

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

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Carlson-R, on April 05, 2023 at 3:39 PM, in 152

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Jennifer Carlson, Chair (R)
Rep. Alice Buckley, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Edward Buttrey (R)
Rep. Jodee Etchart (R)
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)
Rep. SJ Howell (D)
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)
Rep. Nelly Nicol (R)
Rep. Greg Oblander (R)
Rep. Wayne Rusk (R)
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)
Rep. George Nikolakakos (R)
Rep. Amy Regier (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)
Rep. Laura Smith (D)
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)
Rep. Zooney 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 308 03/25/2023

SB 352 03/25/2023

Executive Action:

SB 150
SB 282
SB 284
SB 328
SB 422

HEARING ON SB 308 - Establish patient visitation rights

Opening Statement:

15:40:23 Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 308,
Establish patient visitation rights.

Proponent Testimony:

15:42:27 Phyllis Lamping, Self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:44:18 William Evo, DPHHS

Questions from Committee:

15:45:09 Vice Chair Alice Buckley

15:45:31 Sen. Kenneth Bogner-R

15:45:32 Rep. Gregory Frazer joined the meeting.

15:45:42 Rep. Edward Buttrey

15:45:59 Sen. Kenneth Bogner-R

15:46:51 Rep. Ed Stafman

15:47:49 Sen. Kenneth Bogner-R

15:47:54 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway joined the meeting.

15:50:01 Rep. Greg Oblander

15:50:26 Sen. Kenneth Bogner-R

Closing Statement:

15:51:09 Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R), SD 19, closed the hearing on SB 308.

HEARING ON SB 352 - Create task force to modify and improve the child protective services system

Opening Statement:

15:51:38 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, opened the hearing on SB 352, Create task force to modify and improve the child protective services system.

Proponent Testimony:

15:55:04 Keegan Medrano, ACLU Montana and Blackfeet Tribe

15:56:09 Lance Fourstar, Montana Indian Caucus

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:56:52 Nikki Grossberg, DPHHS

Questions from Committee:

15:57:17 Rep. Donavon Hawk

15:57:46 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

15:58:24 Vice Chair Alice Buckley

15:58:59 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

16:01:28 Rep. Edward Buttrey

16:02:10 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

16:03:01 Rep. Kim Abbott

16:03:40 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

16:05:16 Rep. Tom Welch

16:06:29 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

16:08:24 Rep. Donavon Hawk

16:08:45 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

16:13:35 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway
16:15:45 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R
16:17:10 Rep. Donavon Hawk
16:17:31 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R
16:17:43 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway
16:17:54 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

Closing Statement:

16:21:18 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, closed the hearing on SB 352.

Discussion:

13:06:42 Rep. Laura Smith joined the meeting.
16:22:05 Rep. Zooey Zephyr joined the meeting.

16:26:14 **Recessed**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 150 - Generally revise laws related to drug testing in CPS cases

16:54:59 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 150 BE CONCURRED IN.**
16:55:18 **Vote:** Motion carried 20 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Abbott, voting no.
16:54:59 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Laura Smith
16:55:08 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 282 - Revise laws related to area agencies on aging

16:58:09 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 282 BE CONCURRED IN.**
16:58:15 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 282 BE AMENDED.**
08:59:57 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:58:47 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 282 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

08:59:57 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:58:47 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Jodee Etchart

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

17:00:51 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 284 BE CONCURRED IN.**

17:01:03 **Motion:** Rep. Donavon Hawk moved that **SB 284 TO TABLE.**

08:59:57 **Vote:** Motion failed 14 - 7 by voice vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Howell, Rep. Smith, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Zephyr, voting yes.
Rep. Smith, By Proxy

17:02:18 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 284 BE CONCURRED IN.**

08:59:57 **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. Smith, By Proxy

17:02:18 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Nelly Nicol

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 328 - Apply ICWA concepts to all child protective services cases

17:04:45 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 328 BE CONCURRED IN.**

17:04:52 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 328 BE AMENDED.**

08:59:57 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

17:05:57 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 328 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

08:59:57 **Vote:** Motion carried 18 - 3 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Zephyr, voting no.

17:05:57 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Jennifer Carlson

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 422 - Expand eligibility for the Right to Try Act

17:07:54 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 422 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

17:08:12 Rep. Edward Buttrey

17:08:48 Rep. Ed Stafman

17:10:08 Rep. Greg Oblander

17:10:26 Rep. Zooey Zephyr

17:10:56 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway

08:59:57 **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. Smith, By Proxy

17:07:54 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. George Nikolakakos

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:17:42

Katie Reeves, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230405HUUHaad\)](#)