

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

**Call to Order:** Chair David Howard, on February 17, 2021 at 3:00 P.M., 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. Steve Hinebauch (R)  
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)  
Sen. Brad Molnar (R)

**Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:**

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

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Bob Keenan (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

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

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**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 43, 2/12/2021; SR 72, 2/12/2021; SB 218, 2/12/2021

Executive Action: SR 56; SR 57; SR 71; SB 100; SB 142

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 56**

14:32:26 Chair Howard

14:32:46 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **SR 56 BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

14:32:50 Sen. Glimm

14:33:11 Sen. Gross entered the meeting.

14:33:26 Sen. Gross

14:34:07 Sen. Sands

14:34:53 Sen. Gross

14:35:30 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Keenan and Sen. Molnar voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 57**

14:35:57 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **SR 57 BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

14:36:15 Sen. Sands

14:37:26 Sen. Gross

14:38:55 Sen. Glimm

14:40:25 Sen. McNally

14:41:55 Sen. Gross

14:43:20 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. McNally and Sen. Sands voting no. Sen. Keenan and Sen. Molnar voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 71**

14:44:09 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **SR 71 BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

14:45:03 Sen. Gross

14:45:28 Chair Howard

14:45:38 Cori Hach, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

14:46:19 Sen. McGillvray

14:46:57 Sen. Sands

14:47:16 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Keenan and Sen. Molnar voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 100**

14:47:50 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **SB 100 DO PASS.**

14:48:00 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **SB 100 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(phs33a01)**

**Discussion:**

14:48:29 Sen. Smith

14:49:34 Sen. Molnar entered the meeting.

14:55:10 Sen. Gross

14:56:07 Sen. Sands

14:56:14 Sen. Gross

14:56:44 Sen. Smith

15:01:00 Sen. Gross

15:01:25 Sen. Smith

15:02:05 Sen. Gross

15:02:19 Sen. McGillvray

15:02:53 Sen. Smith

15:03:36 Sen. McGillvray

15:04:25 Sen. Sands

15:05:56 Sen. Smith

15:06:42 Sen. Sands

15:07:06 Sen. Smith

15:08:56 Sen. Sands

15:09:23 Sen. Gross

15:10:44 Sen. Smith

15:13:20 Sen. McNally

15:13:51 Sen. Smith

15:16:57 Sen. McNally

15:19:42 Sen. Smith

15:20:08 Sen. McNally

15:20:31 Chair Howard

15:20:35 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross voting no. Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.

15:21:36 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **SB 100 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

15:22:01 Sen. Gross

15:22:37 Sen. Hinebauch

15:23:01 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. McNally and Sen. Sands voting no. Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 142**

15:23:46 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **SB 142 DO PASS.**

15:23:53 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **SB 142 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(phs33a02)**

**Discussion:**

15:25:36 Sen. McGillvray  
15:26:54 Sen. Hinebauch  
15:27:19 Sen. Molnar  
15:28:00 Sen. Glimm  
15:28:09 Sen. McGillvray  
15:28:17 Chair Howard  
15:28:46 Sen. Molnar

15:28:57 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.

15:29:23 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **SB 142 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

15:29:29 Sen. Gross

**EXHIBIT(phs33a03)**

15:30:48 Sen. Sands

15:33:03 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Glimm, Sen. Hinebauch, Sen. Howard and Sen. Keenan voting aye. Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.

15:33:44 Chair Howard

**HEARING ON HB 43**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:34:48 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R), HD 34, opened the hearing on HB43, Expand practice of telemedicine.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:37:20 Troy Downing, commissioner, Office of the Montana State Auditor,  
Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI)

**EXHIBIT(phs33a04)**

15:40:00 Jackie Jones, CSI

15:44:24 Bruce Spencer, Mountain Health CO-OP

15:46:24 John Doran, vice president of external affairs, Blue Cross Blue Shield of  
Montana

15:48:11 Adrienne Cotton, AARP Montana, Montana Area Agencies on Aging Association

15:50:17 Greg Van Horssen, Teladoc

15:51:19 Kendall Cotton, president/CEO, Frontier Institute

15:52:45 Allison Reinhardt, Montana Associated Students, Associated Students of the  
University of Montana, Associated Students of Montana State University

15:53:24 Duane Preshinger, Montana Hospital Association

15:53:51 Greg Dorrington, Montana Medical Association

15:54:27 Patrick Webb, Americans for Prosperity Montana

15:55:09 Aimee Grmoljez, Billing Clinic

15:56:45 Frank Cote, Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth Montana, Providence Health  
Montana  
15:57:35 Jessie Luther, SmileDirectClub  
15:58:20 Pat Noonan, Behavioral Health Alliance of Montana  
15:59:20 Jim McLean, Montana Chapter of the American Physical Therapy Association

[EXHIBIT\(phs33a05\)](#)

16:00:38 Kofi Ampaabeng, senior research intern, George Mason University

[EXHIBIT\(phs33a06\)](#)

16:03:16 Dan Brooks, Billings Chamber of Commerce

[EXHIBIT\(phs33a07\)](#)

16:04:11 Gary Lusin, citizen

[EXHIBIT\(phs33a08\)](#)

16:04:44 Samantha Schmidt, Alpine Physical Therapy

[EXHIBIT\(phs33a09\)](#)

16:06:19 Marie Matthews, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(phs33a10\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:08:47 Sen. Gross  
16:09:32 Ms. Matthews, DPHHS  
16:09:55 Sen. Hinebauch  
16:10:44 Mr. Downing, CSI  
16:11:15 Sen. Hinebauch  
16:11:23 Ms. Jones, CSI  
16:14:36 Sen. McGillvray  
16:14:59 Ms. Jones  
16:16:08 Sen. McGillvray  
16:16:27 Chair Howard  
16:16:44 Ms. Jones  
16:17:48 Chair Howard  
16:18:49 Ms. Jones  
16:20:43 Chair Howard  
16:21:01 Ms. Jones

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:22:20 Rep. R. Knudsen  
  
16:24:16 Chair Howard  
16:25:00 Cori Hach, Legislative Services Division

**HEARING ON SB 218**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:25:35 Sen. Diane Sands (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on SB218, Revise requirements related to reports on the medical marijuana program.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:29:30 Sen. Sands

16:29:57 Chair Howard passed the duties of the chair to Vice Chair Glimm.

**HEARING ON SR 72**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:30:06 Sen. David Howard (R), SD 29, opened the hearing on SR72, Confirm Governor Appointee for the Board of Occupational Therapy Practice.

**EXHIBIT(phs33a11)**

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:31:15 Sen. Sands

16:31:27 Sen. Howard

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:31:40 Sen. Howard

16:31:53 Sen. Howard resumed the duties of the chair.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 142**

16:32:00 Cori Hach, Legislative Services Division

16:32:12 Chair Howard

16:32:26 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Glimm moved that **SB 142 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote. Sen. Keenan was excused.

16:33:04 Sen. Sands

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:34 PM

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([phs33aad.pdf](#))