

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

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Carlson-R, on February 01, 2023 at 3:46 PM, in 152

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Jennifer Carlson, Chair (R)
Rep. Alice Buckley, Vice Chair (D)
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. Zooey Zephyr (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (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 317 01/27/2023

Executive Action:

15:48:14 Chair Carlson

HEARING ON HB 317 - Provide for the Montana Indian Child Welfare Act

Opening Statement:

15:50:06 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 317, Provide for the Montana Indian Child Welfare Act.

Proponent Testimony:

15:52:26 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe

[EXHIBIT\(230201HUUHa1\)](#)

15:54:23 Lance Fourstar, Montana American Indian Caucus

[EXHIBIT\(230201HUUHa2\)](#)

15:55:55 Dawn Gray, Attorney, Blackfeet Tribe

15:59:47 Kelly Driscoll, Public Defender, Family Defense ICWA

[EXHIBIT\(230201HUUHa3\)](#)

16:03:20 Brooke Bara-Taylor, Chipewa Tribe

16:08:00 Sara Crawford, Assistant Attorney General , Little Shell Tribe

16:11:06 Sharon Kickingwoman, American Civil Liberties Union & Blackfeet Tribe

[EXHIBIT\(230201HUUHa4\)](#)

16:15:06 Keegan Medrano, ACLU Montana, Misquogee Creek Tribe

16:18:59 Sharon Stewart-Peregoy, Representative District 42

16:24:32 Fred Fisher

[EXHIBIT\(230201HUUHa5\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230201HUUHa6\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230201HUH7\)](#)

16:31:53 Alissa Kelly, American Civil Liberty Union

[EXHIBIT\(230201HUH8\)](#)

16:34:55 Jade Bahr, Montana Budget Policy Center, Northern Cheyenne Nation

[EXHIBIT\(230201HUH9\)](#)

16:36:15 Shawn Reagore, Montana Human Rights Network

16:37:48 Kelly Twoteeth, Chippewa Tribe

16:40:18 Robin Turner, Montana Coalition Against Domestic Violence

16:41:19 Leo Thompson

16:43:31 Yolanda Page, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribe

16:46:06 Georgette Boggio, Crow Tribe

16:48:55 Ta'jin Perez, Deputy Director, Western Native Voice

16:50:16 Lauren Wilson, Montana Chapter American Academy of Pediatrics

16:50:40 Mariah Welch

16:53:46 Cherilyn Devries, Montana Human Rights Network

16:56:12 Danny Tennenbaum, Flathead Reservation Public Defender

16:57:09 Loni Taylor, Chippewa Creek Tribe

16:58:39 Kate Morris, CASA

17:02:34 Kendra Potter

17:05:54 Cora Neumann, Native American Development Co.

17:08:12 Shelly Fyant, Resident Flathead Indian Reservation

17:11:28 Brooke Swaney

17:14:24 Izzy Milch, Forward Montana

17:15:14 Carrie Spotted Bear, Zero to Five Montana

17:18:43 Lillian Alvernaz, Indian Law Section

Opponent Testimony:

17:22:24 Bruce Spencer, State Bar Association Montana

Questions from Committee:

17:24:18 Rep. SJ Howell

17:26:37 Rep. Donavon Hawk

17:26:49 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy-D

17:27:18 Rep. Zooey Zephyr

17:28:06 Brooke Barker-Taylor

17:39:50 Chair Jennifer Carlson

17:39:54 Rep. Zooey Zephyr

17:40:01 Chair Jennifer Carlson

17:40:33 Rep. Greg Oblander

17:41:27 Chair Jennifer Carlson

17:41:30 Rep. Greg Oblander

17:41:35 Chair Jennifer Carlson

17:42:06 Rep. Greg Oblander

17:43:23 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy-D

17:43:57 Brooke Barker-Taylor

17:44:31 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway joined the meeting.

17:45:31 Rep. Greg Oblander

17:45:58 Brooke Barker-Taylor

17:47:16 Rep. Greg Oblander

17:47:54 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy-D

17:48:22 Kelly Driscoll

17:49:14 Rep. Greg Oblander
17:49:24 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy-D
17:49:51 Rep. Michael Yakawich
17:52:11 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
17:53:53 Rep. Michael Yakawich
17:54:16 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy
17:56:07 Rep. Laura Smith
17:56:54 Brooke Barker-Taylor
17:57:59 Chair Jennifer Carlson
17:58:50 Kelly Driscoll
17:59:40 Chair Jennifer Carlson
18:00:00 Kelly Driscoll
18:00:25 Chair Jennifer Carlson
18:00:59 Nikki Grossberg
18:01:13 Chair Jennifer Carlson
18:01:51 Nikki Grossberg

Informational Witness Testimony:

17:25:30 Nikki Grossberg, DPHHS
17:25:52 Eldena Bear Don't Walk, Office of Public Defender

Closing Statement:

18:02:00 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, closed the hearing on HB 317.
18:04:24 Chair Carlson

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 18:05:04

Katie Reeves, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230201HUUaad\)](#)