

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Jennifer Carlson-R, on February 08, 2023 at 3:36 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. 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)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Edward Buttrey (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 380 02/01/2023

Executive Action:



**HEARING ON HB 380 - Establish a grant funding program to support homelessness care providers**

**Opening Statement:**

15:38:30 Rep. Gregory Frazer (R), HD 78, opened the hearing on HB 380, Establish a grant funding program to support homelessness care providers.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:41:35 Lance Fourstar, Montana Indian Caucus  
[EXHIBIT\(230208HUh1\)](#)

15:42:53 Oksana Zakharchenko, Montana Coalition  
[EXHIBIT\(230208HUh2\)](#)

15:45:26 Chris Krager, Executive Director, Samaritan House

15:46:31 Rep. Edward Buttrey joined the meeting.

15:47:16 Jill Bonney, Executive Director, Poverello Center Homeless Shelter

15:49:29 Rebecca Meyers, Montana Disability Center, Montana Area Agency Aging Services

15:51:17 April Seat, Director, Outreach Hope Rescue Mission

15:53:09 Bryan Guyer, Director, Human Resource Development Council (HRDC)

15:55:13 Jeff Buscher, United Way

15:59:04 Laurie Little Dog

16:01:11 Heather O'Hara, RN, Montana Hospitals Association

16:03:16 Stacy Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association

16:04:16 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe

16:05:14 Aidan Myhre, Logan Health, Billings Clinic

16:06:20 Bill Warden, St. Peters and Rosemans Health

16:06:35 Matt Brower, Executive Director, Montana Catholic Conference

16:08:40 Maggie Bornstein, ACLU Montana  
16:10:01 Sam Forstag, Montana Coalition Homelessness  
16:10:52 Rep. Tom Welch left the meeting.  
16:12:07 Jade Bahr, Billings Resident  
16:13:57 Jared Frerichs, Veteran  
16:15:01 Lorianne Burhop, Montana Food Bank  
16:16:36 Tonya Horn, Executive Director, Flathead Warming Center/Homeless Shelter  
16:18:18 Catherine Parke, Montana Democratic Socialists of America

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

16:21:41 Jessie Counts, DPHHS

**Questions from Committee:**

16:22:14 Rep. Greg Oblander  
16:22:48 Rep. Gregory Frazer-R  
16:23:00 Sam Forstag, MCH  
16:23:28 Rep. Greg Oblander  
16:23:32 Sam Forstag, MCH  
16:23:41 Rep. Greg Oblander  
16:24:23 Rep. Gregory Frazer-R  
16:25:21 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway  
16:25:52 Matt Brower  
16:26:09 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway  
16:26:23 Matt Brower

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16:27:15 Matt Brower  
16:28:11 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway  
16:29:09 Jessie Counts  
16:29:21 Sam Forstag  
16:30:14 Chair Jennifer Carlson  
16:30:17 Sam Forstag  
16:30:51 Rep. Michael Yakawich  
16:32:22 Jeff Buscher  
16:32:35 Rep. Michael Yakawich  
16:32:36 Jeff Buscher  
16:33:48 Rep. Michael Yakawich  
16:34:29 Jeff Buscher  
16:35:52 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway  
16:36:29 Sam Forstag  
16:37:26 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway  
16:37:41 Sam Forstag  
16:38:26 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway  
16:38:38 Sam Forstag  
16:38:59 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway  
16:39:08 Jill Bonney  
16:40:15 Chair Jennifer Carlson  
16:40:25 Jill Bonney  
16:40:37 Chair Jennifer Carlson

16:40:57 Jessie Counts, DPHHS  
16:42:20 Chair Jennifer Carlson  
16:42:25 Jessie Counts, DPHHS  
16:42:51 Chair Jennifer Carlson  
16:43:03 Jessie Counts, DPHHS  
16:43:20 Rep. Ed Stafman  
16:43:42 Jessie Counts, DPHHS  
16:44:03 Rep. Ed Stafman  
16:44:13 Jessie Counts, DPHHS  
16:44:20 Rep. Ed Stafman  
16:44:47 Jessie Counts, DPHHS

**Closing Statement:**

16:45:22 Rep. Gregory Frazer (R), HD 78, closed the hearing on HB 380.  
  
16:46:27 Chair Carlson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:47:02

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Katie Reeves, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230208HUUHaad\)](#)