

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair David Howard, on March 29, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 303 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)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Jen Gross, Vice Chair (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 502, 3/16/2021; HB 549, 3/16/2021; HJ 19, 3/16/2021

Executive Action: HB 487; SJ 22; HB 549; HJ 19

HEARING ON HB 549

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:08:49 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB549, Revise state suicide reduction plans to include specific military-related data.

Proponents' Testimony:

15:09:51 Chaya Semple, American Legion of Montana

15:10:49 Krista Briscoe, Cascade County

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

15:12:03 Zoe Barnard, Addictive and Mental Disorders Division administrator, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:12:35 Sen. Sands

15:12:53 Ms. Barnard, DPHHS

15:13:34 Sen. Hinebauch entered the meeting.

15:13:53 Ms. Barnard

15:15:01 Sen. Sands

15:15:17 Ms. Barnard

15:16:01 Sen. Molnar entered the meeting.

15:16:53 Chair Howard

15:17:00 Ms. Barnard

15:17:12 Sen. Gross

15:17:39 Ms. Barnard

15:18:11 Sen. Glimm

15:18:32 Ms. Barnard

15:19:21 Chair Howard

15:19:31 Rep. Kerns

Closing by Sponsor:

15:19:54 Rep. Kerns

15:20:41 Ms. Barnard

15:20:50 Sen. Glimm

15:20:59 Ms. Barnard

15:21:07 Sen. Glimm

HEARING ON HJ 19

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:21:36 Rep. Marta Bertoglio (R), HD 75, opened the hearing on HJ19, Resolution designating May as ALS Awareness Month.

[EXHIBIT\(phs61a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:24:59 Chaya Semple, American Legion of Montana

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

15:25:32 Sen. Glimm

15:25:54 Rep. Bertoglio

15:26:17 Sen. Glimm

15:26:32 Ms. Semple, American Legion of Montana

15:27:08 Sen. Glimm

15:27:13 Ms. Semple

Closing by Sponsor:

15:27:41 Rep. Bertoglio

HEARING ON HB 502

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

15:28:20 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R), HD 22, opened the hearing on HB502, Create exemption from child-placement licensure requirements.

[EXHIBIT\(phs61a02\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

15:32:53 Tony Rausch, Great Falls

15:36:20 Rick Jore, Ronan

[EXHIBIT\(phs61a03\)](#)

15:39:10 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation

15:41:49 Krista Briscoe, Cascade County

Opponents' Testimony:

15:43:11 Lori Kopp, adoption supervisor, St John's United

15:46:57 Twila Costigan, executive director, Catholic Social Services of Montana (CSSM)

15:51:37 Sarah Mazanec, citizen

15:53:58 Frank Cote, SCL Health; Providence Health

15:55:07 Michelle Perlick, adoption social worker, CSSM

[EXHIBIT\(phs61a04\)](#)

15:59:06 Trudi Paulson, Family Services director, St. John's United

16:01:12 Carrie Hall, Billings
16:05:56 Cindy Nordstog, CEO, LaVie
16:11:11 Bill Driscoll, attorney, CSSM
16:13:37 Ann Davey, attorney, CSSM; St. John's United

Informational Testimony:

16:17:07 Marti Vining, Child and Family Services Division administrator, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

16:17:44 Sen. Sands
16:18:02 Ms. Vining, DPHHS
16:18:35 Sen. Sands
16:18:50 Ms. Vining
16:19:10 Sen. Glimm
16:19:33 Mr. Cote, SCL Health; Providence Health
16:21:40 Sen. McGillvray
16:22:21 Ms. Paulson, St. John's United
16:23:02 Sen. McGillvray
16:23:12 Ms. Paulson
16:24:18 Sen. McGillvray
16:24:36 Ms. Paulson
16:25:38 Sen. McGillvray
16:26:13 Ms. Paulson
16:27:28 Sen. McGillvray
16:28:02 Ms. Davey, CSSM; St. John's United
16:30:55 Sen. Glimm
16:31:19 Ms. Vining
16:31:50 Sen. Glimm
16:32:00 Sen. Molnar
16:32:23 Ms. Davey
16:32:52 Sen. Molnar
16:33:45 Ms. Davey
16:35:22 Chair Howard
16:35:41 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
16:36:01 Sen. Molnar
16:36:23 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
16:36:40 Chair Howard
16:37:02 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
16:37:46 Mr. Jore, Ronan
16:38:03 Chair Howard
16:38:19 Mr. Jore

Closing by Sponsor:

16:39:28 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

Discussion:

16:46:48 Chair Howard
16:47:25 Sen. Glimm
16:47:43 Chair Howard

16:48:02 Cori Hach, Legislative Services Division
16:48:17 Chair Howard
16:48:24 Ms. Hach, LSD
16:48:37 Chair Howard
16:48:51 Ms. Hach
16:49:09 Chair Howard
16:49:55 Sen. Gross
16:50:55 Sen. Sands

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 19

16:51:29 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HJ 19 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Keenan and Sen. McNally voted by proxy. Sen. Sands will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 549

16:52:28 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HB 549 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

16:52:47 Sen. Gross

16:53:25 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Keenan and Sen. McNally voted by proxy. Sen. Gross will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 22

16:53:59 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **SJ 22 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

16:54:17 Sen. Sands
16:54:50 Chair Howard

16:55:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Keenan and Sen. McNally voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 487

16:55:42 **Motion:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HB 487 BE CONCURRED IN**.

Discussion:

16:56:00 Sen. Glimm
16:56:59 Sen. Gross
16:59:23 Sen. Sands

17:59:48 **Vote:** Motion failed 3-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. McNally and Sen. Sands voting aye. Sen. Keenan and Sen. McNally voted by proxy.

17:00:49 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HB 487 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Keenan and Sen. McNally voted by proxy.

17:01:15 Sen. Molnar

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:01 PM

Gwyn Schooler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([phs61aad.pdf](#))