

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R, on January 13, 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. Donavon Hawk (D)  
Rep. SJ Howell (D)  
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)  
Rep. Nelly Nicol (D)  
Rep. George Nikolakakos (R)  
Rep. Greg Oblander (R)  
Rep. Wayne Rusk (R)  
Rep. Laura Smith (D)  
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)  
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)  
Rep. Zoey Zephyr (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Edward Buttrey (R)  
Rep. Jodee Etchart (R)  
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)  
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)  
Rep. Amy Regier (R)

**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 29 12/30/2022

HB 200 01/10/2023

Executive Action:

15:03:54 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway assumes the gavel

**HEARING ON HB 200 - Revise the Montana Safe Haven Newborn Protection Act**

**Opening Statement:**

15:04:16 Rep. Sherry Essmann (R), HD 52, opened the hearing on HB 200, Revise the Montana Safe Haven Newborn Protection Act.

[EXHIBIT\(230113HUh1\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230113HUh2\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230113HUh3\)](#)

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[EXHIBIT\(230113HUh5\)](#)

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:07:20 Jill Bushman, Self

15:10:56 Pam Western, Self

15:14:57 Johanna Kennedy, Haven Camps

15:18:12 Heather O'Hara, RN, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

15:18:56 Jessie Browning, Self

15:20:15 Monica Kelsey, Safe Haven Baby Boxes, CEO (SHBB)

**Questions from Committee:**

11:09:58 Rep. Sherry Essmann

15:23:38 Rep. Greg Oblander

15:24:02 Monica Kelsey, SHBB

15:25:22 Rep. Greg Oblander

15:25:39 Monica Kelsey, SHBB

15:27:01 Rep. Ron Marshall

15:27:43 Rep. Sherry Essmann-R

15:28:58 Rep. Tom Welch

15:29:07 Rep. Michael Yakawich

**Closing Statement:**

15:31:14 Rep. Sherry Essmann (R), HD 52, closed the hearing on HB 200.

15:33:38 **Recessed**

15:37:12 **Reconvened**

**HEARING ON HB 29 - Revise laws related to involuntary commitment of people with dementia or TBI**

**Opening Statement:**

15:38:03 Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 29, Revise laws related to involuntary commitment of people with dementia or TBI.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:55:04 Claire Marshall, Alzheimer's Association

15:58:30 Sean Conroe, Ability Montana

16:00:57 Matt Kuntz, NAMI Montana

16:03:10 Rose Hughes, Montana Healthcare Association

16:05:33 Bernadette Franks-Ongoy, Disability Rights Montana, Executive Director

16:08:42 Adrienne Cotton, AARP Montana

16:09:39 Maggie Bornstein, ACLU Montana

16:10:38 Danny Tenenbaum, Self

16:13:45 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living

**Opponent Testimony:**

16:16:06 William Evo, Chief of Healthcare DPHHS

**Questions from Committee:**

16:20:51	Rep. George Nikolakakos
16:21:39	Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R
16:24:13	Rep. Greg Oblander
16:24:39	Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R
16:25:14	Rose Hughes
16:26:42	Rep. Greg Oblander
16:27:22	Rose Hughes
16:28:41	Rep. Ron Marshall
16:29:11	Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R
16:31:45	Rep. Ron Marshall
16:32:21	Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R
16:32:28	Rose Hughes
16:34:47	Rep. Ron Marshall
16:35:25	William Evo
16:48:48	Rep. Nelly Nicol
16:48:53	Rose Hughes
16:49:22	Rep. Laura Smith
16:49:54	Rose Hughes
16:50:47	Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway
16:51:03	Rose Hughes
16:52:13	Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway
16:52:51	Rose Hughes
16:54:41	Sean Conroe

16:56:05 Rep. Ron Marshall  
16:56:22 Sean Conroe  
16:56:33 Rep. Ron Marshall  
16:57:07 Sean Conroe  
16:57:24 Bernadette Franks-Ongoy  
16:59:03 Sean Conroe  
17:00:10 Rep. Alice Buckley  
17:00:36 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R  
17:00:41 Rep. Alice Buckley  
17:01:36 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R  
17:03:10 Rep. Alice Buckley  
17:03:15 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R

**Closing Statement:**

17:03:53 Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, closed the hearing on HB 29.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 17:10:45

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Katie Reeves, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230113HUHaad\)](#)

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