

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

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

**Call to Order:** Chair David Howard, on April 28, 2021 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 422 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Sen. David Howard, Chair (R)  
Sen. Carl Glimm, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Jen Gross, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)  
Sen. Brad Molnar (R)  
Sen. Diane Sands (D)

**Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:**

Sen. Mary McNally (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)  
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Corina Hach, Legislative Branch  
Gwyn Schooler, Committee Secretary  
Coleen Street, Remote Meeting Coordinator

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HJ 44, 4/27/2021; HJ 35, 4/27/2021; HJ 39, 4/27/2021; HJ 45, 4/27/2021; HJ 49, 4/27/2021

Executive Action: HJ 35, HJ 39, HJ 44; HJ 45; HJ 49

07:59:21 Sen. Gross entered the meeting.

**HEARING ON HJ 35**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

07:59:42 Rep. Dennis Lenz (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HJ35 for Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, Interim study of the children's mental health system.

08:00:02 Sen. Molnar entered the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

08:00:24 Rep. Lenz

**HEARING ON HJ 39**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:00:38 Rep. Danny Tenenbaum (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on HJ39, Interim study of involuntary commitment of people with Alzheimer's or dementia.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

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**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

08:01:30 Rep. Tenenbaum

**HEARING ON HJ 49**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:01:45 Rep. Jane Gillette (R), opened the hearing on HJ49, Study benefits cliff in public assistance program.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

08:02:27 Rep. Gillette

#### **HEARING ON HJ 45**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:02:41 Rep. Dennis Lenz (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HJ45, Interim study of factors triggering child removals and family reunification.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

08:03:07 Rep. Lenz

#### **HEARING ON HJ 44**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

08:03:14 Rep. Dennis Lenz (R), HD 53, opened the hearing on HJ44, Interim study of the foster care system.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

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

**Closing by Sponsor:**

08:03:31 Rep. Lenz

#### **EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 35**

08:03:37 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HJ 35 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Hinebauch and Sen. Keenan were excused. Sen. Gross will carry the bill.

08:04:01 Sen. McGillvray

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 39**

08:04:29 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HJ 39 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 6-1 by voice vote with Sen. Molnar voting no. Sen. Hinebauch and Sen. Keenan were excused. Sen. Sands will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 44**

08:04:57 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HJ 44 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Hinebauch and Sen. Keenan were excused. Sen. Glimm will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 45**

08:05:20 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HJ 45 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 7-0 by voice vote. Sen. Hinebauch and Sen. Keenan were excused. Sen. Molnar will carry the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 49**

08:05:59 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Glimm moved that **HJ 49 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 5-2 by voice vote with Sen. Gross and Sen. McNally voting no. Sen. Hinebauch and Sen. Keenan were excused. Sen. McGillvray will carry the bill.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 8:06 AM

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