

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

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Carlson-R, on March 16, 2023 at 3:01 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. Gregory Frazer (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. Laura Smith (D)
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)
Rep. Zoey Zephyr (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)
Rep. Amy Regier (R)
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:

SB 113 03/13/2023

SB 116 03/13/2023

Executive Action:

SB 4 BE CONCURRED IN
SB 36 BE CONCURRED IN
SB 87 TO TABLE
SB 163 BE CONCURRED IN

HEARING ON SB 113 - Make permanent certain notification requirements in CPS cases

Opening Statement:

15:02:58 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, opened the hearing on SB 113, Make permanent certain notification requirements in CPS cases.

Proponent Testimony:

15:06:04 Nikki Grossberg, Division Administrator, DPHHS

15:06:42 Matt Furlong, Montana Child Protection Alliance

15:08:04 Denise Johnson, Montana Child Protection Alliance

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

15:08:51 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, closed the hearing on SB 113.

HEARING ON SB 116 - Revise confidentiality provisions related to child protective services cases

Opening Statement:

15:09:16 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, opened the hearing on SB 116, Revise confidentiality provisions related to child protective services cases.

Discussion:

15:12:39 Rep. Caleb Hinkle joined the meeting.

15:14:56 Rep. Amy Regier joined the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

15:16:07 Nikki Grossberg, Division Administrator, DPHHS

15:16:58 Matt Furlong, Montana Child Protection Alliance

15:18:39 Denise Johnson, Montana Child Protection Alliance

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:22:46 Rep. Michael Yakawich

15:26:45 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

15:30:09 Rep. Laura Smith

15:30:34 Nikki Grossberg

15:31:12 Rep. SJ Howell

15:32:16 Nikki Grossberg

15:35:17 Rep. Greg Oblander

15:35:56 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

15:37:29 Rep. Kim Abbott joined the meeting.

15:37:54 Nikki Grossberg

15:39:05 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway

15:39:51 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

15:44:56 Nikki Grossberg

15:48:32 Rep. Michael Yakawich

15:48:59 Nikki Grossberg

15:49:45 Chair Jennifer Carlson

15:50:24 Nikki Grossberg

Closing Statement:

15:51:11 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, closed the hearing on SB 116.

Discussion:

15:52:01 Rep. Tom Welch joined the meeting.

15:55:40 **Recessed**

16:17:59 Rep. Regier has arrived

16:18:19 Rep. Nicol has left

16:18:54 **Reconvened**

16:19:48 Rep. Etchart has left

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 4 - Require sharing of reports of abuse and neglect at Montana State Hospital

16:21:38 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 4 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:21:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:21:38 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Jennifer Carlson

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 36 - Eliminate certain DPHHS statutorily required reports

16:22:35 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 36 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:22:35 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:22:35 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Greg Oblander

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 87 - Eliminate board of public assistance

16:23:57 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 87 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:25:01 **Motion:** Rep. Edward Buttrey moved that **SB 87 TO TABLE.**

16:25:01 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 8 by roll call vote with Rep. Etchart, Rep. Hinkle, Rep. Nicol, Rep. Oblander, Rep. Regier, Rep. Rusk, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway, Rep. Yakawich, voting no.
Rep. Etchart, Rep. Nicol, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 163 - Establish volunteer program in child protective services

16:26:46 **Motion:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 163 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:26:46 **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, By Proxy

16:26:46 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Michael Yakawich

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:30:12

Katie Reeves, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230316HUHaad\)](#)