

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Jennifer Carlson-R, on February 10, 2023 at 3:18 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. 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)  
Rep. Greg Oblander (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 422 02/08/2023

Executive Action:



**HEARING ON HB 422 - Revise child to staff child care ratios**

**Opening Statement:**

15:20:57 Rep. Terry Falk (R), HD 8, opened the hearing on HB 422, Revise child to staff child care ratios.

**Discussion:**

[EXHIBIT\(230210HUh1\)](#)

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:24:35 Jane Gillette, HD-64  
15:27:47 Rachel Supalla, Discovery Kid Zone  
15:30:42 Corinne Kuntz, Self

**Opponent Testimony:**

15:34:13 Brandy Thomas, Childcare Connections  
15:37:47 Ella Smith, Montana Advocates for Children  
15:40:14 Collette Box, Director, Certified Child Care Facility in Kalispell

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

15:44:18 Tracy Moseman, Administrator, DPHHS

**Questions from Committee:**

15:44:47 Vice Chair Alice Buckley  
15:45:10 Tracy Moseman, DPHHS  
15:45:24 Vice Chair Alice Buckley  
15:45:54 Tracy Moseman, DPHHS  
15:46:32 Rep. Ron Marshall  
15:47:01 Rep. Terry Falk-R  
15:49:16 Rep. Caleb Hinkle  
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15:50:01 Rep. Terry Falk-R  
15:51:15 Rep. Michael Yakawich  
15:52:36 Corinne Kuntz  
15:53:56 Rep. Michael Yakawich  
15:54:35 Corinne Kuntz  
15:56:42 Rep. Ed Stafman  
15:57:22 Rep. Zooey Zephyr left the meeting.  
15:57:48 Rep. Terry Falk-R  
15:58:43 Corinne Kuntz  
15:59:10 Rep. Donavon Hawk left the meeting.  
15:59:17 Rep. Zooey Zephyr joined the meeting.  
15:59:28 Rep. Nelly Nicol left the meeting.  
16:01:01 Chair Jennifer Carlson  
16:01:17 Rep. Terry Falk-R  
16:02:43 Chair Jennifer Carlson  
16:03:03 Rep. Terry Falk-R

**Closing Statement:**

16:03:10 Rep. Terry Falk (R), HD 8, closed the hearing on HB 422.  
  
16:04:21 Rep. Nicol has arrived  
16:05:24 Chair Carlson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:05:42

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Katie Reeves, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230210HUHaad\)](#)