

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Jennifer Carlson-R, on March 27, 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. Jodee Etchart (R)  
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)  
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)  
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)  
Rep. Nelly Nicol (R)  
Rep. George Nikolakakos (R)  
Rep. Wayne Rusk (R)  
Rep. Laura Smith (D)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)  
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)  
Rep. Zoey Zephyr (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)  
Rep. SJ Howell (D)  
Rep. Greg Oblander (R)  
Rep. Amy Regier (R)  
Rep. Ed Stafman (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 873 03/22/2023

HB 879 03/22/2023

SB 150 03/30/2023

Executive Action:

**HEARING ON HB 873 - Provide for the disposition of fetal remains**

**Opening Statement:**

15:03:48 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R), HD 22, opened the hearing on HB 873, Provide for the disposition of fetal remains.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:08:11 Gail Asbury, Self  
15:10:33 Al Olszewski, Physician  
15:11:52 Sharon Nason, Self  
15:14:05 Robin Sertell, Abortion Survivors Network  
15:15:42 Kathy Carlson, Self  
15:17:26 Rep. Jodee Etchart left the meeting.  
15:18:09 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation  
15:19:50 Tania Wise, Ignorance Montana  
15:21:05 Jill Guthrie, Self

**Opponent Testimony:**

15:22:02 Melody Cunningham, Montana Chapter of Academy of Pediatrics  
15:24:24 Heather O'Hara, Montana Hospital Association  
15:27:15 Nicole Smith, Blue Mountain Clinic  
15:29:26 Scott Boulanger, Montana Medical Association  
15:29:50 Beth Brenneman, Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence  
15:31:45 Ella Smith, Self  
15:32:39 Timothy Mitchell, Maternal Fetal Physician

15:35:37 Julia Maxon, Montana Women Vote

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:37:04 Rep. Kim Abbott  
15:37:21 Heather O'Hara  
15:38:58 Vice Chair Alice Buckley  
15:39:22 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R  
15:40:29 Heather O'Hara  
15:42:36 Chair Jennifer Carlson  
15:43:01 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R

**Closing Statement:**

15:43:52 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R), HD 22, closed the hearing on HB 873.

**Discussion:**

15:44:36 Rep. Greg Oblander joined the meeting.

**HEARING ON SB 150 - Generally revise laws related to drug testing in CPS cases**

**Closing Statement:**

08:42:25 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, closed the hearing on SB 150.

**Opening Statement:**

15:48:04 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, opened the hearing on SB 150, Generally revise laws related to drug testing in CPS cases.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:50:25 Matt Furlong, Montana Child Protection Alliance  
15:51:26 Nikki Grossberg, Child Family Services

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

15:52:52 Brian Smith, Public Defender

**Questions from Committee:**

None

15:54:09 **Recessed**

16:13:31 **Reconvened**

**HEARING ON HB 879 - Fund post-abortion counseling program**

**Opening Statement:**

16:13:49 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R), HD 22, opened the hearing on HB 879, Fund post-abortion counseling program.

**Proponent Testimony:**

16:17:06 Sharon Nason, Self

16:17:19 Rep. Ed Stafman joined the meeting.

16:18:59 Tania Wise, Abort Ignorance Montana

16:21:40 Robin Sertell, Abortion Survivors Network

16:24:00 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation

16:26:01 Deborah Tilden, Smart Womens Healthcare

**Opponent Testimony:**

16:28:59 Kristin Alvey, Social Worker

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

16:32:15 Rep. Nelly Nicol

16:32:21 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R  
16:32:35 Rep. Greg Oblander joined the meeting.  
16:32:38 Rep. Greg Oblander  
16:32:58 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R  
16:35:10 Rep. Michael Yakawich  
16:35:40 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R  
16:37:50 Rep. Edward Buttrey  
16:39:01 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R  
16:40:03 Chair Jennifer Carlson  
16:40:26 Tania Wise  
16:42:56 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R  
16:43:28 Rep. Michael Yakawich  
16:44:12 Robin Sertell

**Closing Statement:**

16:46:55 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R), HD 22, closed the hearing on HB 879.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 08:42:57

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230327HUHaad\)](#)