

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

Call to Order: Chair Jennifer Carlson-R, on April 21, 2023 at 3:23 PM, in 152

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Rep. Jennifer Carlson, Chair (R)
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Jodee Etchart (R)
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)
Rep. SJ Howell (D)
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)
Rep. Wayne Rusk (R)
Rep. Laura Smith (D)
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)
Rep. Tom Welch (R)
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)
Rep. Zooley Zephyr (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Rep. Alice Buckley (D)
Rep. Edward Buttrey (R)
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)
Rep. Nelly Nicol (R)
Rep. George Nikolakakos (R)
Rep. Greg Oblander (R)
Rep. Amy Regier (R)

Staff Present: Milly Allen, Research Analyst
Katie Reeves, Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

HJ 28 04/20/2023

HJ 31 04/21/2023

HR 9 04/20/2023

Executive Action:

HR 9 RESOLUTION ADOPTED
AS AMENDED
HJ 28 DO PASS
HJ 31 DO PASS

HEARING ON HR 9 - Resolution urging federal action to implement the community health aide program

Opening Statement:

15:25:25 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HR 9, Resolution urging federal action to implement the community health aide program.

Proponent Testimony:

15:28:56 Lance Fourstar, Montana Indian Caucus

[EXHIBIT\(230421HUH1\)](#)

15:30:13 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe

15:31:11 Stacy Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

15:31:51 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, closed the hearing on HR 9.

HEARING ON HJ 28 - Interim study of continuum of long-term care services

Opening Statement:

15:33:25 Rep. Michael Yakawich (R), HD 51, opened the hearing on HJ 28, Interim study of continuum of long-term care services.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230421HUH2\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

15:39:14 Mike Batista, State Director, AARP

15:42:15 Vice Chair Alice Buckley joined the meeting.

15:42:18 Rep. Kim Abbott joined the meeting.

15:44:35 Margaret Morgan, St. Johns United

15:46:30 Claire Marshall, Alzheimer's Association of Montana

15:47:32 Rose Hughes, Executive Director, Montana Healthcare Association

[EXHIBIT\(230421HUh3\)](#)

15:52:12 Echo Galloway, Self

15:53:15 Stacy Anderson, Primary Care Association

15:53:57 David Trost, St. Johns United

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:55:21 Rep. Zooey Zephyr

15:55:56 Rep. Michael Yakawich-R

Closing Statement:

15:58:13 Rep. Michael Yakawich (R), HD 51, closed the hearing on HJ 28.

Discussion:

16:00:27 Rep. Kim Abbott left the meeting.

HEARING ON HJ 31 - Interim study of barriers to providing and accessing daycare

Opening Statement:

16:02:18 Chair Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HJ 31, Interim study of barriers to providing and accessing daycare.

Proponent Testimony:

16:06:30 Stacy Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association

16:07:32 David Trost, St. Johns United

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

16:01:59 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway assumed the gavel

16:09:01 Rep. Laura Smith

16:09:34 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R

16:11:54 Vice Chair Alice Buckley

16:12:52 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R

16:15:41 Rep. Zooey Zephyr

16:16:31 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R

16:17:42 Rep. Michael Yakawich

16:18:35 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R

16:21:44 Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway

Closing Statement:

16:22:32 Chair Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, closed the hearing on HJ 31.

16:25:56 Chair Carlson assumed the gavel

16:33:27 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HR 9 - Resolution urging federal action to implement the community health aide program

16:34:16 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HR 9 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

16:34:29 **Motion:** Rep. Donavon Hawk moved that **HR 9 BE AMENDED.**

16:34:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:35:05 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HR 9 RESOLUTION ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

16:35:05 **Vote:** Motion carried 20 - 1 by voice vote with Rep. Hinkle, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 28 - Interim study of continuum of long-term care services

16:37:15 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HJ 28 DO PASS.**

16:37:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 31 - Interim study of barriers to providing and accessing daycare

16:41:23 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HJ 31 DO PASS.**

16:41:23 **Vote:** Motion carried 15 - 6 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Buckley, Rep. Hawk, Rep. Howell, Rep. Smith, Rep. Zephyr, voting no.
Rep. Abbott, Rep. Zephyr, By Proxy

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:45:49

Katie Reeves, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230421HUUHaad\)](#)