

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

**Call to Order:** Chair Jennifer Carlson-R, on April 24, 2023 at 5:20 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. Edward Buttrey (R)  
Rep. Donavon Hawk (D)  
Rep. SJ Howell (D)  
Rep. Ron Marshall (R)  
Rep. George Nikolakakos (R)  
Rep. Greg Oblander (R)  
Rep. Wayne Rusk (R)  
Rep. Laura Smith (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Jodee Etchart (R)  
Rep. Gregory Frazer (R)  
Rep. Caleb Hinkle (R)  
Rep. Nelly Nicol (R)  
Rep. Amy Regier (R)  
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)  
Rep. Michael Yakawich (R)  
Rep. Zooley 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:

HJ 38 04/21/2023

Executive Action:

HJ 38 DO PASS

17:21:29 Vice Chair Sheldon-Galloway assumed the gavel

**HEARING ON HJ 38 - Interim study of behavioral health conditions among health care professionals**

**Opening Statement:**

17:21:52 Chair Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HJ 38, Interim study of behavioral health conditions among health care professionals.

**Discussion:**

17:22:49 Rep. Gregory Frazer joined the meeting.

17:22:55 Rep. Tom Welch joined the meeting.

**Proponent Testimony:**

17:24:38 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association

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17:30:51 Webb Brown, Montana Dental Association

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

17:32:06 Dave Cook, Deputy Administrator, Dept of Labor and Industry

**Questions from Committee:**

17:32:47 Rep. Gregory Frazer

17:33:41 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R

17:34:48 Rep. George Nikolakakos

17:35:53 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R

17:36:44 Jean Branscum

17:39:28 Rep. Greg Oblander

17:40:34 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R

**Closing Statement:**

17:41:53 Chair Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, closed the hearing on HJ 38.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 38 - Interim study of behavioral health conditions among health care professionals**

17:44:35 **Motion:** Vice Chair Lola Sheldon-Galloway moved that **HJ 38 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

17:43:27 Chair Carlson assumed the gavel

17:44:52 Rep. SJ Howell

17:44:35 **Vote:** Motion carried 19 - 2 by voice vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Stafman, voting no.  
Rep. Abbott, Rep. Stafman, By Proxy

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 17:46:11

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Katie Reeves, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230424HUHaad\)](#)