

**MINUTES**  
**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**  
**COMMITTEE ON (H) HUMAN SERVICES**

**Call to Order:** Chair Jennifer Carlson-R, on January 12, 2023 at 3:01 PM, in 152

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Jennifer Carlson, Chair (R)  
Rep. Alice Buckley, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Edward Buttrey (R)  
Rep. Jodee Etchart (R)  
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)  
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)  
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)  
Rep. SJ Howell (D)  
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)  
Rep. Nelly Nicol (R)  
Rep. George Nikolakakos (R)  
Rep. Greg Oblander (R)  
Rep. Amy Regier (R)  
Rep. Wayne Rusk (R)  
Rep. Laura Smith (D)  
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)  
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Zooney Zephyr (D)

**Staff Present:** Milly Allen, Research Analyst  
Katie Reeves, Secretary

**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:

HB 101 01/05/2023

HB 102 12/30/2022

HB 147 12/30/2022

Executive Action:

HB 64 TO TABLE  
HB 65 DO PASS AS AMENDED  
HB 116 DO PASS

**HEARING ON HB 147 - Enhance Medicaid rates for certain children's mental health services**

**Opening Statement:**

15:03:34 Rep. Jane Gillette (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 147, Enhance Medicaid rates for certain children's mental health services.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:06:37 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, NAMI Montana

15:08:28 Sean Conroe, Ability Montana

15:09:28 Dr. Lauren Wilson, America Academy of Pediatrics

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

15:10:48 Meghan Peel, Childrens Mental Health, DPHHS

**Questions from Committee:**

15:11:13 Rep. Michael Yakawich

15:11:35 Rep. Jane Gillette-R

15:12:10 Meghan Peel, DPHHS

15:12:49 Rep. Michael Yakawich

15:12:58 Meghan Peel, DPHHS

15:13:58 Rep. SJ Howell

15:14:07 Dr. Lauren Wilson

**Closing Statement:**

15:15:54 Rep. Jane Gillette (R), HD 64, closed the hearing on HB 147.

**HEARING ON HB 101 - Revise licensing reciprocity for behavioral health care licensees**

**Opening Statement:**

15:19:46 Rep. Jane Gillette (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 101, Revise licensing reciprocity for behavioral health care licensees.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:22:46 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, NAMI Montana  
15:23:57 Stacy Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association  
15:25:09 Heather O'Hara, Vice President, Montana Hospital Association  
15:26:14 Henry Kriegel, Legislative Director, Americans for Prosperity Montana  
15:26:33 Jenna Eisenhart, Director Clinical Services, Shodair Childrens Hospital  
15:30:30 Adrienna Hines, Benefis  
15:31:14 Lauren Wilson, Montana American Academy Pediatrics

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

15:31:43 Meghan Peel, Children's Mental Health Bureau Chief, DPHHS  
15:32:01 Eric Strauss, Administrator, Employment Standards Division Department of Labor and Industry

**Questions from Committee:**

15:32:30 Rep. Kim Abbott  
15:32:51 Eric Strauss, Labor and Industry  
15:33:26 Rep. Kim Abbott  
15:33:48 Rep. Jane Gillette-R

**Closing Statement:**

15:33:58 Rep. Jane Gillette (R), HD 64, closed the hearing on HB 101.

**HEARING ON HB 102 - Revise laws related to accrediting agencies for health care facilities**

**Opening Statement:**

15:37:07 Rep. Jane Gillette (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 102, Revise laws related to accrediting agencies for health care facilities.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:38:42 Michelle Truax, Office of Inspector General, DPHHS

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**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

None

**Closing Statement:**

15:42:52 Rep. Jane Gillette (R), HD 64, closed the hearing on HB 102.

15:43:37 **Recessed**

16:08:25 **Reconvened**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 64 - Eliminate governor's committee on telecommunication access services**

16:08:51 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 64 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

16:09:17 Rep. Ron Marshall

16:10:18 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Ron Marshall moved that **HB 64 BE TABLED.**

11:48:58 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 65 - Revise cost reporting requirements for home and community-based services**

16:11:27 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 65 DO PASS.**

16:12:01 **Motion:** Rep. Edward Buttrey moved that **HB 65 BE AMENDED.**

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:12:47 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 65 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 116 - Strengthen qualified provider pool statute for children's mental health services**

16:13:37 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 116 DO PASS.**

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:18:12

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Katie Reeves, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230112HUUHaad\)](#)