

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

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

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present in the Committee Room:**

Sen. David Howard, Chair (R)  
Sen. Jen Gross, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)  
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. Carl Glimm, Vice Chair (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: SB 142, 1/29/2021  
Executive Action: SB 155; HB 70

**HEARING ON SB 142**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:09:18 Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB142, Increase the number of children who can be present in day-care homes.

[EXHIBIT\(phs23a01\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:15:53 Lisa Mullen, Miles City

15:20:01 Alison Gappmayer, Bozeman

[EXHIBIT\(phs23a02\)](#)

15:24:48 Lori Ward, Bozeman

15:27:24 Elizabeth Shults, Belgrade

[EXHIBIT\(phs23a03\)](#)

15:30:12 Sen. Gross

[EXHIBIT\(phs23a04\)](#)

**Additional Testimony Received:**

[EXHIBIT\(phs23a05\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

15:30:33 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Advocates for Children

15:33:47 Bev Matsko, Montana Head Start Association, Great Falls

[EXHIBIT\(phs23a06\)](#)

15:35:52 Brandi Thomas, Child Care Connections

[EXHIBIT\(phs23a07\)](#)

15:39:03 Jennifer Sevier, Kalispell

[EXHIBIT\(phs23a08\)](#)

15:40:54 Dana Lozier, Montana Advocates for Children

[EXHIBIT\(phs23a09\)](#)

15:44:19 Grace Decker, Zero to Five

[EXHIBIT\(phs23a10\)](#)

**Additional Testimony Received:**

[EXHIBIT\(phs23a11\)](#)

**Informational Testimony:**

15:48:40 Jamie Palagi, administrator, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

[EXHIBIT\(phs23a12\)](#)

15:49:19 Abbey Buck, Great Falls

[EXHIBIT\(phs23a13\)](#)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:50:18 Sen. Gross  
15:50:53 Sen. Bogner  
15:51:54 Sen. Gross  
15:52:06 Sen. Bogner  
15:52:14 Sen. Gross  
15:52:19 Ms. Palagi, DPHHS  
15:53:12 Sen. Gross  
15:53:35 Ms. Palagi  
15:54:15 Sen. Gross  
15:54:24 Sen. Sands  
15:55:56 Sen. Bogner  
15:56:38 Sen. Sands  
15:58:15 Chair Howard  
15:58:29 Sen. Hinebauch  
15:59:30 Sen. Bogner  
16:00:13 Sen. Hinebauch  
16:00:28 Sen. Bogner  
16:00:39 Sen. Hinebauch  
16:00:57 Sen. Bogner  
16:01:34 Sen. Hinebauch  
16:02:05 Sen. Bogner  
16:02:55 Sen. Sands  
16:03:37 Ms. Palagi  
16:04:54 Sen. Sands  
16:05:12 Ms. Palagi  
16:05:48 Sen. Sands  
16:06:08 Chair Howard  
16:06:13 Ms. Palagi  
16:06:23 Sen. Molnar  
16:07:04 Ms. Palagi  
16:07:41 Sen. Molnar  
16:08:00 Ms. Palagi  
16:08:18 Chair Howard  
16:08:21 Sen. Molnar  
16:08:36 Ms. Palagi  
16:08:44 Sen. Molnar  
16:09:05 Ms. Palagi  
16:09:31 Sen. Molnar  
16:09:53 Ms. Palagi  
16:10:17 Sen. Molnar  
16:10:31 Ms. Palagi  
16:11:03 Sen. McGillvray  
16:11:20 Ms. Palagi  
16:11:55 Sen. McGillvray  
16:12:02 Ms. Palagi

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:12:20 Sen. Bogner

16:13:27 Chair Howard  
16:13:48 Recess  
16:13:48 Sen. Molnar left the meeting.  
16:17:11 Reconvene

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 155**

16:17:34 Sen. Howard  
16:17:46 **Motion:** Sen. McGillvray moved that **SB 155 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

16:17:57 Sen. Gross  
16:18:53 Chair Howard  
16:19:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Glimm and Sen. Keenan voted by proxy. Sen. Molnar was excused.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 70**

16:19:24 **Motion:** Sen. McGillvray moved that **HB 70 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

16:19:59 Sen. McGillvray  
16:20:21 Chair Howard  
16:20:26 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Glimm and Sen. Keenan voted by proxy. Sen. Molnar was excused. Sen. Gross will carry the bill.  
16:20:48 Sen. Gross  
16:21:01 Chair Howard

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:21 PM

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([phs23aad.pdf](#))