

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

**Call to Order:** Chair David Howard, on February 1, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present in the Committee Room:**

Sen. David Howard, Chair (R)  
Sen. Carl Glimm, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Jen Gross, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)  
Sen. Brad Molnar (R)

**Members Present via Zoom Video Conference:**

Sen. Mary McNally (D)  
Sen. Diane Sands (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)  
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

Corina Hach, Legislative Branch  
Gwyn Schooler, Committee Secretary  
Hallie Swain, Remote Meeting Coordinator

**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 70, 1/27/2021; SB 155, 1/27/2021

**HEARING ON HB 70**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:03:32 Rep. Kenneth Holmlund (R), HD 38, opened the hearing on HB70, Revise state suicide prevention program.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:06:23 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Academy of Physician Assistants

15:07:22 Matt Kuntz, NAMI Montana

15:07:31 Sen. Sands entered the meeting.

15:09:49 Jean Branscum, CEO, Montana Medical Association

15:11:22 Mary Windecker, Behavioral Health Alliance of Montana

15:12:24 Zoe Barnard, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

**Additional Testimony Received:**

[EXHIBIT\(phs21a01\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:16:25 Sen. Gross

15:16:56 Ms. Barnard, DPHHS

15:17:32 Sen. Gross

[EXHIBIT\(phs21a02\)](#)

15:17:51 Ms. Barnard

15:18:17 Sen. Molnar

15:19:26 Rep. Holmlund

15:19:53 Sen. Molnar

15:20:36 Ms. Barnard

15:22:16 Sen. Molnar

15:22:58 Ms. Barnard

15:24:59 Sen. Sands

15:25:39 Ms. Barnard

15:26:34 Sen. Sands

15:27:45 Ms. Barnard

15:31:57 Sen. Sands

15:32:00 Chair Howard

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:32:25 Rep. Holmlund

**HEARING ON SB 155**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:33:31 Sen. Tom Jacobson (D), SD 11, opened the hearing on SB155, Provide for equal access to anatomical gifts and organ transplantation.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:39:06 Jayci Dalrymple, Eureka  
[EXHIBIT\(phs21a03\)](#)

15:45:34 Charli Chapman, citizen  
[EXHIBIT\(phs21a04\)](#)

15:45:55 Gwen Grayson, citizen

15:48:08 Stephanie Utter, Washington

15:49:02 Tracy McIntyre, Great Falls

15:50:03 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Academy of Physician Assistants

**Additional Testimony Received:**

[EXHIBIT\(phs21a05\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:51:07 Sen. McGillvray

15:51:44 Sen. Jacobson

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:52:18 Sen. Jacobson

15:53:05 Cori Hach

15:53:15 Chair Howard

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:53 PM

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([phs21aad.pdf](#))**