

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Jennifer Carlson-R, on March 17, 2023 at 3:01 PM, in 152

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Jennifer Carlson, Chair (R)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Edward Buttrey (R)  
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)  
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)  
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)  
Rep. SJ Howell (D)  
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)  
Rep. Nelly Nicol (R)  
Rep. Amy Regier (R)  
Rep. Wayne Rusk (R)  
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)  
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)  
Rep. Zooley Zephyr (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Alice Buckley (D)  
Rep. Jodee Etchart (R)  
Rep. George Nikolakakos (R)  
Rep. Greg Oblander (R)  
Rep. Laura Smith (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:

SB 112 03/09/2023

SB 162 03/13/2023

Executive Action:

SB 113  
SB 116  
HB 648 DO PASS AS AMENDED

**HEARING ON SB 112 - Revise pharmacist prescribing authority**

**Opening Statement:**

15:08:21 Sen. Tom McGillvray (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 112, Revise pharmacist prescribing authority.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:15:39 Kendall Cotton, President, Frontier Institute

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15:18:17 Tony King, Pharmacist

15:18:58 Rep. George Nikolakakos joined the meeting.

15:20:23 Daniel Stockton, Pharmacist Student

15:21:47 Stuart Doggett, Montana Pharmacy Association

15:23:38 Henry Kriegel, Americans for Prosperity

15:25:44 Cameron Cooper, American Pharmacy Student

15:27:11 Brad Griffin, President, American Retail Association

15:27:33 Matt Kuntz, Executive Director, NAMI Montana

15:28:36 Travis Schule, Pharmacist

15:32:14 Rebecca Kinnett, Pharmacist, Albertsons

15:32:40 Vice Chair Alice Buckley joined the meeting.

15:34:55 Kenneth Chatriand, Pharmacist

**Opponent Testimony:**

15:37:16 Jean Branscum, CEO, Montana Medical Association

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15:41:22 Kim Longcake, Montana Academy of Pediatrics  
15:44:52 Lynne Foss, Montana Academy of Pediatrics  
15:46:52 Lauren Wilson, Montana Medical Association  
15:49:23 Sarah Morgan, Montana Medical Association

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

15:51:22 Marcy Baugh, Dept. of Labor and Industry

**Questions from Committee:**

15:51:59 Rep. Ed Stafman  
15:52:19 Jean Branscum  
15:57:17 Rep. Ed Stafman  
15:57:43 Sen. Tom McGillvray-R  
15:58:11 Tony King  
16:01:47 Rep. Edward Buttrey  
16:02:08 Stuart Doggett  
16:03:01 Kendall Cotton  
16:05:43 Rep. Edward Buttrey  
16:05:59 Tony King  
16:07:43 Rep. Caleb Hinkle  
16:08:01 Rebecca Kinnett  
16:09:22 Tony King  
16:11:03 Rep. Gregory Frazer left the meeting.  
16:11:54 Kendall Cotton  
16:13:47 Rep. Kim Abbott

16:15:55 Rep. Michael Yakawich  
16:17:21 Rebecca Kinnett  
16:18:48 Chair Jennifer Carlson  
16:19:54 Jean Branscum  
16:24:21 Tony King  
16:25:24 Chair Jennifer Carlson  
16:26:35 Rep. Greg Oblander joined the meeting.  
16:27:20 Tony King  
16:28:07 Kendall Cotton  
16:29:38 Rep. Edward Buttrey  
16:30:02 Tony King  
16:31:04 Chair Jennifer Carlson  
16:31:56 Tony King  
16:32:34 Rep. Ed Stafman  
16:32:56 Tony King  
16:35:19 Rep. Ron Marshall  
16:36:19 Kendall Cotton  
16:37:48 Rebecca Kinnett

**Closing Statement:**

16:38:45 Sen. Tom McGillvray (R), SD 23, closed the hearing on SB 112.

**HEARING ON SB 162 - Provide notice to foster parents in CPS cases**

**Opening Statement:**

16:44:02 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, opened the hearing on SB 162, Provide notice to foster parents in CPS cases.

**Proponent Testimony:**

16:45:52 Erica Johnston, Executive Director, DPHHS

16:46:54 Denise Johnson, Montana Child Protection Alliance

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

16:47:44 Rep. Tom Welch

16:49:13 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

**Closing Statement:**

16:50:11 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, closed the hearing on SB 162.

16:56:05 **Recessed**

17:19:42 **Reconvened**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 113 - Make permanent certain notification requirements in CPS cases**

17:20:17 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 113 BE CONCURRED IN.**

11:00:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:20:17 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Greg Oblander

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 116 - Revise confidentiality provisions related to child protective services cases**

17:21:49 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 116 BE CONCURRED IN.**

17:22:04 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 116 BE AMENDED.**

11:00:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:23:37 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 116 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

11:00:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:23:37 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 648 - Provide for the best beginnings scholarship program**

17:25:16 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 648 DO PASS.**

17:25:33 **Motion:** Vice Chair Alice Buckley moved that **HB 648 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

17:26:45 Chair Jennifer Carlson

17:27:15 Vice Chair Alice Buckley joined the meeting.

17:27:18 Vice Chair Alice Buckley

11:00:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:28:10 **Motion:** Vice Chair Alice Buckley moved that **HB 648 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

17:30:38 Chair Jennifer Carlson

17:30:57 Vice Chair Alice Buckley

17:31:38 Rep. SJ Howell

17:32:19 Rep. Edward Buttrey

17:32:46 Chair Jennifer Carlson

17:34:21 Vice Chair Alice Buckley

17:35:36 Rep. Edward Buttrey

17:35:45 Rep. Ron Marshall left the meeting.

11:00:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:36:54 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HB 648 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

11:00:29 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 8 by roll call vote with Rep. Carlson, Rep. Etchart, Rep. Hinkle, Rep. Marshall, Rep. Nicol, Rep. Regier, Rep. Rusk, Rep. Sheldon-Galloway, voting no.  
Rep. Etchart, Rep. Marshall, By Proxy

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 17:41:58

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Katie Reeves, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230317HUHaad\)](#)