

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R, on February 20, 2023 at 3:02 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. Caleb Hinkle (R)  
Rep. SJ Howell (D)  
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)  
Rep. Nelly Nicol (D)  
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. Zooey Zephyr (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)  
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)  
Rep. Amy Regier (R)  
Rep. Michael Yakawich (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 509 02/15/2023

HB 513 02/15/2023

HB 582 02/17/2023

Executive Action:

None

**HEARING ON HB 582 - Extend sunset date for community health aide program**

**Opening Statement:**

15:03:43 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 582, Extend sunset date for community health aide program.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:09:13 Stacy Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association

15:09:55 Brad Longcake, Montana Dental Hygienist Association

15:10:26 Bryan Larson, Fort Belknap Indian Community

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

None

**Closing Statement:**

15:12:51 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, closed the hearing on HB 582.

**HEARING ON HB 509 - Revise community benefit laws for nonprofit hospitals**

**Opening Statement:**

15:13:19 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, opened the hearing on HB 509, Revise community benefit laws for nonprofit hospitals.

**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

15:20:34 Bob Olsen, CEO, Montana Hospital Association  
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**Informational Witness Testimony:**

15:28:26 Sarah Carlson, Legislative Audit Division

**Questions from Committee:**

15:29:15 Rep. Nelly Nicol  
15:29:56 Rep. Scot Kerns-R  
15:31:48 Rep. Nelly Nicol  
15:32:14 Rep. Scot Kerns-R

**Closing Statement:**

15:32:32 Rep. Scot Kerns (R), HD 23, closed the hearing on HB 509.

**HEARING ON HB 513 - Require consideration of harm of removal in child abuse and neglect cases**

**Opening Statement:**

15:38:45 Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 513, Require consideration of harm of removal in child abuse and neglect cases.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:38:00 Vice Chair Sheldon Galloway assumed the gavel  
15:42:05 Matt Furlong, Montana Child Protection Alliance  
15:44:52 Denise Johnson, Montana Child Protection Alliance

**Opponent Testimony:**

15:47:52 Nikki Grossberg, Division Administrator, Department of Public Health and Human Services

15:50:47 Beth Brennemen, Montana Coalition Against Domestic Violence

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:54:21 Rep. Nelly Nicol  
15:55:32 Nikki Grossberg, DPHHS  
15:56:54 Rep. Nelly Nicol  
15:57:18 Nikki Grossberg, DPHHS  
15:57:46 Rep. Ed Stafman  
15:58:50 Nikki Grossberg, DPHHS  
15:59:00 Rep. Laura Smith  
15:59:43 Nikki Grossberg, DPHHS  
16:00:07 Milly Allen  
16:01:04 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway  
16:01:13 Rep. Greg Oblander  
16:01:24 Milly Allen

**Closing Statement:**

16:01:54 Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, closed the hearing on HB 513.

**Discussion:**

16:06:38 Chair Carlson assumed the gavel  
16:07:33 Milly Allen  
16:08:06 Chair Carlson

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:09:02

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Katie Reeves, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230220HUDaad\)](#)