

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

Call to Order: Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R, on January 26, 2023 at 3:04 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. 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. George Nikolakakos (R)

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

HB 265 01/23/2023

HB 286 01/23/2023

Executive Action:

HB 218 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 248 TO TABLE
SB 6
HB 286 DO PASS AS AMENDED

HEARING ON HB 286 - Allow use of HEART funds for youth suicide prevention efforts

Opening Statement:

15:07:44 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 81, opened the hearing on HB 286, Allow use of HEART funds for youth suicide prevention efforts.

Proponent Testimony:

15:09:21 Elsie Arntzen, State Superintendent
15:10:10 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, NAMI Montana
15:11:21 Jennifer Preble, American Foundation Suicide Prevention
15:12:07 Tom Livers, Shodair Children's Hospital
15:12:41 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic
15:13:26 Alex Adder, Superintendent, Roberts Public School
15:15:27 Coleen Smith, Youth Connections (YC)
15:16:24 Pepper Petersen, Montana Cannabis Guild (MCG)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:18:15 Rebecca de Camara, DPHHS
15:18:40 Karl Rosston, DPHHS

Questions from Committee:

15:19:23 Rep. Wayne Rusk
15:19:44 Coleen Smith, YC
15:20:05 Rep. Wayne Rusk
15:20:13 Coleen Smith, YC
15:20:45 Rep. Laura Smith
15:21:13 Rep. Mary Caferro-D

15:21:27 Rep. Ron Marshall
15:22:07 Pepper Petersen, MCG
15:23:15 Rep. Ron Marshall
15:23:57 Pepper Petersen, MCG
15:24:37 Rep. Nelly Nicol
15:25:23 Dr. Jennifer Preble
15:26:07 Rep. Kim Abbott
15:26:20 Rep. Mary Caferro-D
15:26:33 Rep. Kim Abbott
15:26:43 Rep. Mary Caferro-D
15:26:59 Rep. Edward Buttrey
15:27:21 Rebecca de Camara, DPHHS
15:27:30 Rep. Greg Oblander
15:27:47 Coleen Smith
15:28:09 Rep. Ed Stafman
15:28:38 Rep. Mary Caferro-D

Closing Statement:

15:29:45 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 81, closed the hearing on HB 286.

HEARING ON HB 265 - Revise laws related to marijuana dispensaries and licenses

Opening Statement:

15:31:06 Rep. Tanner Smith (R), HD 11, opened the hearing on HB 265, Revise laws related to marijuana dispensaries and licenses.

Proponent Testimony:

15:36:20 Elsie Artzen, State Superintendent

15:36:59 Rob Watson, Executive Director, School Administrators of Montana (SAM)
15:39:16 Alex Adder, Superintendent, Roberts Public School
15:43:32 Coleen Smith, Youth Connections (YC)
15:45:15 Laurie Barron, Superintendent, Evergreen School District

Opponent Testimony:

15:47:07 Kate Cholewa, Montana Cannabis Industry Association (MCIA)
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15:49:23 Kaari Fulton, Self
15:51:26 Pepper Petersen, President, Montana Cannabis Guild
15:56:04 Erica Siate, Stink Blossom & Hemp Plus
15:56:58 Dana Allen, Hemp Plus & 406 Organix
15:57:28 Barbie Turner, Alternative Leaf Montana
15:59:57 Zach Schopp, CEO, Seed of Life Labs
16:01:27 Jason Smith, Montana Advanced Caregivers
16:03:53 Antonette Lininger, CEO, Sacred Sun Farms
16:06:21 Rich Abromeit, CEO, Montana Advanced Caregivers
16:07:51 David Hiller, Yellowstone Buds
16:11:24 Lilith Wilson, Hemp Plus & 406 Organix

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:12:10 Erin DuCharme, Deputy Administrator, Department of Revenue (DOR)
16:12:49 Devin Keller, Cannabis Control Division
16:13:05 Courtney Cosgrove, Legal Counsel, Cannabis Control Division (CCD)

Questions from Committee:

16:13:39 Rep. Greg Oblander
16:13:59 Rep. Tanner Smith-R

16:14:27	Rep. Greg Oblander
16:14:37	Rep. Tanner Smith-R
16:15:39	Rep. Ed Stafman
16:16:14	Rep. Tanner Smith-R
16:16:49	Vice Chair Alice Buckley
16:17:17	Rob Watson, SAM
16:17:27	Vice Chair Alice Buckley
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16:18:06	Rob Watson, SAM
16:18:17	Vice Chair Alice Buckley
16:18:23	Rob Watson, SAM
16:19:31	Vice Chair Alice Buckley
16:20:03	Kate Cholewa, MCIA
16:20:55	Vice Chair Alice Buckley
16:20:58	Kate Cholewa, MCIA
16:21:13	Rep. Donavon Hawk
16:21:37	Rep. Tanner Smith-R
16:22:22	Rep. Ron Marshall
16:23:30	Courtney Cosgrove
16:23:39	Rep. Ron Marshall
16:24:33	Courtney Cosgrove, CCD
16:25:08	Rep. Ron Marshall
16:25:16	Courtney Cosgrove, CCD

16:25:44 Rep. Zooey Zephyr
16:26:21 Rep. Tanner Smith-R
16:27:07 Rep. Zooey Zephyr
16:27:26 Rep. Tanner Smith-R
16:27:33 Rep. SJ Howell
16:28:53 Erin Du Charme, DOR

Closing Statement:

16:29:40 Rep. Tanner Smith (R), HD 11, closed the hearing on HB 265.
16:32:19 Chair Carlson assumed gavel
16:34:28 **Recessed**
17:01:17 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 218 - Revise private alternative adolescent residential or outdoor programs laws

17:01:30 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 218 DO PASS.**
17:01:40 **Motion:** Rep. Laura Smith moved that **HB 218 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

17:03:34 Rep. Laura Smith
Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:04:14 **Motion:** Rep. Zooey Zephyr moved that **HB 218 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

17:05:29 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway
17:06:04 Rep. Zooey Zephyr
17:06:42 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway
17:06:51 Rep. Zooey Zephyr
Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:07:41 **Motion:** Chair Jennifer Carlson moved that **HB 218 BE AMENDED.**
Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:08:58 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 218 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 248 - Provide supplemental payments for behavioral health services

17:09:41 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 248 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:10:18 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Ron Marshall moved that **HB 248 BE TABLED.**

Discussion:

17:10:53 Rep. Ed Stafman

17:11:18 Chair Jennifer Carlson

17:12:29 **Recessed**

17:17:48 **Reconvened**

17:19:53 **Motion:** Chair Jennifer Carlson moved to uphold the Ruling of the Chair

Discussion:

Rep. Ed Stafman

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.

17:20:30 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Ron Marshall moved that **HB 248 BE TABLED.**

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

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 6 - Gen. revise laws related to conditional release of crim. commitment defendant

17:22:22 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 6 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Vote: Motion failed unanimously by voice vote.

17:23:04 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 6 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

17:24:12 Rep. Edward Buttrey

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:25:24 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 6 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:25:24 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Michael Yakawich

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 286 - Allow use of HEART funds for youth suicide prevention efforts

17:27:12 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 286 DO PASS.**

17:27:33 **Motion:** Rep. Edward Buttrey moved that **HB 286 BE AMENDED.**

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:27:41 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 286 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

17:27:51 Rep. Michael Yakawich

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:29:04

Katie Reeves, Secretary