

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

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Carlson-R, on January 16, 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)
Rep. Zoey 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 194 01/12/2023

HB 195 01/12/2023

Executive Action:

HB 29 DO PASS

HB 101 DO PASS
HB 102 DO PASS
HB 147 DO PASS

HEARING ON HB 195 - Generally revise consumer rights laws to repair powered wheelchairs

Opening Statement:

15:03:24 Vice Chair Alice Buckley (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 195, Generally revise consumer rights laws to repair powered wheelchairs.

Proponent Testimony:

15:08:00 Kona Franks-Ongoy, Disability Rights Montana
15:13:07 Maggie Bornstein, ACLU Montana
15:13:49 Jasmine Krotkov, Montana Farmers Union
15:15:14 Katie Sullivan, HD - 89
15:15:35 John Doran, Blue Cross/Blue Shield
15:16:53 Kevin O'Reilly, Right to Repair Campaign Director
15:19:56 Travis Hoffman, Montana Center for Independent Living

Opponent Testimony:

15:22:45 Eric Ecker, Big Sky Medical Supply

Questions from Committee:

15:26:29 Rep. Nelly Nicol
15:27:05 Eric Ecker
15:28:17 Rep. Nelly Nicol
15:28:35 Eric Ecker
15:29:26 Rep. Nelly Nicol
15:29:49 Eric Ecker
15:30:53 Rep. Edward Buttrey

15:31:35	Eric Ecker
15:31:53	Rep. Edward Buttrey
15:32:36	Katie Sullivan
15:32:50	Rep. Edward Buttrey
15:32:59	Katie Sullivan
15:33:18	Rep. Tom Welch
15:33:50	Eric Ecker
15:34:35	Rep. Tom Welch
15:35:05	Eric Ecker
15:37:16	Rep. Tom Welch
15:37:28	Eric Ecker
15:37:40	Rep. Tom Welch
15:37:49	Eric Ecker
15:38:36	Rep. Greg Oblander
15:39:00	Eric Ecker
15:40:38	Rep. Greg Oblander
15:41:08	Eric Ecker
15:41:35	Rep. Kim Abbott
15:42:11	Travis Hoffman
15:43:51	Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway
15:44:23	Eric Ecker
15:47:02	Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway
15:47:03	Eric Ecker
15:47:49	Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway

15:47:53 Eric Ecker
15:48:56 Rep. SJ Howell
15:49:56 Kevin O'Reilly
15:51:16 Rep. Ron Marshall
15:51:48 John Doran Blue Cross/Blue Shield
15:51:59 Rep. Ron Marshall
15:52:18 Rep. Alice Buckley-D
15:52:56 Rep. Ron Marshall
15:53:05 Rep. Alice Buckley-D
15:53:18 Rep. Ed Stafman
15:53:48 Kevin O'Reilly
15:54:42 Rep. Greg Oblander
15:55:03 Eric Ecker
15:55:57 Rep. Greg Oblander
15:56:20 Eric Ecker
15:57:14 Rep. Ron Marshall
15:57:40 Travis Hoffman

Closing Statement:

15:58:24 Vice Chair Alice Buckley (D), HD 63, closed the hearing on HB 195.

**HEARING ON HB 194 - Extending the expiration date for medical marijuana registry cards
for veterans**

Opening Statement:

16:01:01 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, opened the hearing on HB 194,
Extending the expiration date for medical marijuana registry cards for
veterans.

Proponent Testimony:

16:03:13 Pepper Petersen, Montana Cannabis Guild
16:05:53 Erica Siate, Hemp Plus & Stink Blossom
16:07:10 Antoinette Lininger, Co-Founder & CEO, Sacred Sun Farms

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:09:41 Travis Pilon, Dept of Revenue License Specialist

Questions from Committee:

16:10:19 Rep. Ed Stafman
16:10:32 Travis Pelon
16:10:53 Rep. Ed Stafman
16:11:16 Travis Pelon
16:11:37 Rep. Ron Marshall
16:12:06 Antoinette Lininger
16:12:26 Rep. Michael Yakawich
16:13:00 Travis Pelon
16:13:14 Rep. Michael Yakawich
16:13:39 Chair Jennifer Carlson
16:13:41 Rep. Michael Yakawich
16:13:46 Travis Pelon
16:14:52 Rep. Zooey Zephyr
16:15:18 Rep. Tony Brockman-R
16:16:22 Rep. Zooey Zephyr
16:16:26 Travis Pelon
16:16:45 Rep. Zooey Zephyr
16:17:19 Rep. Tony Brockman-R

16:18:25 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway
16:18:55 Travis Pelon
16:19:11 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway
16:19:34 Rep. Tony Brockman-R
16:20:26 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway
16:20:49 Rep. Tony Brockman-R
16:20:57 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway
16:21:30 Rep. Jodee Etchart
16:22:03 Rep. Greg Oblander
16:22:33 Pepper Pedersen
16:23:40 Rep. Greg Oblander
16:23:51 Pepper Pedersen
16:24:36 Rep. Ed Stafman
16:25:10 Travis Pelon
16:25:18 Erin Ducharme, Department of Revenue Montana

Closing Statement:

16:26:12 Rep. Tony Brockman (R), HD 9, closed the hearing on HB 194.

16:27:54 **Recessed**

16:50:24 **Reconvened**

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

16:50:46 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 29 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:51:19 Vice Chair Alice Buckley

16:52:11 Rep. Ed Stafman
16:53:28 Rep. Laura Smith
16:54:11 Chair Jennifer Carlson
11:46:40 **Vote:** Motion carried 20 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Hawk, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 101 - Revise licensing reciprocity for behavioral health care licensees

16:55:11 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 101 DO PASS.**
11:46:40 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 102 - Revise laws related to accrediting agencies for health care facilities

16:56:11 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 102 DO PASS.**
11:46:40 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 147 - Enhance Medicaid rates for certain children's mental health services

16:57:12 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 147 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:58:11 Rep. Laura Smith
16:58:51 Chair Jennifer Carlson
16:59:20 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway
16:59:46 Rep. Ed Stafman
17:00:26 Rep. Greg Oblander
17:00:57 Chair Jennifer Carlson
11:46:40 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:02:13

Katie Reeves, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230116HUHaad\)](#)