

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

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Carlson-R, on January 31, 2023 at 3:31 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. Donavon Hawk (D)
Rep. SJ Howell (D)
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)
Rep. George Nikolakakos (R)
Rep. Greg Oblander (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. Gregory Frazer (R)
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)
Rep. Nelly Nicol (R)
Rep. Amy Regier (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 311 01/27/2023

Executive Action:

HB 252 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 265 TO TABLE
HB 302 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 310 DO PASS

HEARING ON HB 311 - Establish a chemical dependency treatment voucher program

Opening Statement:

15:33:40 Rep. Michael Yakawich (R), HD 51, opened the hearing on HB 311, Establish a chemical dependency treatment voucher program.

Proponent Testimony:

15:35:37 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, NOMI Montana

15:35:58 Rep. Gregory Frazer joined the meeting.

15:36:41 Maggie Bornstein, ACLU

15:37:32 Terri Russell, John Scott Hannon House

15:40:33 Terri Todd, Gratitude and Action Program, Billings (GAP)

15:43:00 Nicole Gomez, Montana Women Vote

Opponent Testimony:

15:43:48 Mary Windecker, Behavioral Health Montana (BHM)

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:45:38 Rebecca de Camara, DPHHS

15:46:06 Isaac Coy, Bureau Chief, Behavior Health Division

Questions from Committee:

15:46:56 Rep. Kim Abbott

15:47:24 Rep. Michael Yakawich-R

15:47:32 Rep. Kim Abbott

15:47:35 Rep. Michael Yakawich-R

15:47:51 Rep. Kim Abbott

15:47:56 Rebecca de Camara, DPHHS

15:48:17 Rep. Kim Abbott

15:48:46 Rep. Michael Yakawich-R

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| 15:49:23 | Rep. Kim Abbott |
| 15:49:40 | Matt Kuntz, NAMI |
| 15:50:22 | Terri Todd, GAP |
| 15:51:16 | Rep. Laura Smith |
| 15:51:58 | Matt Kuntz, NAMI |
| 15:52:45 | Rep. Greg Oblander |
| 15:53:16 | Mary Windecker, BHM |
| 15:54:23 | Rep. Greg Oblander |
| 15:54:36 | Mary Windecker, BHM |
| 15:55:24 | Chair Jennifer Carlson |
| 15:56:15 | Rebecca de Camara, DPHHS |
| 15:58:37 | Chair Jennifer Carlson |
| 15:58:47 | Rebecca de Camara, DPHHS |
| 15:58:57 | Chair Jennifer Carlson |
| 15:59:57 | Rebecca de Camara, DPHHS |
| 16:00:43 | Rep. Ed Stafman |
| 16:01:21 | Isaac Coy, DPHHS |
| 16:02:35 | Rep. Ed Stafman |
| 16:02:49 | Isaac Coy, DPHHS |
| 16:03:29 | Rep. Ed Stafman |
| 16:03:30 | Chair Jennifer Carlson |
| 16:03:32 | Rep. Greg Oblander |
| 16:04:24 | Rebecca de Camara, DPHHS |
| 16:05:17 | Rep. Wayne Rusk |

16:05:39 Rep. Michael Yakawich-R

Closing Statement:

16:06:27 Rep. Michael Yakawich (R), HD 51, closed the hearing on HB 311.

16:08:17 **Recessed**

16:38:03 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 252 - Youth behavioral health screening

16:38:21 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 252 DO PASS.**

16:38:29 **Motion:** Vice Chair Alice Buckley moved that **HB 252 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:39:01 Milly Allen

16:39:42 Vice Chair Alice Buckley

16:40:30 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway

16:40:41 Vice Chair Alice Buckley

Vote: Motion carried 20 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Zephyr, voting no.

16:41:52 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 252 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:42:01 Rep. Zoey Zephyr

16:42:39 Rep. Michael Yakawich

16:43:19 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway

16:43:53 Vice Chair Alice Buckley

16:44:57 Chair Jennifer Carlson

Vote: Motion carried 18 - 3 by voice vote with Rep. Carlson, Rep. Hinkle, Rep. Marshall, voting no.
Rep. Hinkle, By Proxy

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

16:48:39 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 265 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:48:53 Rep. Donavon Hawk

16:49:15 **Motion:** Rep. Donavon Hawk moved that **HB 265 BE TABLED.**

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 302 - Insurance coverage for 12-month supply of birth control

16:49:58 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 302 DO PASS.**

16:50:13 **Motion:** Vice Chair Alice Buckley moved that **HB 302 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:51:19 Rep. Greg Oblander

16:51:36 Vice Chair Alice Buckley

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:52:51 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 302 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 310 - Require report on the use of HEART funds

16:53:48 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 310 DO PASS.**

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

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:56:05

Katie Reeves, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230131HUHaad\)](#)

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