

## MINUTES

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

#### COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

**Call to Order:** Chair Dennis R. Lenz, on April 21, 2021 at 3:05 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. Mary Ann Dunwell (D)  
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)  
Rep. Sharon Greef (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)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Jane Gillette (R)  
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

Jasmine Hart, Committee Secretary  
Stephan Licitra, Remote Meeting Coordinator  
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

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**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 39, 4/21/2021; HJ 44, 4/21/2021; HJ 45, 4/21/2021  
Executive Action on: HJ 35; HJ 38; HJ 39; HJ 44; HJ 45; SJ 14; SJ 22; SB 111

15:06:00 Rep. Gillette joined the meeting.  
15:06:32 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway assumed the chair.

### **HEARING ON HJ 44**

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

15:07:13 Rep. Dennis Lenz (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HJ 44, Interim study of the foster care system.

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

15:08:42 Adrian Jawort, Montana Native Vote (MNV)  
15:11:49 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

15:13:28 Rep. Carlson  
15:16:00 Adrian Jawort, MNV  
15:16:31 Vice Chair Karjala  
15:17:28 Rep. Lenz  
15:18:11 Chair Sheldon-Galloway  
15:19:31 Rep. Lenz  
15:19:51 Rep. Kelker  
15:20:19 Chair Sheldon-Galloway  
15:20:24 Rep. Lenz

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

15:21:23 Rep. Lenz

### **HEARING ON HJ 45**

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

15:22:01 Rep. Dennis Lenz (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HJ 45, Interim study of factors triggering child removals and family reunification.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

15:24:12 Rep. Kelker  
15:24:43 Rep. Lenz  
15:25:35 Vice Chair Karjala  
15:27:34 Rep. Lenz  
15:28:53 Rep. Dunwell  
15:29:20 Rep. Lenz

15:30:05 Rep. Hill  
15:30:56 Rep. Lenz

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:31:57 Rep. Lenz

15:33:12 Rep. Lenz assumed the chair.

**HEARING ON HJ 39**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:33:39 Rep. Danny Tenenbaum (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on HJ 39, Interim study of involuntary commitment of people with Alzheimer's or dementia.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:37:25 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana  
15:40:59 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Academy of Physician Assistants (MTAPA)  
15:42:59 Adrienne Cotton, Montana Area Agencies on Aging Association (M4A)  
15:44:02 Lynn Mallowney Cabrera, Alzheimer's Association

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**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:47:56 Rep. Kelker  
15:49:16 Rep. Tenenbaum  
15:50:31 Chair Lenz  
15:51:18 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana  
15:53:16 Rep. Gillette  
15:56:05 Rep. Tenenbaum  
15:56:16 Vice Chair Karjala  
15:59:19 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:59:57 Rep. Tenenbaum

16:01:25 Chair Lenz

16:02:22 Brief Recess

16:23:06 Reconvened

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 35**

16:23:11 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HJ 35 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

16:23:30 Vice Chair Karjala

16:23:34 Chair Lenz

16:23:40 Rep. Kelker  
16:24:14 Rep. Carlson

16:25:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. C. Hinkle voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 38**

16:25:51 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HJ 38 DO PASS**.

16:26:11 **Substitute Motion/Vote:** Rep. Buttrey made a substitute motion that **HJ 38 BE TABLED**. Substitute Motion carried 15-4 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Karjala and Rep. Kelker voting no. Rep. C. Hinkle voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 39**

16:27:27 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HJ 39 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

16:27:39 Rep. Gillette  
16:28:43 Rep. Carlson  
16:29:32 Rep. Kelker  
16:30:45 Chair Lenz

16:31:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 16-3 by roll call vote with Rep. Hill, Rep. C. Hinkle and Rep. Sheldon-Galloway voting no. Rep. C. Hinkle voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 44**

16:32:39 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HJ 44 DO PASS**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. C. Hinkle voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 45**

16:33:21 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HJ 45 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

16:33:35 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway  
16:34:55 Rep. Kelker  
16:36:00 Chair Lenz

16:36:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. C. Hinkle voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 14**

16:37:15 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SJ 14 BE CONCURRED IN**.

**Discussion:**

16:37:32 Chair Lenz

16:38:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. C. Hinkle voted by proxy. Rep. Buckley will carry the bill.

16:38:46 Chair Lenz  
16:38:50 Rep. Buckley

### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 22**

16:39:08 **Motion:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SJ 22 BE CONCURRED IN.**

#### **Discussion:**

16:39:23 Rep. Carlson  
16:39:44 Rep. Dunwell  
16:40:34 Rep. Kelker  
16:41:33 Chair Lenz  
16:42:19 Rep. Carlson  
16:43:40 Rep. Dunwell  
16:44:24 Vice Chair Karjala  
16:45:10 Rep. Hill

16:46:02 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Dunwell, Rep. Frazer, Rep. Karjala, Rep. Kelker, Rep. Stafman and Rep. Tenenbaum voting aye. Rep. C. Hinkle voted by proxy.

16:47:20 **Motion/Vote:** Rep. Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SJ 22 BE TABLED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:47:35 Chair Lenz

### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 111**

16:48:02 **Motion:** Rep. Buttrey moved to **RECONSIDER ACTION** on **SB 111.**

16:48:47 Chair Lenz  
16:49:15 Rep. Carlson  
16:50:12 Rep. Stafman  
16:51:16 Vice Chair Karjala  
16:53:10 Rep. Hill

16:54:03 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-14 by roll call vote with Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Frazer, Rep. C. Hinkle, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway and Rep. Welch voting aye. Rep. C. Hinkle voted by proxy.

16:55:16 Chair Lenz  
16:56:36 Stephan Licitra, Remote Meeting Coordinator (RMC)  
16:56:50 Chair Lenz  
16:57:22 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)  
16:57:29 Chair Lenz  
17:00:18 Vice Chair Karjala  
17:00:30 Chair Lenz

17:00:52 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway  
17:01:50 Chair Lenz

**ADJOURNMENT**

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17:01:53

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Jasmine Hart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([huh76aad.pdf](#))**