

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

**Call to Order:** Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on April 13, 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. Ed Hill (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. Gregory Frazer (R)  
Rep. Jane Gillette (R)  
Rep. Sharon Greef (R)  
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)  
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: SJ 14, 4/13/2021; SJ 22, 4/13/2021; HJ 35, 4/13/2021; HR 6,  
4/13/2021  
Executive Action on: HR 6; SB 16; SB 357

15:11:10 Chair Lenz

### **HEARING ON HR 6**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:11:30 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, opened the hearing on HR 6, Resolution opposing MUS requiring COVID vaccination.

15:11:35 Rep. Gillette and Rep. Welch joined the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

15:14:38 Jack Rinck, Associated Students of the University of Montana (ASUM)

15:15:25 Colleen Morris, Missoula City-County Health Department

**EXHIBIT(huh70a01)**

**Informational Testimony:** None

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:17:53 Rep. Stafman

15:21:27 Rep. Kerns

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

15:21:43 Rep. Kerns

### **HEARING ON HJ 35**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:23:54 Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HJ 35, Interim study of the children's mental health system.

15:25:08 Rep. A. Regier left the meeting.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

15:26:45 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

15:28:39 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Montana)

15:30:36 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

15:31:41 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

15:33:06 John Doran, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT)

15:33:33 Bill Warden, Shodair Children's Hospital

15:34:38 Pat Noonan, Behavioral Health Alliance of Montana

15:36:23 Megan Zawacki, Montana Academy of Physician Assistants (MTAPA); The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)

15:37:25 Duane Preshinger, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

15:37:58 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:39:16 Rep. Kelker  
15:39:46 Rep. C. Hinkle and Rep. Frazer joined the meeting.  
15:40:21 Rep. Carlson  
15:41:17 Chair Lenz  
15:41:34 Rep. Hill  
15:43:08 Rep. Carlson  
15:43:30 Vice Chair Karjala  
15:43:48 Rep. Dunwell joined the meeting.  
15:44:30 Rep. Carlson  
15:45:45 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana  
15:46:35 Vice Chair Karjala

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:46:47 Rep. Carlson

**HEARING ON SJ 22**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:48:11 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SJ 22, Interim study of emergency medical services laws.

[EXHIBIT\(huh70a02\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:51:33 Jim Detienne, Montana Emergency Medical Services Association (MEMSA)  
15:57:27 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Academy of Physician Assistants (MTAPA)  
15:58:22 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)  
15:59:19 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)  
16:00:16 Ole Hedstrom, Montana State Council of Professional Fire Fighters (MSCOPFF)  
16:00:44 Duane Preshinger, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)  
16:01:18 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)  
16:02:24 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic  
16:03:04 Robert Farnum, Sweet Grass County Ambulance

[EXHIBIT\(huh70a03\)](#)

16:04:02 Drew Dawson, self

[EXHIBIT\(huh70a04\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:08:22 Rep. Dunwell  
16:09:37 Sen. McClafferty

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:10:16 Sen. McClafferty

**HEARING ON SJ 14****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:11:16 Sen. Walt Sales (R), SD 35, opened the hearing on SJ 14, Interim study of the Montana mental health system.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:14:04 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Academy of Physician Assistants (MTAPA)

16:15:30 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Montana)

16:17:59 Dr. Gary Mihelish, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI Montana)

**EXHIBIT(huh70a05)**

16:20:18 Pat Noonan, Behavioral Health Alliance of Montana

16:20:53 John Doran, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMT)

16:22:02 Sam Forstag, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana (ACLU)

16:22:56 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA); Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

16:24:24 Duane Preshinger, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

16:24:59 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

16:26:03 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

16:26:59 Bill Warden, Shodair Children's Hospital

16:27:16 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

16:27:49 Samuel Enemy Hunter, Montana Native Vote (MNV)

16:29:40 Jennifer Preble, self

**EXHIBIT(huh70a06)**

16:30:36 Sydney Barry, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:31:27 Rep. Gillette

16:33:34 Sen. Sales

16:34:09 Vice Chair Karjala

16:36:00 Sen. Sales

16:36:24 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway

16:36:52 Sen. Sales

16:37:22 Rep. Dunwell

16:37:43 Sen. Sales

16:38:23 Rep. Dunwell

16:38:55 Matt Kuntz, NAMI Montana

16:40:10 Chair Lenz

16:40:38 Matt Kuntz, NAMI Montana

16:42:07 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway

16:42:48 Matt Kuntz, NAMI Montana

16:44:09 Rep. Hill

16:46:28 Matt Kuntz, NAMI Montana

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:48:26 Sen. Sales

16:52:30 Chair Lenz

16:53:15 Brief Recess

17:14:31 Reconvened

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HR 6**17:14:46 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HR 6 DO PASS**.**Discussion:**

17:15:07 Rep. Carlson

17:16:18 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Stafman made a substitute motion that **HR 6 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 10-9 by roll call vote with Rep. Carlson, Rep. Gillette, Rep. Hill, Rep. C. Hinkle, Rep. Lenz, Rep. A. Regier, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway, Rep. Stromswold and Rep. Welch voting no. Rep. Greef and Rep. A. Regier voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 16**17:17:58 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 16 BE CONCURRED IN**.**Discussion:**

17:18:13 Chair Lenz  
 17:22:12 Rep. Kelker  
 17:23:31 Rep. Dunwell  
 17:24:32 Rep. Carlson  
 17:25:29 Rep. Gillette  
 17:25:45 Rep. Kelker  
 17:26:32 Rep. Carlson  
 17:27:13 Rep. Buckley  
 17:28:06 Rep. Kelker  
 17:30:29 Rep. Gillette  
 17:32:42 Vice Chair Karjala  
 17:35:16 Rep. Stromswold  
 17:36:09 Rep. Dunwell  
 17:36:58 Rep. Hill  
 17:38:17 Rep. Stromswold  
 17:38:42 Rep. Frazer

17:39:55 **Vote:** Motion failed 9-10 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Frazer, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kelker, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Stromswold and Rep. Tenenbaum voting aye. Rep. Greef and Rep. A. Regier voted by proxy.

17:40:53 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 16 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 357**

17:41:11 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 357 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

17:41:20 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

17:42:02 **Motion:** Rep. Kelker moved that **SB 357 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT(huh70a07)**

**Discussion:**

17:42:20 Rep. Kelker  
17:43:08 Rep. Buttrey  
17:43:29 Sue O'Connell, LSD  
17:44:00 Rep. Buttrey  
17:44:14 Rep. Hill  
17:44:38 Chair Lenz  
17:46:56 Sue O'Connell, LSD

17:47:31 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Greef and Rep. A. Regier voted by proxy.

17:47:56 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 357 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

17:48:10 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Greef and Rep. A. Regier voted by proxy. Rep. Buckley will carry the bill.

17:48:39 Chair Lenz  
17:49:07 Rep. Carlson  
17:49:35 Rep. Buttrey  
17:49:44 Chair Lenz

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment:  
17:51:01

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Jasmine Hart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([huh70aad.pdf](#))