

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

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Carlson-R, on February 28, 2023 at 4:58 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. Gregory Frazer (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. Amy Regier (R)
Rep. Wayne Rusk (R)
Rep. Laura Smith (D)
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)
Rep. Zoey Zephyr (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Jodee Etchart (R)
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)

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 609 02/24/2023

HB 700 02/22/2023

HB 740 02/24/2023

Executive Action:

HB 609 DO PASS
HB 619 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 646 TO TABLE
HB 649 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 700 TO TABLE
HB 706 DO PASS
HB 715 DO PASS AS AMENDED
HB 719 TO TABLE
HB 740 DO PASS

HEARING ON HB 700 - Revise laws related to private housing for developmentally disabled adults

Opening Statement:

17:00:45 Rep. Nelly Nicol (D), HD 83, opened the hearing on HB 700, Revise laws related to private housing for developmentally disabled adults.

Proponent Testimony:

17:03:33 Dana Paulson, Beacon Holding
17:05:14 Rep. Gregory Frazer joined the meeting.
17:05:52 Lindsey Menough, Overture
17:07:41 Rep. Kim Abbott joined the meeting.
17:08:42 Britney Higgs, Her Campaign

Opponent Testimony:

17:11:24 Julie Fink, Office of Inspector General

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

17:14:27 Rep. Michael Yakawich
17:15:21 Lindsey Menough
17:18:22 Vice Chair Alice Buckley
17:18:46 Julie Fink
17:20:09 Rep. Ron Marshall
17:20:47 Rep. Nelly Nicol-D
17:21:16 Lindsey Menough

17:22:08 Rep. Laura Smith
17:22:42 Julie Fink
17:23:33 Chair Jennifer Carlson
17:23:54 Julie Fink
17:25:49 Rep. Michael Yakawich

Closing Statement:

17:27:21 Rep. Nelly Nicol (D), HD 83, closed the hearing on HB 700.

HEARING ON HB 609 - Revising laws related to continuous eligibility for medicaid

Opening Statement:

17:30:06 Rep. SJ Howell (D), HD 95, opened the hearing on HB 609, Revising laws related to continuous eligibility for medicaid.

Proponent Testimony:

17:36:08 Hannah Pate, Montana Women Vote
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17:39:05 Heather O'Loughlin, Montana Budget & Policy Center
17:41:17 Stacy Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association
17:43:26 Jean Branscum, CEO, Montana Medical Association
17:45:00 Robin Turner, Montana Coalition Against Domestic Violence
17:45:35 Lauren Wilson, Montana American Chapter of Pediatrics
17:46:26 Adreina Heines, Benefis Health
17:47:05 Shelby Demars, Rocky Boy Health Center

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

17:47:38 Erica Johnston, Human Services Director, DPHHS

Questions from Committee:

17:48:07 Rep. Michael Yakawich

17:48:52 Rep. SJ Howell-D

17:51:56 Erica Johnston

17:52:36 Rep. Greg Oblander

17:53:31 Chair Jennifer Carlson

17:53:42 Erica Johnston

Closing Statement:

17:54:17 Rep. SJ Howell (D), HD 95, closed the hearing on HB 609.

HEARING ON HB 740 - Revise laws relating to out-of-state placement of youth with mental health needs

Opening Statement:

17:56:12 Rep. Laura Smith (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 740, Revise laws relating to out-of-state placement of youth with mental health needs.

Discussion:

17:58:18 Rep. Amy Regier joined the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

18:00:45 Jeff Folsom

18:02:43 Maggie Bornstein, ACLU

18:03:19 Hannah Pate, Montana Women Vote

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

18:03:53 Meghan Peel, Childrens Mental Health Bureau Chief
18:04:12 Nikki Grossberg, Child and Family Services

Questions from Committee:

18:04:35 Rep. Greg Oblander
18:04:49 Rep. Laura Smith-D
18:05:00 Meghan Peel
18:06:39 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway
18:07:11 Meghan Peel Department of Public Health and Human Services
18:09:33 Rep. Michael Yakawich
18:10:09 Meghan Peel Department of Public Health and Human Services
18:12:11 Chair Jennifer Carlson
18:12:28 Meghan Peel Department of Public Health and Human Services
18:13:14 Chair Jennifer Carlson
18:14:28 Rep. Laura Smith-D

Closing Statement:

18:15:49 Rep. Laura Smith (D), HD 79, closed the hearing on HB 740.

18:23:06 **Recessed**

18:55:00 **Reconvened**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 609 - Revising laws related to continuous eligibility for
medicaid**

18:55:33 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 609 DO PASS.**
18:55:33 **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.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 619 - Generally language assessment laws for deaf and hard of hearing children

- 18:59:01 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 619 DO PASS.**
- 18:59:10 **Motion:** Rep. Alice Buckley moved that **HB 619 BE AMENDED.**
- 18:59:10 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 19:00:49 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 619 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
- 19:00:49 **Vote:** Motion carried 20 - 1 by roll call vote with Rep. Sheldon-Galloway, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 646 - Establish a housing stability services program

- 19:03:06 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 646 DO PASS.**
- 19:05:02 **Motion:** Rep. Ed Stafman moved that **HB 646 BE AMENDED.**
- 19:05:02 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 19:07:57 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 646 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
- 19:07:57 **Vote:** Motion failed 11 - 10 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Frazer, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Howell, Rep. Nikolakakos, Rep. Smith, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Yakawich, Rep. Zephyr, voting yes.
Rep. Hawk, By Proxy
- 19:12:18 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 646 TO TABLE.**
- 19:12:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 649 - Implement rates from provider rate study

- 19:12:32 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 649 DO PASS.**
- 19:13:03 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 649 BE AMENDED.**
- 19:13:03 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 19:15:55 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 649 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
- 19:15:55 **Vote:** Motion carried 17 - 4 by roll call vote with Rep. Hinkle, Rep. Marshall, Rep. Nicol, Rep. Regier, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 700 - Revise laws related to private housing for developmentally disabled adults

- 19:22:14 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 700 DO PASS.**
- 19:22:50 **Motion:** Rep. Ron Marshall moved that **HB 700 TO TABLE.**
- 19:22:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 19 - 2 by voice vote with Rep. Etchart, Rep. Hinkle, voting no.
Rep. Etchart, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 706 - Generally revise laws related to protection of medical speech and practice

- 19:23:48 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 706 DO PASS.**
- 19:23:48 **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. Abbott, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Zephyr, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 715 - Revise school immunization laws

- 19:25:53 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 715 DO PASS.**
- 19:26:13 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 715 BE AMENDED.**
- 19:26:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 19:27:39 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 715 BE AMENDED.**
- 19:27:39 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 19:45:41 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 715 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**
- 19:45:41 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 8 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Howell, Rep. Smith, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Welch, Rep. Zephyr, voting no.
Rep. Hawk, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 719 - Revise workers' compensation laws relating to designation of treating physician

- 19:38:45 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 719 DO PASS.**
- 19:39:05 **Motion:** Rep. Greg Oblander moved that **HB 719 BE AMENDED.**
- 19:39:05 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 19:40:43 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 719 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

19:40:43 **Vote:** Motion failed 16 - 5 by roll call vote with Rep. Frazer, Rep. Hinkle, Rep. Nikolakakos, Rep. Oblander, Rep. Yakawich, voting yes.

19:44:59 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 719 TO TABLE.**

19:44:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 740 - Revise laws relating to out-of-state placement of youth with mental health needs

19:43:47 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 740 DO PASS.**

19:43:47 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 19:46:55

Katie Reeves, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230228HUUHaad\)](#)