

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair David Howard, on March 19, 2021 at 2:46 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. Steve Hinebauch (R)
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)
Sen. Brad Molnar (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Diane Sands (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Mary McNally (D)

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 155, 3/12/2021; HB 235, 3/12/2021; HB 416, 3/12/2021; HB 459, 3/12/2021

Executive Action: HB 574

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 574

14:48:02 Sen. McGillvray

14:48:46 **Motion:** Sen. McGillvray moved that **HB 574 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

14:49:20 Sen. Gross
14:49:25 Sen. McGillvray
14:50:11 Sen. Gross
14:50:33 Sen. Sands
14:51:14 Sen. Molnar
14:51:36 Sen. Sands
14:51:50 Sen. Molnar
14:52:03 Sen. McGillvray
14:52:18 Sen. Hinebauch

14:52:34 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Glimm and Sen. Keenan were excused. Sen. McNally voted by proxy. Sen. McGillvray will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 291

14:52:59 Sen. Gross

14:53:47 **Motion:** Sen. McGillvray moved that **HB 291 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

14:54:33 Sen. Hinebauch
14:54:44 Sen. Gross
14:55:02 Sen. Hinebauch
14:55:17 Chair Howard

14:55:21 Without objection, Sen. McGillvray withdrew the **BE CONCURRED IN** motion.

HEARING ON HB 235

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

14:55:49 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB235, Create nutrition incentive program for SNAP participants.

Proponents' Testimony:

14:59:31 Sen. Dan Salomon, SD 43
15:00:13 Rachel Prevost, Montana Farmers Union

15:00:35 Sen. Glimm entered the meeting.

15:00:51 Ian Finch, Community Food and Agriculture Coalition (CFAC)
15:03:20 Makenna Sellers, Northern Plains Resource Council
15:04:41 Jean Branscum, CEO, Montana Medical Association

15:06:05 Rochelle Davies, president, Montana Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

15:08:45 Tina Melton, citizen

EXHIBIT(phs55a01)

15:10:19 Sydney Barry, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

15:11:04 Donna Ditunno, Columbia Falls

EXHIBIT(phs55a02)

15:13:29 Lorianne Burhop, Montana Food Bank Network

Additional Testimony Received:

EXHIBIT(phs55a03)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:16:33 Christy Clark, Department of Agriculture (MDA)

15:17:03 Gene Hermanson, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

15:17:29 Cindy Trimp, MDA

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:17:54 Sen. Hinebauch

15:18:28 Ms. Trimp, MDA

15:19:09 Rep. Welch

15:19:40 Sen. Hinebauch

15:19:46 Rep. Welch

15:20:00 Sen. Hinebauch

15:20:20 Rep. Welch

15:20:39 Sen. McGillvray

15:21:20 Rep. Welch

15:21:33 Mr. Finch, CFAC

15:22:02 Sen. McGillvray

15:22:09 Mr. Finch

15:22:29 Sen. McGillvray

15:22:45 Mr. Finch

15:23:09 Sen. McGillvray

15:23:18 Mr. Finch

15:23:40 Sen. Glimm

15:23:57 Mr. Finch

15:24:15 Sen. Glimm

15:24:29 Mr. Finch

15:25:06 Sen. Glimm

15:25:22 Mr. Finch

15:26:16 Sen. McGillvray

15:26:59 Rep. Welch

15:28:06 Chair Howard

15:28:32 Mr. Hermanson, DPHHS

15:29:11 Chair Howard

15:29:21 Mr. Hermanson

15:30:13 Chair Howard

15:30:23 Mr. Hermanson
15:31:29 Chair Howard
15:31:51 Mr. Hermanson
15:32:00 Chair Howard
15:32:30 Mr. Finch

Closing by Sponsor:

15:33:13 Rep. Welch

HEARING ON HB 155

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:36:31 Rep. Dennis Lenz (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB155, Revise laws related to reimbursement for certain Medicaid services.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:38:08 Rose Hughes, executive director, Montana Health Care Association (MHCA)

[EXHIBIT\(phs55a04\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

[EXHIBIT\(phs55a05\)](#)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:44:44 Sen. Gross
15:45:06 Rep. Lenz
15:45:21 Sen. Gross
15:45:39 Rep. Lenz
15:45:53 Sen. Gross
15:46:11 Rep. Lenz
15:46:35 Sen. Gross
15:46:43 Corina Hach, Legislative Services Division
15:47:01 Sen. Sands
15:47:14 Rep. Lenz
15:47:37 Sen. Sands
15:47:53 Rep. Lenz
15:48:21 Sen. Sands
15:48:30 Rep. Lenz
15:49:13 Sen. McGillvray
15:49:41 Ms. Hughes, MHCA

Closing by Sponsor:

15:51:09 Rep. Lenz

HEARING ON HB 416

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:53:24 Rep. Dennis Lenz (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB416, Establishing educational requirements for child welfare system supervisors.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:55:14 Denise Johnson, Montana Child Protection Alliance (MCPA)
15:58:21 Kelly Santiago, MCPA

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:01:35 Bob Leach, citizen
16:04:50 Laura Smith, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:05:29 Sen. McGillvray
16:05:45 Rep. Lenz
16:07:26 Sen. McGillvray
16:07:45 Rep. Lenz
16:08:11 Ms. Smith, DPHHS
16:10:07 Sen. Sands
16:10:27 Ms. Smith
16:11:01 Sen. Sands
16:11:29 Ms. Smith
16:12:14 Sen. Sands
16:12:26 Ms. Smith
16:12:47 Sen. Gross
16:13:26 Rep. Lenz
16:14:41 Chair Howard
16:16:08 Rep. Lenz

Closing by Sponsor:

16:16:31 Rep. Lenz

HEARING ON HB 459

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:18:48 Rep. Dennis Lenz (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HB459, Provide for certification of CPS workers with direct contact with children.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:21:41 Lacey Berg, citizen
16:24:49 Denise Johnson, Montana Child Protection Alliance (MCPA)
16:28:21 Kelly Santiago, MCPA
16:31:43 Keith Newmeyer, citizen

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:33:08 Laura Smith, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
16:33:46 Lucy Richards, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

[EXHIBIT\(phs55a06\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:34:13 Sen. Gross
16:34:51 Ms. Richards, DLI
16:36:17 Sen. Gross
16:36:41 Ms. Richards
16:37:09 Sen. Sands
16:37:35 Ms. Smith, DPHHS
16:37:48 Sen. Sands
16:38:07 Ms. Smith
16:39:05 Sen. Sands
16:39:54 Ms. Smith
16:40:41 Sen. Sands
16:40:53 Chair Howard
16:41:20 Ms. Smith
16:41:37 Chair Howard
16:41:53 Ms. Smith
16:42:51 Chair Howard
16:43:08 Ms. Smith
16:43:41 Chair Howard
16:44:28 Rep. Lenz

Closing by Sponsor:

16:45:28 Rep. Lenz

16:50:28 Chair Howard

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:50 P.M.

Gwyn Schooler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([phs55aad.pdf](#))