

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

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Carlson-R, on March 21, 2023 at 3:02 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. Donavon Hawk (D)
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)
Rep. SJ Howell (D)
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)
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. Zoey Zephyr (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Jodee Etchart (R)
Rep. Nelly Nicol (R)
Rep. Michael Yakawich (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 828 03/17/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 828 - Authorize an ambulance provider assessment program

Opening Statement:

15:04:32 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 828, Authorize an ambulance provider assessment program.

Proponent Testimony:

15:09:49 Don Whalen, Montana Ambulance Association
[EXHIBIT\(230321HUh1\)](#)

15:12:15 Justin Grohs, Great Falls Emergency Services

15:12:43 Rep. Jodee Etchart joined the meeting.

15:16:45 Cherie Taylor, Logan Health Cut Bank

15:19:30 Curtis Harper, Logan Health Emergency Medical Services

15:21:12 Ryan Pitts, Logan Health Emergency Medical Services

15:21:42 Rep. Michael Yakawich joined the meeting.

15:24:59 Jon Gildea, Missoula Emergency Services

15:26:35 Jean Bergerson, Beaverhead Emergency Medical Services, Dillon

15:33:57 Marc Kilman Burnham, Global Medical Response

15:34:52 Rep. Donavon Hawk left the meeting.

15:36:03 Maria Bianchi, Montana Ambulance Association

15:40:03 Nick McGree, A-1 Ambulance

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:41:12 Mike Randol, State Medicaid Director
15:41:27 Mary LeMieux
15:41:45 Jason Lay, Montana Department of Revenue

Questions from Committee:

15:42:15 Vice Chair Alice Buckley
15:42:34 Rep. Edward Buttrey-R
15:42:56 Mike Randol
15:43:22 Chair Jennifer Carlson
15:43:41 Mike Randol
15:44:14 Rep. Greg Oblander
15:44:29 Rep. Edward Buttrey-R
15:45:04 Maria Bianchi
15:46:06 Rep. Zooey Zephyr
15:46:22 Rep. Edward Buttrey-R
15:48:50 Rep. Greg Oblander
15:49:07 Rep. Edward Buttrey-R
15:52:04 Mary LeMieux
15:52:12 Mike Randol
15:54:09 Rep. Ron Marshall
15:54:46 Rep. Edward Buttrey-R
15:55:34 Chair Jennifer Carlson
15:56:25 Rep. Edward Buttrey-R
15:56:44 Maria Bianchi
16:01:05 Chair Jennifer Carlson

16:02:09 Jean Bergerson
16:06:15 Rep. Kim Abbott left the meeting.
16:06:28 Rep. SJ Howell left the meeting.
16:07:29 Maria Bianchi
16:08:12 Chair Jennifer Carlson
16:08:33 Mike Randol
16:09:31 Rep. Michael Yakawich
16:09:56 Rep. Edward Buttrey-R
16:10:37 Don Whalen
16:13:18 Rep. Greg Oblander
16:14:28 Mike Randol
16:15:00 Jean Bergerson
16:17:02 Rep. Amy Regier left the meeting.

Closing Statement:

16:17:46 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, closed the hearing on HB 828.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:23:06

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230321HUHaad\)](#)