

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

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Carlson-R, on January 17, 2023 at 3:02 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. 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. Zooey Zephyr (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Kim Abbott (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 17 01/12/2023
HB 207 01/12/2023
HB 227 01/13/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 227 - Revise laws related to contributions from parents/guardians

Opening Statement:

15:02:52 Rep. Terry Moore (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 227, Revise laws related to contributions from parents/guardians.

Discussion:

15:03:31 Chair Jennifer Carlson left the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

15:04:49 Maggie Bornstein, ACLU

15:05:36 Robert Leach

15:06:58 Denise Johnson, Montana Protection Alliance

15:09:07 Georgia Miller

15:09:55 Nicole Gomez, Montana Women Vote

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:11:17 Erica Johnston, DPHHS

Closing Statement:

15:11:56 Rep. Terry Moore (R), HD 54, closed the hearing on HB 227.

HEARING ON HB 17 - Provide for implementation of certified community behavioral health clinic model

Opening Statement:

15:13:21 Rep. Ed Stafman (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on HB 17, Provide for implementation of certified community behavioral health clinic model.

Proponent Testimony:

15:26:08 Rachel Green, Governors Health Policy Advisor

15:28:03 Meghan Peel, DPHHS

15:29:41 Pat Noonan, Behavioral Health Alliance Montana

15:30:27 Lynette Kasovich, CEO, Rimrock

15:33:25 Levi Anderson, CEO Montana Mental Health Center

15:36:28 Brenda Kneeland, CEO Eastern Community Mental Health Center

15:37:47 Chair Jennifer Carlson joined the meeting.

15:38:56 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, NAMI Montana
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15:40:45 Sydney Blair, CEO, Center for Mental Health

15:43:48 Matt Furlong, Chair, Montana Child Protection Alliance

15:46:49 Tom Livers, Schodair Childrens Hospital

15:47:43 Megan Zakawacky, MTDPA

15:48:55 Jennifer Preble, Licensed Clinical Social Worker

15:49:36 Nicole Gomez, Montana Women Vote

15:50:52 Kelly Twoteth, Montana Resident

15:52:10 Erin Mcgowan, Confluence Public Health Alliance, Montana Community Correction Center

15:54:07 Stacy Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association

15:55:00 Maggie Bornstein, ACLU Montana

15:55:43 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living

15:57:03 Benjamin Lacayo, Welcome Back, Non-Profit Organization

15:59:32 Jean Branscum, CEO Montana Medical Association

Opponent Testimony:

16:01:17 Kathleen Wedemeyer, Deputy Director Citizens Committee of Human Services

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:04:36 Robert Leach, Citizen

Questions from Committee:

16:06:05 Rep. Michael Yakawich

16:06:16 Lynette Kasovich

16:08:02	Rep. Michael Yakawich
16:09:01	Rep. Donavon Hawk
16:09:31	Chair Jennifer Carlson
16:10:25	Matt Kuntz
16:11:28	Chair Jennifer Carlson
16:11:43	Matt Kuntz
16:13:20	Chair Jennifer Carlson
16:13:34	Mike Randol, State Medicaid Director
16:14:03	Chair Jennifer Carlson
16:14:19	Mike Randol
16:14:42	Chair Jennifer Carlson
16:14:50	Mike Randol
16:15:01	Chair Jennifer Carlson
16:15:56	Mike Randol
16:16:57	Rep. Michael Yakawich
16:17:16	Robert Leach
16:18:21	Chair Jennifer Carlson
16:18:53	Meghan Peel
16:20:23	Rep. SJ Howell
16:20:50	Rep. Ed Stafman-D
16:21:08	Rep. Edward Buttrey
16:21:18	Rep. SJ Howell
16:23:18	Rep. Ed Stafman-D
16:23:22	Mike Randol

16:25:02 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway
16:25:33 Levi Anderson
16:26:36 Chair Jennifer Carlson
16:27:40 Levi Anderson
16:27:46 Chair Jennifer Carlson
16:28:17 Levi Anderson

Closing Statement:

16:29:01 Rep. Ed Stafman (D), HD 62, closed the hearing on HB 17.

HEARING ON HB 207 - Revise child abuse and neglect reports and investigation laws

Opening Statement:

16:36:31 Rep. Ron Marshall (R), HD 87, opened the hearing on HB 207, Revise child abuse and neglect reports and investigation laws.

Proponent Testimony:

16:38:08 Georgia Miller
16:39:51 Robert Leach
16:41:07 Denise Johnson, Montana Child Protection Alliance
16:43:59 Jacob Handy

Opponent Testimony:

16:46:45 Robin Turner, Montana Coalition Against Domestic Violence
16:49:11 Lauren Wilson, Pediatrician Montana AAP

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:52:44 Nikki Grossberg

Questions from Committee:

16:34:57 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway

16:53:13	Vice Chair Alice Buckley
16:53:42	Nikki Grossberg
16:54:54	Rep. Ed Stafman
16:55:21	Rep. Ron Marshall-R
16:55:46	Rep. Ed Stafman
16:56:15	Rep. Ron Marshall-R
16:56:24	Rep. Ed Stafman
16:57:14	Rep. Ron Marshall-R
16:58:37	Rep. Michael Yakawich
16:59:16	Nikki Grossberg
16:59:37	Rep. Michael Yakawich
16:59:56	Nikki Grossberg
17:00:34	Rep. Michael Yakawich
17:00:49	Nikki Grossberg
17:01:27	Vice Chair Alice Buckley
17:01:56	Robin Turner
17:02:47	Vice Chair Alice Buckley
17:03:03	Robin Turner
17:03:58	Rep. Caleb Hinkle
17:04:21	Nikki Grossberg
17:04:29	Rep. Caleb Hinkle
17:05:05	Nikki Grossberg
17:05:11	Theran Fries, Attorney DPHHS
17:06:55	Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway

17:07:39 Nikki Grossberg
17:08:09 Theran Fries
17:09:21 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway
17:09:56 Theran Fries
17:10:42 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway
17:11:41 Nikki Grossberg
17:12:13 Rep. Greg Oblander
17:13:05 Theran Fries
17:13:54 Rep. Ed Stafman
17:14:30 Lauren Wilson

Closing Statement:

17:16:19 Rep. Ron Marshall (R), HD 87, closed the hearing on HB 207.

17:20:31 Chair Carlson
17:20:44 Rep. Hawk

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:21:14

Katie Reeves, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230117HUUHaad\)](#)