

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 11, 2023 at 3:01 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. Steve Hinebauch (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Brad Molnar (R)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Staff Present: Trudy Burke, Secretary
Shari Damron, Attorney
Madelyn Krezowski, Attorney

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

SB 114 01/06/2023

SB 116 01/06/2023

Executive Action:

SB 4 DO PASS

SB 67 DO PASS

HEARING ON SB 116 - Revise confidentiality provisions related to child protective services cases

Opening Statement:

15:02:56 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, opened the hearing on SB 116, Revise confidentiality provisions related to child protective services cases.

Proponent Testimony:

15:07:47 Denise Johnson, Montana Child Protection Alliance (MCPA)

Opponent Testimony:

15:11:28 Nikki Grossberg, Child and Family Services (CFSD), Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

15:11:44 Quint Nyman, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:13:03 Sen. Kathy Kelker

15:15:11 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

15:15:38 Nikki Grossberg, CFSD, DPHHS

15:15:54 Sen. Kathy Kelker

15:16:22 Nikki Grossberg, CFSD, DPHHS

15:16:36 Sen. Becky Beard

15:18:00 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

15:19:04 Sen. Tom McGillvray

15:19:40 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

15:20:00 Sen. Tom McGillvray

15:21:14 Quint Nyman, MFPE

15:21:32 Sen. Carl Glimm

15:22:53 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

15:22:57 Sen. Kathy Kelker

15:23:53 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

Closing Statement:

15:24:06 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, closed the hearing on SB 116.

HEARING ON SB 114 - Eliminate anonymous reporting in child protective services cases

Opening Statement:

15:25:12 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, opened the hearing on SB 114, Eliminate anonymous reporting in child protective services cases.

Proponent Testimony:

15:28:48 Denise Johnson, Montana Child Protection alliance (MCPA)

15:35:07 Bob Leach, self

Opponent Testimony:

15:39:03 Nikki Grossberg, Child Family Services Division (CFSD) Department Public Health Human Services (DPHHS)

15:41:52 Dan Smith, Montana Police Protective Association (MPPA)

15:43:23 Brian Thompson, Montana County Attorneys Association (MCAA)

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:43:32 Sen. Molnar has arrived

15:45:23 Sen. Kathy Kelker

15:48:42 Nikki Grossberg, CFSD, DPHHS

15:49:26 Sen. Becky Beard

15:51:07 Denise Johnson, MCPA

15:51:20 Sen. Carl Glimm

15:53:43 Nikki Grossberg, CFSD, DPHHS

Closing Statement:

15:54:25 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, closed the hearing on SB 114.

15:57:46 Recessed

16:09:06 Reconvened

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 4 - Require sharing of reports of abuse and neglect at Montana State Hospital

16:09:22 **Motion:** Sen. Becky Beard moved that **SB 4 DO PASS.**

16:09:22 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Discussion:

16:09:36 Sen. Jen Gross

16:12:04 Sen. Brad Molnar

16:13:18 Sen. Carl Glimm

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 67 - Generally revise scheduling of dangerous drugs

16:14:11 **Motion:** Sen. Becky Beard moved that **SB 67 DO PASS.**

16:14:11 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion:

16:14:41 Sen. Tom McGillvray

16:15:18 Sen. Kathy Kelker

16:15:52 Sen. Dennis Lenz

16:15:57 Sen. Carl Glimm

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:16:58

Trudy Burke, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230111PHSaad\)](#)