

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Jennifer Carlson-R, on February 21, 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. Kim Abbott (D)  
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. Greg Oblander (R)  
Rep. Wayne Rusk (R)  
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)  
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)  
Rep. Zooey Zephyr (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)  
Rep. Amy Regier (R)  
Rep. Laura Smith (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 559 02/17/2023

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Executive Action:

HB 45 DO PASS AS AMENDED  
HB 207 TO TABLE  
HB 317 DO PASS AS AMENDED  
HB 446 DO PASS  
HB 449 DO PASS  
HB 461 DO PASS AS AMENDED  
HB 466 TO TABLE  
HB 498 TO TABLE  
HB 582 DO PASS  
HB 230 TO TABLE

**HEARING ON HB 559 - License prospective adoptive parents as foster parents**

**Opening Statement:**

15:07:40 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R), HD 22, opened the hearing on HB 559, License prospective adoptive parents as foster parents.

**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

15:10:34 Nikki Grossberg, Division Administrator, Dept of Health and Human Services

**Questions from Committee:**

15:11:03 Rep. Edward Buttrey  
15:11:33 Nikki Grossberg, DPHHS  
15:12:33 Rep. Edward Buttrey  
15:12:47 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R  
15:13:47 Rep. Greg Oblander  
15:14:06 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R  
15:16:15 Chair Jennifer Carlson  
15:16:42 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R

**Closing Statement:**

15:16:59 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R), HD 22, closed the hearing on HB 559.

**HEARING ON HB 560 - Revise laws related to adoption**

**Opening Statement:**

15:17:40 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R), HD 22, opened the hearing on HB 560, Revise laws related to adoption.

**Discussion:**

15:18:33 Rep. Edward Buttrey

15:18:45 Chair Jennifer Carlson

**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

15:23:50 Margaret Morgan, St. Johns United, Billings (SJU)

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

15:25:38 Nikki Grossberg, Division Administrator, DPHHS

**Questions from Committee:**

15:26:04 Rep. Edward Buttrey

15:26:25 Margaret Morgan, SJU

15:27:57 Rep. Edward Buttrey

15:28:36 Nikki Grossberg, DPHHS

15:29:18 Rep. Greg Oblander

15:30:14 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R

15:35:32 Rep. Michael Yakawich

15:36:23 Nikki Grossberg, DPHHS

**Closing Statement:**

15:41:30 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R), HD 22, closed the hearing on HB 560.

15:47:49           **Recessed**

16:24:06           **Reconvened**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 45 - Provide oversight and standard for community benefits/charity care**

16:24:41           **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 45 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

16:24:54           Rep. Edward Buttrey

16:25:05           **Motion:** Rep. Edward Buttrey moved that **HB 45 BE AMENDED.**

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:26:46           **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 45 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

16:27:00           Rep. Jodee Etchart

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 207 - Revise child abuse and neglect reports and investigation laws**

16:29:08           **Motion:** Rep. Ron Marshall moved that **HB 207 TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE.**

**Vote:** Motion carried 12 - 5 by voice vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Howell, Rep. Zephyr, voting no.

16:30:53           **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 207 DO PASS.**

16:30:59           **Motion:** Rep. Ron Marshall moved that **HB 207 BE AMENDED.**

**Vote:** Motion carried 16 - 5 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Howell, Rep. Smith, Rep. Zephyr, voting no.  
Rep. Smith, By Proxy

16:33:32           **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 207 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

16:33:43           Rep. SJ Howell

16:35:05           Rep. Ed Stafman

**Vote:** Motion failed 11 - 9 by roll call vote with Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Carlson, Rep. Etchart, Rep. Hinkle, Rep. Marshall, Rep. Nicol, Rep. Oblander, Rep. Regier, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway, voting yes.  
Rep. Regier, By Proxy

16:37:39 **Motion:** Rep. Edward Buttrey moved that **HB 207 BE TABLED.**

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 317 - Provide for the Montana Indian Child Welfare Act**

16:38:04 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 317 DO PASS.**

16:38:22 **Motion:** Rep. Kim Abbott moved that **HB 317 BE AMENDED.**

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:39:38 **Motion:** Rep. Kim Abbott moved that **HB 317 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

16:40:42 Rep. Kim Abbott

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:41:14 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 317 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

16:42:02 Rep. SJ Howell

**Vote:** Motion failed 15 - 6 by roll call vote with Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Carlson, Rep. Hinkle, Rep. Marshall, Rep. Regier, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway, voting yes.  
Rep. Regier, By Proxy

16:45:10 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 317 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Vote:** Motion carried 15 - 6 by roll call vote with Rep. Carlson, Rep. Hinkle, Rep. Marshall, Rep. Nicol, Rep. Regier, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway, voting no.  
Rep. Regier, By Proxy

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 446 - Revise laws related to privacy in health digital services and applications**

16:47:17 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 446 DO PASS.**

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 449 - Provide for certified pediatric complex care assistant services**

16:48:51 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 449 DO PASS.**

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 461 - Revise laws related to reporting of child abuse and neglect**

16:49:59 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 461 DO PASS.**

16:50:10 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 461 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

16:51:19 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:52:16 **Motion:** Rep. SJ Howell moved that **HB 461 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

16:52:30 Rep. SJ Howell

**Vote:** Motion carried 20 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Oblander, voting no.

16:54:22 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 461 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Vote:** Motion carried 20 - 1 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, voting no.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 466 - Establishing the Montana father inclusion and engagement advisory council**

16:56:04 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 466 DO PASS.**

16:56:16 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Donavon Hawk moved that **HB 466 BE TABLED.**

**Vote:** Substitute Motion carried 19 - 2 by roll call vote with Rep. Regier, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway, voting no.  
Rep. Regier, By Proxy

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 498 - Establish a Menstrual Equity Act**

16:58:31 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 498 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

16:59:34 Rep. Laura Smith

**Vote:** Motion failed 13 - 8 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Howell, Rep. Smith, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Yakawich, Rep. Zephyr, voting yes.

17:01:37 **Motion:** Rep. Edward Buttrey moved that **HB 498 BE TABLED.**

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

17:01:59 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 582 DO PASS.**

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 230 - Provide continuous eligibility for young children covered by CHIP and Medicaid**

17:04:08 **Motion:** Rep. Ed Stafman moved that **HB 230 TO TAKE FROM THE TABLE.**

**Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 6 by roll call vote with Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Carlson, Rep. Etchart, Rep. Hinkle, Rep. Oblander, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway, voting no.

17:07:01 **Recessed**

17:18:08 **Reconvened**

17:18:43 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 230 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

17:18:57 Rep. Ed Stafman

17:21:41 Rep. Edward Buttrey

17:24:15 Rep. Ed Stafman

17:26:37 Chair Jennifer Carlson

**Vote:** Motion failed 11 - 10 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Etchart, Rep. Frazer, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Howell, Rep. Smith, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Yakawich, Rep. Zephyr, voting yes.  
Rep. Frazer, By Proxy

17:25:26 **Motion:** Chair Jennifer Carlson moved that **HB 230 BE TABLED.**

**Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 17:30:19

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Katie Reeves, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230221HUUaad\)](#)