

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

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Carlson-R, on February 23, 2023 at 3:26 PM, in 152

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Jennifer Carlson, Chair (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Edward Buttrey (R)
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)
Rep. SJ Howell (D)
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)
Rep. Nelly Nicol (R)
Rep. George Nikolakakos (R)
Rep. Greg Oblander (R)
Rep. Laura Smith (D)
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Alice Buckley (D)
Rep. Jodee Etchart (R)
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)
Rep. Amy Regier (R)
Rep. Wayne Rusk (R)
Rep. Zooey Zephyr (D)

Staff Present: Milly Allen, Research Analyst
Katie Reeves, Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

HB 554 02/20/2023

HB 603 02/21/2023

HB 655 02/21/2023

HB 694 02/22/2023
HB 751 02/22/2023

Executive Action:

HB 509 TO TABLE
HB 513 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 557 DO PASS
HB 559 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 560 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 616 DO PASS
HB 567 DO PASS

HEARING ON HB 655 - Require Medicaid coverage of home births attended by midwives

Opening Statement:

15:28:25 Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R), HD 45, opened the hearing on HB 655, Require Medicaid coverage of home births attended by midwives.

[EXHIBIT\(230223HUUa1\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(230223HUUa2\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

15:34:50 Amanda Osborne, VP, Montana Midwifery Association (MMA)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:37:19 Mary Lemieux, Montana Medicaid

Questions From Committee:

15:37:41 Rep. SJ Howell

15:38:20 Amanda Osborne, MMA

15:39:30 Rep. Ed Stafman

15:39:44 Mary Lemieux, Montana Medicaid

15:40:40 Rep. Greg Oblander

15:41.00 Rep. Katie Zolnikov

Closing Statement:

15:41:51 Rep. Katie Zolnikov (R), HD 45, closed the hearing on HB 655.

15:44:15 Vice Chair Sheldon assumed the gavel

HEARING ON HB 554 - Revise laws relating to confidentiality of child abuse and neglect records

Opening Statement:

15:44:25 Chair Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 554, Revise laws relating to confidentiality of child abuse and neglect records.

Proponent Testimony:

15:48:45 Matt Furlong, Montana Child Protection Alliance (MCPA)

Opponent Testimony:

15:53:01 Nikki Grossberg, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:57:00 Rep. Greg Oblander

15:57:15 Rep. Jennifer Carlson

15:59:00 Rep. SJ Howell

16:00:00 Nikki Grossberg, DPHHS

16:02:10 Rep. Laura Smith

16:05:10 Rep. Ed Stafman

Closing Statement:

16:11:56 Chair Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, closed the hearing on HB 554.

HEARING ON HB 751 - Revise laws related to nonopioid alternatives for treatment of pain

Opening Statement:

16:13:36 Rep. Kim Abbott (D), HD 83, opened the hearing on HB 751, Revise laws related to nonopioid alternatives for treatment of pain.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

16:16:22 John Doran, Blue Cross/Blue Shield (BCBS)
16:18:15 Sean Slanger, America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:20:14 Laura Williamson, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee:

16:20:40 Rep. Ron Marshall
16:21:20 Rep. Kim Abbott
16:22:10 Laura Williamson, DPHHS
16:23:05 Rep. Michael Yakawich
16:26:30 Rep. Greg Oblander
16:29:30 Chair Jennifer Carlson
16:30:00 John Doran, BCBS

Closing Statement:

16:31:10 Rep. Kim Abbott (D), HD 83, closed the hearing on HB 751.

HEARING ON HB 603 - Provide for reinstatement of parental rights

Opening Statement:

16:34:58 Rep. Steven Galloway (R), HD 24, opened the hearing on HB 603, Provide for reinstatement of parental rights.

Proponent Testimony:

16:37:45 Matt Furlong, Montana Child Protection Alliance (MCPA)
16:42:50 Nikki Grossberg, Child & Family Services Division (DPHHS)
16:43:40 Katie Heller, Self
16:46:15 Jennine Liberatore, Self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

16:48:36 Rep. Michael Yakawich

16:49:30 Nikki Grossberg, DPHHS

Closing Statement:

16:50:04 Rep. Steven Galloway (R), HD 24, closed the hearing on HB 603.

HEARING ON HB 694 - Mandate disclosure of certain information in public health emergency

Opening Statement:

16:55:38 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, opened the hearing on HB 694, Mandate disclosure of certain information in public health emergency.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

17:02:03 Vice Chair Alice Buckley joined the meeting.

Closing Statement:

17:06:52 Rep. Bill Mercer (R), HD 46, closed the hearing on HB 694.

17:09:03 **Recessed**

17:29:29 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 509 - Revise community benefit laws for nonprofit hospitals

17:29:47 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 509 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

17:09:30 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R

17:30:15 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Edward Buttrey moved that **HB 509 TO TABLE.**

Vote: Substitute Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 513 - Require consideration of harm of removal in child abuse and neglect cases

17:30:46 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 513 DO PASS.**

17:31:06 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 513 BE AMENDED.**

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:33:23 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 513 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Vote: Motion carried 18 - 3 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Smith, Rep. Zephyr, voting no.
Rep. Zephyr, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 557 - Clarify use of HEART account funds for behavioral health crisis services

17:35:07 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 557 DO PASS.**

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

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 559 - License prospective adoptive parents as foster parents

17:35:57 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 559 DO PASS.**

17:36:11 **Motion:** Rep. Edward Buttrey moved that **HB 559 BE AMENDED.**

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:37:24 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 559 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Vote: Motion carried 14 - 7 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Howell, Rep. Smith, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Zephyr, voting no.
Rep. Smith, Rep. Zephyr, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 560 - Revise laws related to adoption

17:38:59 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 560 DO PASS.**

17:39:05 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 560 BE AMENDED.**

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:39:55 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 560 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Vote: Motion carried 14 - 7 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Howell, Rep. Smith, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Zephyr, voting no. Rep. Smith, Rep. Zephyr, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 616 - Generally revise public-private contracting of services

17:41:37 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 616 DO PASS.**

Vote: Motion carried 18 - 3 by roll call vote with Rep. Marshall, Rep. Nicol, Rep. Oblander, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 567 - Revise health insurance navigator training requirements

17:45:04 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 567 DO PASS.**

Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:46:40

Katie Reeves, Secretary