Rep. C. Hinkle left the meeting.
17:41:33 Rep. Buttrey
17:42:14 Vice Chair Karjala
17:43:22 Rep. Carlson
17:44:18 Chair Lenz

17:44:48 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-12 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kelker, Rep. Stafman and Rep. Tenenbaum voting aye. Rep. Abbott, Rep. C. Hinkle and Rep. Stafman voted by proxy.

17:45:53 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 236 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. April 6, 2021

17:46:16 Chair Lenz
17:46:20 Rep. Stromswold
17:46:48 Rep. Carlson
17:48:00 Chair Lenz

ADJOURNMENT

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17:48:12

Jasmine Hart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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