

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair David Howard, on March 22, 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. Steve Hinebauch (R)
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)
Sen. Brad Molnar (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Jen Gross, Vice Chair (D)
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 299, 3/16/2021; HB 307, 3/16/2021; HB 328, 3/16/2021; HB 364, 3/16/2021

Executive Action: HB 155, HB 231, HB 235, HB 291, HB 416

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 155

14:52:32 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HB 155 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

14:53:05 Sen. McGillvray

14:53:26 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Keenan voted by proxy. Sen. McGillvray will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 231

14:54:05 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HB 231 BE CONCURRED IN.**

14:54:24 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HB 231 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(phs56a01)

Discussion:

14:54:56 Sen. Sands
14:55:12 Cori Hach, Legislative Services Division
14:55:46 Chair Howard
14:56:21 Sen. Sands
14:56:25 Sen. McGillvray
14:57:33 Sen. Hinebauch
14:57:53 Sen. Glimm
14:57:59 Chair Howard

14:59:21 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. McGillvray and Sen. Sands voting no. Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.

14:59:59 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HB 231 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried 6-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. McNally and Sen. Sands voting no. Sen. Keenan voted by proxy. Sen. Glimm will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 235

15:00:58 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HB 235 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

15:01:19 Sen. Glimm
15:02:40 Sen. Gross
15:03:38 Sen. McGillvray
15:06:27 Sen. Molnar
15:06:59 Sen. Gross
15:07:42 Sen. Molnar
15:07:48 Sen. Gross
15:07:54 Sen. Molnar
15:08:15 Sen. Gross

- 15:09:17 Sen. McGillvray
- 15:09:50 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. McNally and Sen. Sands voting aye. Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.
- 15:10:39 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HB 235 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Sen. Keenan was excused. Motion carried 8-0 by voice vote.
- 15:11:24 Chair Howard

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 291

- 15:11:48 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HB 291 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

- 15:12:05 Sen. McGillvray
- 15:13:20 Sen. Hinebauch
- 15:13:35 Sen. Gross
- 15:14:58 **Vote:** Motion carried 8-1 by roll call vote with Sen. Hinebauch voting no. Sen. Keenan voted by proxy. Sen. Gross will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 416

- 15:15:47 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HB 416 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

- 15:16:11 Cori Hach, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
- 15:16:23 Sen. Glimm
- 15:16:26 Ms. Hach, LSD
- 15:16:30 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HB 416 BE AMENDED**.
[EXHIBIT\(phs56a02\)](#)

Discussion:

- 15:16:48 Ms. Hach
- 15:17:20 Chair Howard
- 15:17:30 Ms. Hach
- 15:18:03 Sen. Gross
- 15:19:33 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.
- 15:20:00 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HB 416 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Keenan voted by proxy. Sen. Gross will carry the bill.

HEARING ON HB 328

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:21:00 Rep. Connie Keogh (D), HD 91, opened the hearing on HB328, Provide guidelines for assessing language development in deaf children.

[EXHIBIT\(phs56a03\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:26:30 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Speech-Language-Hearing Association

15:28:42 Heidi Houck, Missoula

[EXHIBIT\(phs56a04\)](#)

15:31:52 Cecily Whitworth, Missoula

[EXHIBIT\(phs56a05\)](#)

15:39:50 Katie Opp, Montana Registry of Interpreters of the Deaf

15:42:14 Cam Tulloch, citizen

15:43:51 Brandy Reinhardt, state ambassador, National Association of Interpreters in Education

15:46:39 Kiera Kirschner, Family Support Services Advisory Council

[EXHIBIT\(phs56a06\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:48:33 Jamie Palagi, Early Childhood and Family Support Division administrator, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:49:10 Sen. Molnar

15:49:42 Ms. Palagi, DPHHS

15:50:16 Sen. Molnar

15:50:54 Ms. Palagi

15:51:33 Sen. McNally

15:52:10 Rep. Keogh

Closing by Sponsor:

15:53:30 Rep. Keogh

HEARING ON HB 364

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:55:15 Rep. Jeremy Trebas (R), HD 26, opened the hearing on HB364, Require CPS to share limited information with certain reporters upon request.

Proponents' Testimony:

[EXHIBIT\(phs56a07\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

15:58:47 Rep. Trebas

HEARING ON HB 299

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:59:32 Rep. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), HD 84, opened the hearing on HB299, Revise insurance requirements for diabetes self-management education.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:02:46 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Academy of Physician Assistants

16:03:58 Jean Branscum, CEO, Montana Medical Association

[EXHIBIT\(phs56a08\)](#)

16:06:28 Laura Keller, American Diabetes Association

[EXHIBIT\(phs56a09\)](#)

16:09:11 Karen Fairbrother, Helena

[EXHIBIT\(phs56a10\)](#)

16:11:50 Walter Joyce, East Helena

[EXHIBIT\(phs56a11\)](#)

16:14:11 Linda Beischel, Helena

[EXHIBIT\(phs56a12\)](#)

16:15:48 Lisa Ranes, Billings Clinic

16:19:15 Kristine Kilen, Montana Association of Diabetes Care and Education Specialists (ADCES)

16:21:41 Marci Butcher, ADCES

[EXHIBIT\(phs56a13\)](#)

16:25:31 Kali Wicks, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:26:48 Sen. Glimm

16:27:08 Rep. Dunwell

16:28:26 Sen. Glimm

16:28:35 Rep. Dunwell

[EXHIBIT\(phs56a14\)](#)

16:29:01 Sen. Molnar

16:29:34 Rep. Dunwell
16:30:39 Sen. Molnar
16:31:12 Rep. Dunwell

Closing by Sponsor:

16:32:09 Rep. Dunwell

16:38:52 Recess
16:42:50 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 307

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:43:14 Rep. Jane Gillette (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB307, Repeal obligation of adult children to support indigent parents.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:45:12 Sen. Howard
16:45:22 Rep. Gillette
16:45:36 Sen. Howard

Closing by Sponsor:

16:45:40 Rep. Gillette

16:46:12 Chair Howard
16:46:54 Sen. Gross
16:47:10 Chair Howard
16:47:24 Sen. Sands
16:47:44 Chair Howard
16:48:03 Sen. Sands
16:48:07 Chair Howard

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:48 PM

Gwyn Schooler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([phs56aad.pdf](#))