

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Jennifer Carlson-R, on March 23, 2023 at 3:01 PM, in 152

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Rep. Jennifer Carlson, Chair (R)  
Rep. Alice Buckley, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Edward Buttrey (R)  
Rep. Jodee Etchart (R)  
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. Michael Yakawich (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)  
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)  
Rep. Nelly Nicol (R)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)  
Rep. Zooez Zephyr (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 282 03/16/2023

SB 284 03/15/2023

Executive Action:

SB 112  
SB 115 BE CONCURRED IN AS  
AMENDED  
SB 181

**HEARING ON SB 282 - Revise laws related to area agencies on aging**

**Opening Statement:**

15:02:34 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, opened the hearing on SB 282, Revise laws related to area agencies on aging.

**Discussion:**

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**Proponent Testimony:**

15:07:01 Rebecca Myers, Montana Area Agencies on Aging

15:08:36 Rep. Donavon Hawk joined the meeting.

15:09:04 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfoot Tribe

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

15:09:41 Barbara Smith, Senior and Long Term Care

**Questions from Committee:**

15:10:42 Rep. Michael Yakawich

15:10:55 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

**Closing Statement:**

15:14:14 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, closed the hearing on SB 282.

**HEARING ON SB 284 - Requiring report of drugs taken by or prescribed to a victim of suicide**

**Opening Statement:**

15:18:51 Sen. Carl Glimm (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 284, Requiring report of drugs taken by or prescribed to a victim of suicide.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:15:39 Milly Allen

15:21:10 Mike Lahr, Disability Rights Montana

15:21:55 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association

15:22:54 Rep. Kim Abbott joined the meeting.

**Opponent Testimony:**

15:23:29 Robin Turner, American Civil Liberties Union of Montana

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

15:26:42 Nikki Griffis, Montana Department of Labor and Industry

15:27:07 Alyssa Johnson, Trauma Systems Manager, DPHHS

**Questions from Committee:**

15:28:52 Rep. Edward Buttrey

15:29:14 Nikki Griffis

15:30:01 Alyssa Johnson

15:30:44 Rep. Michael Yakawich

15:31:10 Alyssa Johnson

15:35:19 Rep. Ron Marshall

15:35:40 Sen. Carl Glimm-R

15:37:54 Chair Jennifer Carlson

15:38:10 Sen. Carl Glimm-R

**Closing Statement:**

15:38:36 Sen. Carl Glimm (R), SD 6, closed the hearing on SB 284.

15:39:11 **Recessed**

16:09:19           **Reconvened**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 112 - Revise pharmacist prescribing authority**

16:09:43           **Motion:** Rep. Edward Buttrey moved that **SB 112 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:09:54           **Motion:** Rep. Amy Regier moved that **SB 112 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

16:10:26           Rep. Amy Regier

16:10:44           Rep. George Nikolakakos

16:10:49           Rep. Ed Stafman

16:11:12           Rep. Amy Regier

16:09:54           **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. Howell, Rep. Smith, Rep. Zephyr, By Proxy

16:13:48           **Motion:** Rep. Edward Buttrey moved that **SB 112 BE AMENDED.**

16:13:48           **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:14:37           **Motion:** Rep. Edward Buttrey moved that **SB 112 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

16:14:37           **Vote:** Motion carried 14 - 7 by voice vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Howell, Rep. Smith, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Zephyr, voting no. Rep. Abbott, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Howell, Rep. Smith, Rep. Zephyr, By Proxy

16:14:37           **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Edward Buttrey

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 115 - Revise definition of psychological abuse or neglect in CPS cases**

16:16:35           **Motion:** Rep. Edward Buttrey moved that **SB 115 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:16:35           **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Michael Yakawich

16:16:44           **Motion:** Rep. Edward Buttrey moved that **SB 115 BE AMENDED.**

16:16:44           **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:18:04           **Motion:** Rep. Edward Buttrey moved that **SB 115 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

16:18:04           **Vote:** Motion carried 19 - 2 by voice vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Stafman, voting no. Rep. Abbott, By Proxy

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 181 - Require notice of parent legal rights in child protective services cases**

16:19:38 **Motion:** Rep. Edward Buttrey moved that **SB 181 BE CONCURRED IN.**

16:19:57 **Motion:** Rep. Edward Buttrey moved that **SB 181 BE AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

16:23:27 Rep. Greg Oblander

16:23:46 Chair Jennifer Carlson

16:24:18 Rep. Edward Buttrey

16:19:57 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:25:24 **Motion:** Rep. Edward Buttrey moved that **SB 181 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

16:25:24 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 8 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Howell, Rep. Nikolakakos, Rep. Smith, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Zephyr, voting no.  
Rep. Abbott, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Howell, Rep. Smith, Rep. Zephyr, By Proxy

16:25:24 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Michael Yakawich

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 16:27:50

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Katie Reeves, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230323HUHaad\)](#)