

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

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Carlson-R, on January 19, 2023 at 3:06 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. Zooley Zephyr (D)

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

HB 238 01/16/2023

Executive Action:

HB 40 DO PASS AS AMENDED

HB 194 DO PASS

HB 195 TO TABLE
HB 200 DO PASS
HB 227 DO PASS

HEARING ON HB 238 - Provide for the best beginnings scholarship program

Opening Statement:

15:08:11 Rep. SJ Howell (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on HB 238, Provide for the best beginnings scholarship program.

[EXHIBIT\(230119HUh1\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230119HUh2\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

15:16:24 Ella Smith, Montana Advocates for Children

15:17:28 Megan Ballenger, Executive Director, Raise Montana

15:19:59 Sean Conroe, Ability Montana

15:20:54 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget & Policy Center

[EXHIBIT\(230119HUh3\)](#)

15:23:13 Kaitlyn Jensen, Executive Director, Zero to Five Montana

[EXHIBIT\(230119HUh4\)](#)

15:25:54 Dr. Melody Cunningham, American Academy Pediatrics Center (AAPC)

15:28:40 Robin Turner, Women's Foundation of Montana

15:31:18 Sheryl Hutzenbiler, Munchkin Land, Billings

15:33:32 Xanna Burg, Montana Kids Count (MKC), Montana Budget Center

15:34:06 Dr. Laura Wilson, Montana Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics

15:36:40 Lee Pate, Self

15:37:33 Tirza Asbell, Montana Women Vote

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:40:08 Tracy Moseman, DPHHS

Questions from Committee:

15:41:00 Rep. Michael Yakawich
15:41:27 Rep. SJ Howell-D
15:42:05 Rep. Michael Yakawich
15:43:17 Dr. Melody Cunningham, AAPC
15:44:26 Rep. Michael Yakawich
15:45:13 Tracy Moseman, DPHHS
15:45:52 Vice Chair Alice Buckley
15:46:57 Sheryl Hutzenbiler
15:49:25 Rep. Laura Smith
15:49:58 Xanna Burg
15:51:22 Rep. Zooey Zephyr
15:51:46 Megan Ballenger
15:52:29 Rep. Ron Marshall
15:52:47 Sheryl Hutzenbiler
15:54:01 Rep. George Nikolakakos
15:55:08 Rep. SJ Howell-D
15:56:36 Tracy Moseman, DPHHS
15:57:46 Rep. Edward Buttrey
15:58:26 Tracy Moseman, DPHHS
15:59:05 Rep. Edward Buttrey
15:59:12 Rep. Ed Stafman left the meeting.
15:59:19 Tracy Moseman, DPHHS
15:59:52 Rep. Edward Buttrey

16:00:10 Tracy Moseman, DPHHS
16:00:22 Vice Chair Alice Buckley
16:00:57 Tracy Moseman, DPHHS
16:01:35 Vice Chair Alice Buckley
16:01:49 Tracy Moseman, DPHHS
16:02:56 Chair Jennifer Carlson
16:03:04 Tracy Moseman, DPHHS
16:03:55 Chair Jennifer Carlson
16:04:06 Tracy Moseman, DPHHS
16:04:29 Vice Chair Alice Buckley
16:05:01 Tracy Moseman, DPHHS
16:05:10 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway
16:06:19 Tracy Moseman, DPHHS
16:07:15 Chair Jennifer Carlson
16:07:18 Tracy Moseman, DPHHS
16:07:30 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway
16:07:56 Tracy Moseman, DPHHS
16:08:55 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway
16:08:57 Chair Jennifer Carlson
16:09:34 Tracy Moseman, DPHHS
16:13:44 Chair Jennifer Carlson

Closing Statement:

16:09:54 Rep. SJ Howell (D), HD 95, closed the hearing on HB 238.

16:13:52 **Recessed**

16:42:29 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 40 - Revise laws related to fetal, infant, child, and maternal mortality review teams

16:45:00 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 40 DO PASS.**

16:45:18 **Motion:** Rep. Amy Regier moved that **HB 40 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:45:53 Rep. SJ Howell

Vote: Motion carried 14 - 7 by voice vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Howell, Rep. Smith, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Zephyr, voting no. Rep. Abbott, By Proxy

16:48:59 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 40 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Vote: Motion carried 11 - 10 by voice vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Carlson, Rep. Frazer, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Howell, Rep. Nikolakakos, Rep. Smith, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Zephyr, voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Stafman, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 194 - Extending the expiration date for medical marijuana registry cards for veterans

16:51:47 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 194 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:52:07 Rep. Jodee Etchart

16:52:58 Rep. Ron Marshall

16:53:38 Rep. George Nikolakakos

16:54:14 Rep. Zooey Zephyr

16:55:00 Rep. Nelly Nicol

16:55:43 Rep. George Nikolakakos

16:55:57 Rep. Edward Buttrey

Vote: Motion carried 11 - 10 by voice vote with Rep. Carlson, Rep. Etchart, Rep. Hinkle, Rep. Marshall, Rep. Nicol, Rep. Oblander, Rep. Regier, Rep. Rusk, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway, Rep. Yakawich, voting no.

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

16:58:54 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 195 DO PASS.**

17:05:18 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Edward Buttrey moved that **HB 195 BE TABLED.**

Vote: Substitute Motion carried 11 - 10 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Frazer, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Howell, Rep. Nikolakakos, Rep. Oblander, Rep. Smith, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Zephyr, voting no.
Rep. Abbott, Rep. Stafman, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 200 - Revise the Montana Safe Haven Newborn Protection Act

17:05:52 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 200 DO PASS.**

Vote: Motion carried 19 - 2 by voice vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Hawk, voting no.
Rep. Abbott, By Proxy

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

17:07:40 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 227 DO PASS.**

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:45:16

Katie Reeves, Secretary