

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 23, 2023 at 3:00 PM, in 317

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Tom McGillvray, Chair (R)
Sen. Dennis Lenz, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Becky Beard (R)
Sen. Carl Glimm (R)
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Kathy Kelker (D)
Sen. Brad Molnar (R)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

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 163 01/19/2023

SB 180 01/19/2023

SB 181 01/19/2023

SB 186 01/19/2023

Executive Action:

SB 112 DO PASS

15:01:32 Sen. Webber has arrived

HEARING ON SB 163 - Establish volunteer program in child protective services

Opening Statement:

15:01:41 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, opened the hearing on SB 163, Establish volunteer program in child protective services.

Proponent Testimony:

15:05:31 Erica Johnston, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

15:06:15 Matt Furlong, Montana Child Protection Alliance

15:08:03 Denise Johnson, Montana Child Protection Alliance

15:08:44 Dave Kesler, self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:03:49 Sen. Gross has arrived

15:10:13 Sen. Jen Gross

15:11:18 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

15:11:44 Sen. Susan Webber

15:14:03 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

15:14:25 Erica Johnston, DPHHS

15:16:23 Sen. Becky Beard

15:18:18 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R
15:18:28 Sen. Carl Glimm
15:18:52 Erica Johnston, DPHHS
15:19:11 Sen. Tom McGillvray
15:19:14 Erica Johnston, DPHHS

Closing Statement:

15:20:25 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, closed the hearing on SB 163.

HEARING ON SB 180 - Generally revise court-appointed special advocate and guardian ad litem laws

Opening Statement:

15:21:07 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, opened the hearing on SB 180, Generally revise court-appointed special advocate and guardian ad litem laws.

Proponent Testimony:

15:23:24 Denise Johnson, Montana Child Protection Alliance
15:26:08 Matt Furlong, Montana Child Protection Alliance
15:27:48 Dave Kesler, self

Opponent Testimony:

15:30:27 April Barnings, Montana CASA/GAL Association

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:34:04 Nikki Grossberg, Child and Family Services (CFS), Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
15:35:20 Bruce Spencer, Montana Judges Association

Questions from Committee:

15:35:35 Sen. Carl Glimm
15:35:41 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

15:36:42 Sen. Susan Webber
15:37:04 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R
15:37:44 Sen. Jen Gross
15:38:43 Bruce Spencer
15:39:33 Sen. Jen Gross
15:39:45 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R
15:39:58 Sen. Jen Gross
15:40:07 Madelyn Krezowski
15:41:24 Sen. Tom McGillvray
15:41:55 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

Closing Statement:

15:43:45 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, closed the hearing on SB 180.

HEARING ON SB 181 - Require notice of parent legal rights in child protective services cases

Opening Statement:

15:44:56 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, opened the hearing on SB 181, Require notice of parent legal rights in child protective services cases.

Proponent Testimony:

15:46:48 Denise Johnson, Montana Child Protection Alliance
15:51:58 Matt Furlong, Montana Child Protection Alliance
15:53:44 Maggie Bornstein, ACLU of Montana
15:54:49 Dave Kesler, self
15:56:49 Bob Leach, self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:58:11 Nikki Grossberg, DPHHS

Questions from Committee:

15:58:41 Sen. Jen Gross

16:02:51 Nikki Grossberg Child and Family Services (CFS), Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Closing Statement:

16:03:38 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, closed the hearing on SB 181.

HEARING ON SB 186 - Establish requirements for upgrading the computer system for CPS cases

Opening Statement:

16:05:33 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, opened the hearing on SB 186, Establish requirements for upgrading the computer system for CPS cases.

Proponent Testimony:

16:07:49 Matt Furlong, Montana Child Protection Alliance

16:09:58 Beth Brenneman, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

16:11:07 Denise Johnson, Montana Child Protection Alliance

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:12:13 Jeremy Verhasselt, Legislative Audit Division

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16:12:49 Carrie Albro, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee:

16:14:29 Sen. Jen Gross

16:15:24 Carrie Albro, DPHHS

16:16:18 Sen. Jen Gross

Closing Statement:

16:16:32 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, closed the hearing on SB 186.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 112 - Revise pharmacist prescribing authority

16:18:08 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **SB 112 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:19:00 Sen. Jen Gross

16:20:04 Sen. Tom McGillvray

16:20:16 Sen. Becky Beard

16:21:02 Sen. Carl Glimm

15:01:32 Sen. Webber has arrived

16:18:08 **Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. Kelker, Sen. Webber, voting no.
Sen. Kelker, By Proxy

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:22:09

Trudy Burke, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230123PHSaad\)](#)