

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair David Howard, on March 26, 2021 at 2:50 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. Mary McNally (D)
Sen. Brad Molnar (R)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)

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 484, 3/16/2021; HB 487, 3/16/2021; HB 495, 3/16/2021; SJ 22, 3/16/2021

Executive Action: HB 398; HB 426; HB 423; SR 94

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 398

14:51:37 Cori Hach, Legislative Services Division

14:52:10 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HB 398 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

14:52:33 Sen. Gross

14:53:05 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Keenan voted by proxy. Sen. Gross will carry the bill.

14:53:21 Sen. Gross

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 426

14:53:35 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HB 426 BE CONCURRED IN.**

14:54:07 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HB 426 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(phs60a01\)](#)

Discussion:

14:54:26 Cori Hach, Legislative Services Division

14:54:56 Sen. Gross

14:55:48 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.

14:56:01 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HB 426 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Keenan voted by proxy. Sen. Gross will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 423

14:56:38 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HB 423 BE CONCURRED IN.**

14:57:05 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HB 423 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(phs60a02\)](#)

Discussion:

14:57:19 Cori Hach, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

14:58:15 Sen. McNally

14:59:04 Sen. Glimm

14:59:19 Sen. McNally

15:00:35 Sen. Glimm

15:01:19 Sen. McNally

15:01:54 Sen. McGillvray

15:02:26 Sen. Sands

15:02:57 Chair Howard

15:03:29 Sen. McGillvray

15:03:40 Chair Howard
15:03:43 Sen. Sands
15:03:54 Ms. Hach, LSD
15:04:17 Sen. Sands
15:04:36 Chair Howard
15:04:40 Ms. Hach
15:04:51 Sen. Sands
15:05:01 Chair Howard
15:05:12 Sen. Glimm

15:06:09 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **AMENDMENT HB 423.2.1 BE AMENDED CONCEPTUALLY.**

Discussion:

15:06:33 Ms. Hach
15:06:58 Sen. Hinebauch
15:07:45 Chair Howard

15:08:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-3 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. Hinebauch and Sen. Molnar voting no. Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.

15:09:22 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HB 423 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:09:33 Sen. Gross
15:11:06 Chair Howard
15:11:25 Sen. Molnar
15:13:14 Sen. Gross
15:13:23 Sen. McNally

15:14:32 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Keenan voted by proxy. Sen. McNally will carry the bill.

15:15:50 Chair Howard
15:16:00 Sen. Glimm

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 94

15:16:41 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **SR 94 BE ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

15:17:01 Sen. Gross

15:17:20 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Keenan voted by proxy.

HEARING ON SJ 22

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:18:06 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SJ22, Interim study of emergency medical services laws.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:21:39 Jim Detienne, Montana Emergency Medical Services Association (MEMSA)

[EXHIBIT\(phs60a03\)](#)

15:27:32 Jessie Luther, Montana Hospital Association

15:29:38 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

15:30:58 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association

15:31:57 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association

15:34:15 Chief Rich Cowger, Montana Fire Alliance

15:35:35 Drew Dawson, Boulder City Council

15:38:30 Robert Farnum, Sweet Grass County Ambulance

[EXHIBIT\(phs60a04\)](#)

Additional Testimony Received:

[EXHIBIT\(phs60a05\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:40:45 Sen. Sands

15:42:12 Mr. Detienne, MEMSA

15:42:21 Sen. Sands

Closing by Sponsor:

15:43:02 Sen. McClafferty

HEARING ON HB 484

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:44:20 Rep. Jane Gillette (R), , opened the hearing on HB 484, Require state programs to participate in a health information exchange.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:49:28 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

[EXHIBIT\(phs60a06\)](#)

15:54:48 Nikolas Griffith, PacificSource Health Plans

15:56:07 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Academy of Physician Assistants

15:56:38 Jim Detienne, Montana Emergency Medical Services Association

15:57:32 Marie Matthews, Department of Public Health and Human Services

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:59:24 Jennifer Wilhoit, Big Sky Care Connect (BSCC)

[EXHIBIT\(phs60a07\)](#)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:00:09 Sen. Sands
16:04:01 Ms. Branscum, MMA
16:04:41 Sen. Molnar
16:09:50 Ms. Branscum
16:10:31 Sen. McGillvray
16:10:54 Ms. Wilhoit, BSCC
16:11:05 Sen. McGillvray
16:11:35 Ms. Wilhoit
16:11:54 Sen. McGillvray
16:12:40 Ms. Wilhoit
16:13:23 Ms. Branscum
16:14:01 Sen. McGillvray
16:14:11 Sen. Hinebauch
16:14:57 Ms. Branscum

Closing by Sponsor:

16:15:50 Rep. Gillette

HEARING ON HB 487

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:18:03 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB487, Make Indian language education an allowable TANF work activity.

Proponents' Testimony:

16:20:50 Jordan Thompson, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
16:22:04 Patrick Yawaki, Blackfeet Tribe

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:24:24 Gene Hermanson, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:24:55 Sen. Sands
16:25:22 Rep. Windy Boy
16:26:29 Sen. Sands
16:26:42 Rep. Windy Boy
16:27:18 Sen. Sands
16:27:28 Rep. Windy Boy
16:28:32 Sen. McGillvray
16:29:13 Mr. Hermanson, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

16:29:48 Rep. Windy Boy

HEARING ON HB 495

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

16:30:27 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 81, opened the hearing on HB495, Revise laws related to health care providers.

[EXHIBIT\(phs60a08\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

16:33:05 Eric Anderson, Montana Nurses Association (MNA)

16:33:59 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Academy of Physician Assistants

16:34:59 Vicky Byrd, CEO, MNA

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

16:37:00 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

16:37:35 Rep. Caferro

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:37 PM

Gwyn Schooler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([phs60aad.pdf](#))