

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE

68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON (S) PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair Sen. Tom McGillvray-R, on January 06, 2023 at 3:00 PM, in 317

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Tom McGillvray, Chair (R)
Sen. Kathy Kelker, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Dennis Lenz, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Becky Beard (R)
Sen. Carl Glimm (R)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Brad Molnar (R)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)

Staff Present: Trudy Burke, Secretary
Madelyn Krezowski, Attorney

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 36 12/30/2022

SB 45 12/30/2022

Executive Action:

SB 26 TO TABLE

SB 34 DO PASS AS AMENDED

HEARING ON SB 45 - Revise laws related to aging services

Opening Statement:

15:09:47 Sen. Wendy McKamey (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 45, Revise laws related to aging services.

Proponent Testimony:

15:13:51 Barbara Smith, Senior and Long Term Care Division, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

15:14:29 Sen. Steve Hinebauch joined the meeting.

15:16:43 Rebecca Meyers, Montana Area Agencies on Aging Association (M4A)

15:17:29 Mitch Tropila, Easter Seals-Goodwill Northern Rocky Mountain

Opponent Testimony:

15:19:26 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:20:59 Sen. Kathy Kelker

15:21:02 Patrick Yawakie

15:21:15 Sen. Kathy Kelker

15:21:18 Patrick Yawakie

15:21:30 Sen. Dennis Lenz

15:22:22 Barbara Smith, DPHHS

15:22:36 Sen. Dennis Lenz

15:23:31 Barbara Smith, DPHHS

15:24:15 Sen. Tom McGillvray

15:25:07 Barbara Smith, DPHHS

Closing Statement:

15:25:21 Sen. Wendy McKamey (R), SD 19, closed the hearing on SB 45.

Discussion:

15:25:54 Sen. Wendy McKamey-R

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 26 - Revise laws related to fentanyl test strips

15:32:25 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **SB 26 TO TABLE.**

15:32:25 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried 6 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. Kelker, Sen. Webber, voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 34 - Revise laws related to adult protective services

15:36:03 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **SB 34 BE AMENDED.**

15:36:03 **Vote:** Substitute Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

15:39:17 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **SB 34 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

15:39:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

HEARING ON SB 36 - Eliminate certain DPHHS statutorily required reports

Opening Statement:

15:02:17 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, opened the hearing on SB 36, Eliminate certain DPHHS statutorily required reports.

Proponent Testimony:

15:03:55 Erica Johnston, Director for Human Service Practices, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:08:26 Sen. Jen Gross
15:08:58 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R
15:26:54 Recessed
15:30:58 Reconvened

Closing Statement:

15:09:33 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, closed the hearing on SB 36.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:40:32

Trudy Burke, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230106PHSaad\)](#)