

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

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Carlson-R, on February 14, 2023 at 3:03 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. Edward Buttrey (R)
Rep. Jodee Etchart (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. Michael Yakawich (R)
Rep. Zoey Zephyr (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)
Rep. Greg Oblander (R)
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)
Rep. Tom Welch (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 409 02/08/2023

HB 421 02/08/2023

Executive Action:

HB 336 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 392 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 422 DO PASS AS AMENDED

HEARING ON HB 409 - Adopt advanced practice nurse compact

Opening Statement:

15:05:49 Rep. Amy Regier (R), HD 6, opened the hearing on HB 409, Adopt advanced practice nurse compact.

Proponent Testimony:

15:08:02 Rachel Green, Policy Advisor, Governor Gianforte

15:09:14 Heather O'Hara, RN & VP, Montana Hospital Association

15:10:21 Adriene Cotton, AARP Montana

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15:11:38 Jennifer Hensley`, Montana Academy Physicians Assistants

15:12:33 William Evo, DPHHS

15:14:09 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Hospital Association

15:14:30 Adrienna Hienes, Benefis

15:15:00 Sheridan Johnson, Montana Chamber of Commerce

15:15:51 Russell Motschenbacher, Program Director, Great Falls College MSU

15:18:18 Tammie Perreault, Liaison, Department of Defense

15:19:50 Nicole Livanos, National Council of State Boards of Nursing

Opponent Testimony:

15:22:28 Deanna Babb, Doctor

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15:25:37 Margaret Hammersla

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:28:54 Eric Strauss, Division Administrator, Employment Standards Division

Questions from Committee:

15:29:26 Vice Chair Alice Buckley

15:29:53 Dr. Deanna Babb
15:31:11 Rep. Michael Yakawich
15:32:16 Rachel Green
15:32:54 Rep. Michael Yakawich
15:32:59 Eric Strauss
15:33:59 Rep. Michael Yakawich
15:34:31 Eric Strauss
15:35:09 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway
15:35:46 Dr. Deanna Babb
15:36:42 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway
15:37:01 Rep. Amy Regier-R
15:37:13 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway
15:37:19 Eric Strauss
15:37:40 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway
15:37:54 Eric Strauss
15:38:23 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway
15:38:33 Nicole Livanos
15:39:55 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway
15:40:08 Dr. Deanna Babb

Closing Statement:

15:41:01 Rep. Amy Regier (R), HD 6, closed the hearing on HB 409.

HEARING ON HB 421 - Revise laws related to reporting financial abuse of elderly and disabled persons

Opening Statement:

15:42:34 Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 421, Revise laws related to reporting financial abuse of elderly and disabled persons.

Proponent Testimony:

15:46:19 Rep. Caleb Hinkle left the meeting.

15:46:23 Claire Marshall, Alzheimer's Chapter Montana

15:46:58 Margaret MacDonald, Big Sky 55+

15:48:25 Joel Peden, Montana Centers Independent Living, Summit Independent Living & Ability Montana

15:50:38 Adrienne Cotton, AARP Montana

15:51:49 Angela Miller-Scott, Self

Opponent Testimony:

15:54:35 Donya Parrish, VP, Risk Management Credit Unions

15:57:04 Aimee Grmoljez, Montana Bankers Association

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16:00:01 Steve Fawcett, Helena Market President, Stockman Bank Montana

16:02:45 Jennell Huff, Bank of the Rockies

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Informational Witness Testimony:

16:05:03 Frank Cote, Commissioner Securities and Insurance

16:05:29 Barbara Smith, DPHHS Senior and Long Term Care

Questions from Committee:

16:06:05 Rep. Laura Smith

16:06:29 Rep. Jonathan Karlen-D

16:07:40 Rep. Laura Smith

16:08:10 Aimee Grmoljez

16:09:09 Rep. Laura Smith

16:09:23 Aimee Grmoljez
16:10:21 Rep. Michael Yakawich
16:10:39 Frank Cote
16:10:58 Rep. Michael Yakawich
16:11:03 Barbara Smith
16:11:35 Rep. Michael Yakawich
16:11:36 Barbara Smith
16:11:48 Rep. Michael Yakawich
16:12:26 Rep. Ed Stafman joined the meeting.
16:12:43 Rep. Laura Smith left the meeting.
16:12:51 Steve Fawcett
16:14:14 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway
16:14:44 Aimee Grmoljez

Closing Statement:

16:16:55 Rep. Jonathan Karlen (D), HD 96, closed the hearing on HB 421.

16:21:45 **Recessed**

16:27:07 Rep. Nicol has left

16:46:12 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 336 - Provide licensure exemptions for military family child care providers

16:46:33 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 336 DO PASS.**
16:46:41 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 336 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:21:08 Chair Carlson

16:47:00 Milly Allen

16:47:40 Rep. Edward Buttrey

10:46:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:48:27 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 336 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:48:53 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway

10:46:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 392 - Generally revise midwifery laws

16:50:53 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 392 DO PASS.**

16:51:04 **Motion:** Rep. Jodee Etchart moved that **HB 392 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:51:26 Milly Allen

10:46:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:52:57 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 392 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:53:09 Rep. SJ Howell

16:54:13 Rep. Jodee Etchart

16:54:26 Rep. SJ Howell

10:46:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 422 - Revise child to staff child care ratios

16:55:31 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 422 DO PASS.**

16:55:53 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 422 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:55:59 Milly Allen

16:56:34 Rep. SJ Howell

16:57:56 Chair Jennifer Carlson

10:46:44 **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. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Smith, Rep. Stafman, By Proxy

17:00:26 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 422 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

17:00:36 Vice Chair Alice Buckley

10:46:44 **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. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Stafman, By Proxy

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:05:32

Katie Reeves, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230214HUHaad\)](#)