

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R, on January 18, 2023 at 3:02 PM, in 152

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Jennifer Carlson, Chair (R)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Alice Buckley, Vice Chair (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 (D)  
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. Zooley Zephyr (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. George Nikolakakos (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 218 01/12/2023

HB 230 01/16/2023

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HB 218 - Revise private alternative adolescent residential or outdoor programs laws**

**Opening Statement:**

15:05:39 Rep. Laura Smith (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 218, Revise private alternative adolescent residential or outdoor programs laws.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:17:36 Jennifer Shaw, Self  
15:20:33 Maggie Bornstein, ACLU Montana  
15:21:58 Matt Furlong, Montana Child Protection Alliance (MCPA)  
15:25:09 Dr. Melody Cunningham, Montana American Academy of Pediatrics  
15:26:44 Diane Sands, Self  
15:29:24 Tirza Ashzell, Montana Women Vote  
15:30:10 Robert Bell, Self  
15:33:39 Sasha Oates, Self  
15:35:02 Dominique Giansanti, Self  
15:38:04 Mackenzie Williams, Self  
15:40:16 Fares Thompson, Self

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

15:43:23 Michelle Truax, DPHHS  
15:43:59 Julie Fink, DPHHS  
15:44:09 Erica Johnson, DPHHS

**Questions from Committee:**

15:44:30 Rep. Marshall  
15:45:01 Matt Furlong, MCPA

15:45:21	Rep. Marshall
15:45:33	Matt Furlong, MCPA
15:46:29	Vice Chair Buckley
15:47:26	Michelle Truax, DPHHS
15:47:56	Julie Fink, DPHHS
15:48:49	Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway
15:49:31	Diane Sands
15:51:03	Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway
15:51:53	Sasha Oates
15:53:29	Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway
15:54:01	Sasha Oates
15:55:22	Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway
15:55:37	Rep. Yakawich
15:56:08	Julie Fink, DPHHS
15:56:22	Rep. Yakawich
15:56:46	Julie Fink, DPHHS
15:57:08	Rep. Yakawich
15:57:21	Julie Fink, DPHHS
15:57:32	Erica Johnston, DPHHS
15:59:01	Rep. Yakawich
15:59:21	Erica Johnston, DPHHS
16:00:33	Rep. Oblander
16:01:29	Rep. Smith
16:01:36	Rep. Marshall

16:02:28	Rep. Smith
16:02:43	Rep. Marshall
16:02:48	Rep. Smith
16:03:26	Rep. Frazer
16:04:55	Erica Johnston, DPHHS
16:05:07	Julie Fink, DPHHS
16:06:59	Rep. Frazer
16:07:14	Julie Fink, DPHHS
16:07:28	Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway
16:08:21	Rep. Smith
16:09:21	Chair Carlson
16:09:50	Diane Sands
16:10:36	Chair Carlson
16:10:52	Dr. Melody Cunningham
16:11:22	Chair Carlson
16:12:08	Jennifer Shaw
16:14:18	Chair Carlson
16:14:25	Jennifer Shaw
16:17:12	Rep. Marshall
16:17:35	Jennifer Shaw
16:19:27	Rep. Oblander
16:20:00	Rep. Smith
16:20:17	Julie Fink, DPHHS
16:21:07	Rep. Oblander

16:21:13 Julie Fink, DPHHS

**Closing Statement:**

16:21:24 Rep. Laura Smith (D), HD 79, closed the hearing on HB 218.

**HEARING ON HB 230 - Provide continuous eligibility for young children covered by CHIP and Medicaid**

**Opening Statement:**

16:23:40 Rep. Ed Stafman (D), HD 62, opened the hearing on HB 230, Provide continuous eligibility for young children covered by CHIP and Medicaid.

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[EXHIBIT\(230118HUUHa3\)](#)

**Proponent Testimony:**

16:34:05 Dr. Melody Cunningham, Montana American Academy Pediatrics

16:36:37 Stacy Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association

16:38:35 Shelby Demars, Rocky Boy Health Center

16:40:04 Tom Livers, Shodair Childrens Hospital

16:41:03 Pat Noonan, Behavioral Health Alliance Montana

16:41:46 Atty Moriarty, Pediatrician, Secretary Montana AARP

16:44:38 Hannah Pate, Montana Women Vote

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

16:45:56 Erica Johnston, DPHHS

**Questions from Committee:**

16:46:17 Vice Chair Buckley

16:46:41 Rep. Stafman

16:47:19 Chair Carlson

**Closing Statement:**

16:47:28 Rep. Ed Stafman (D), HD 62, closed the hearing on HB 230.

**Discussion:**

16:50:43 Chair Carlson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:52:08

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Katie Reeves, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230118HUHaad\)](#)