

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

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Carlson-R, on April 13, 2023 at 4:03 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. Jodee Etchart (R)
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)
Rep. SJ Howell (D)
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)
Rep. Nelly Nicol (R)
Rep. Wayne Rusk (R)
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)
Rep. Zoey Zephyr (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Edward Buttrey (R)
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)
Rep. George Nikolakakos (R)
Rep. Greg Oblander (R)
Rep. Amy Regier (R)
Rep. Laura Smith (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 296 04/05/2023

SB 564 04/05/2023

Executive Action:

SB 198 TO TABLE
SB 352
SB 364 TO TABLE
SB 564
SB 296

HEARING ON SB 564 - Revise laws related to immunity for free health care services

Opening Statement:

16:05:11 Sen. Tom McGillvray (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 564, Revise laws related to immunity for free health care services.

Discussion:

16:07:07 Rep. Laura Smith joined the meeting.

16:07:11 Rep. Gregory Frazer joined the meeting.

16:08:15 Rep. Greg Oblander joined the meeting.

16:08:22 Rep. Amy Regier joined the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

16:10:15 Mark Taylor, Self

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[EXHIBIT\(230413HUh2\)](#)

Opponent Testimony:

16:14:49 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association

16:15:45 Rep. Edward Buttrey joined the meeting.

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:22:10 Quinlan O'Connor, Chief Legal Counsel, Dept. of Labor & Industry

Questions from Committee:

16:22:46 Rep. Nelly Nicol

16:22:54 Sen. Tom McGillvray-R

16:23:08 Mark Taylor

16:25:10 Rep. Greg Oblander

16:25:44 Sen. Tom McGillvray-R
16:26:08 Rep. George Nikolakakos joined the meeting.
16:26:29 Rep. Ed Stafman
16:26:42 Jean Branscum
16:30:32 Rep. Michael Yakawich
16:30:59 Sen. Tom McGillvray-R

Closing Statement:

16:32:28 Sen. Tom McGillvray (R), SD 23, closed the hearing on SB 564.

HEARING ON SB 296 - Revise nursing home and/or assisted living funding

Opening Statement:

16:33:50 Sen. Becky Beard (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 296, Revise nursing home and/or assisted living funding.

Discussion:

16:33:58 Rep. Donavon Hawk joined the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

16:38:22 Rose Hughes, Montana Healthcare Association
[EXHIBIT\(230413HUh3\)](#)
16:42:36 Chelsea Culpon, Self
16:44:04 Claire Marshall, Alzheimers Association Montana
16:44:51 Jasmine Krotkov, Montana Farmers Union
16:46:06 Michael Coe, Self
16:47:41 Margaret MacDonald, Big Sky 55 plus
16:49:34 Karen Alley
16:50:31 Keith Deaville, Pine Assisted Living Center

16:51:46 Jill Sark, Montana Healthcare Association

[EXHIBIT\(230413HUh4\)](#)

16:55:52 Mike White, Self

Opponent Testimony:

16:56:49 Tom Osborn, North Central Independent Living Services

16:59:02 Rep. Kim Abbott joined the meeting.

Informational Witness Testimony:

17:00:01 Barb Smith, Senior and Long Term Care

Questions from Committee:

17:00:34 Rep. Nelly Nicol

17:01:09 Barb Smith

17:01:44 Rep. Michael Yakawich

17:02:35 Barb Smith

17:03:43 Sen. Becky Beard-R

17:05:46 Chair Jennifer Carlson

17:06:17 Sen. Becky Beard-R

17:08:09 Rose Hughes

17:11:31 Rep. Michael Yakawich

17:12:04 Rose Hughes

Closing Statement:

17:13:28 Sen. Becky Beard (R), SD 40, closed the hearing on SB 296.

17:20:35 **Recessed**

17:43:08 Rep. Abbott has left

17:43:16 Rep. Stafman has left

17:43:37 **Reconvened**
17:43:54 Rep. Zephyr has left

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 198 - Revise laws related to behavioral health peer support specialists

17:45:16 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 198 BE CONCURRED IN.**
17:45:31 **Motion:** Rep. Caleb Hinkle moved that **SB 198 TO TABLE.**
17:45:31 **Vote:** Motion carried 13 - 8 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Frazer, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Howell, Rep. Smith, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Zephyr, voting no.
Rep. Abbott, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Zephyr, By Proxy

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

17:47:24 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 352 BE CONCURRED IN.**
17:47:24 **Vote:** Motion carried 18 - 3 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Zephyr, voting no.
Rep. Abbott, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Zephyr, By Proxy
17:47:24 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Laura Smith

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 364 - Establish limits on hospital-related charges

17:49:05 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 364 BE CONCURRED IN.**
17:49:45 **Substitute Motion:** Rep. Ron Marshall moved that **SB 364 TO TABLE.**
17:49:45 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried 19 - 2 by roll call vote with Rep. Carlson, Rep. Regier, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 564 - Revise laws related to immunity for free health care services

17:51:34 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 564 BE CONCURRED IN.**
17:51:42 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 564 BE AMENDED.**

- 17:51:42 **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. Smith, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Zephyr, By Proxy
- 17:52:57 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 564 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**
- 17:52:57 **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. Abbott, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Smith, Rep. Stafman, Rep. Zephyr, By Proxy
- 17:52:57 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Jodee Etchart

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 296 - Revise nursing home and/or assisted living funding

- 17:55:13 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **SB 296 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 17:55:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.
- 17:55:13 **Carrier Assigned:** Rep. Michael Yakawich

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:58:03

Katie Reeves, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230413HUHaad\)](#)