

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Jennifer Carlson-R, on April 06, 2023 at 4:09 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. Caleb Hinkle (R)  
Rep. SJ Howell (D)  
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)  
Rep. Nelly Nicol (R)  
Rep. George Nikolakakos (R)  
Rep. Greg Oblander (R)  
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)  
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Jodee Etchart (R)  
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)  
Rep. Amy Regier (R)  
Rep. Wayne Rusk (R)  
Rep. Laura Smith (D)  
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 364 03/28/2023

Executive Action:

SB 308 Be Concurred In

**HEARING ON SB 364 - Establish limits on hospital-related charges**

**Opening Statement:**

16:10:38 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, opened the hearing on SB 364, Establish limits on hospital-related charges.

**Discussion:**

16:28:53 Rep. Jodee Etchart joined the meeting.

**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

16:30:02 Kody Nelson, Sheridan Memorial Hospital Association

16:32:10 Kevin Able, Logan Health Medical Center

16:34:41 Kody Brinton, Daniels Memorial Healthcare Center

16:36:25 Pam Palagi, Intermountain Health

16:39:30 Bob Olsen, Montana Hospital Association

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16:47:43 Rep. Laura Smith joined the meeting.

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

16:48:12 JJ Carmody, Billings Clinic

16:49:02 Michelle Truax, DPHHS

16:49:38 Jason Hardin, PYA

**Questions from Committee:**

16:51:14 Rep. Tom Welch

16:51:45 Bob Olsen

16:52:37 Rep. Michael Yakawich

16:53:09 Sen. Greg Hertz-R

16:58:34 Rep. Nelly Nicol  
16:59:17 Sen. Greg Hertz-R  
16:59:49 Rep. Kim Abbott  
17:00:01 Pam Palagi  
17:02:40 Rep. Greg Oblander  
17:02:56 Kody Brinton  
17:04:58 Rep. Edward Buttrey  
17:05:45 Bob Olsen  
17:10:10 Sen. Greg Hertz-R  
17:11:26 Rep. Kim Abbott  
17:11:31 Bob Olsen  
17:12:08 Rep. Greg Oblander  
17:12:48 Sen. Greg Hertz-R  
17:14:50 Rep. Nelly Nicol  
17:15:36 Kody Nelson

**Closing Statement:**

17:17:53 Sen. Greg Hertz (R), SD 6, closed the hearing on SB 364.

17:22:22 **Recessed**

17:25:21 **Reconvened**

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 308 - Establish patient visitation rights**

17:25:51 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 308 BE CONCURRED IN.**

**Discussion:**

17:26:03 Rep. Ed Stafman

17:26:55 Rep. Edward Buttrey  
17:28:05 Rep. Nelly Nicol  
17:28:49 Rep. Edward Buttrey  
17:29:15 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway  
17:30:24 Chair Jennifer Carlson  
17:25:51 **Vote:** Motion carried 11 - 10 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Buttrey, Rep. Frazer, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Howell, Rep. Smith, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Welch, Rep. Zephyr, voting no. Rep. Hawk, Rep. Howell, Rep. Zephyr, By Proxy  
17:25:51 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Michael Yakawich

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 17:34:20

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Katie Reeves, Secretary

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