

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 25, 2023 at 3:02 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 188 01/19/2023

SB 196 01/20/2023

Executive Action:

SB 163 DO PASS AS AMENDED

SB 180 WITHDRAW DO PASS

MOTION

SB 181 DO PASS

HEARING ON SB 188 - Revising definition of services related to public procurement contracts

Opening Statement:

15:04:52 Sen. Chris Friedel (R), SD 26, opened the hearing on SB 188, Revising definition of services related to public procurement contracts.

Discussion:

15:04:57 Sen. Hinebauch has left
[EXHIBIT\(230125PHSa1\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

15:11:40 Erica Johnston, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

15:16:04 Cheryl Grey, State Financial Services, Department of Administration (DOA)

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:18:20 Alexa O'Dell, Legislative Audit Division

Questions from Committee:

15:06:13 Sen. Molnar has arrived

15:06:38 Sen. Gross has arrived

15:19:07 Sen. Dennis Lenz

15:25:28 Erica Johnston, DPHHS

Closing Statement:

15:25:57 Sen. Chris Friedel (R), SD 26, closed the hearing on SB 188.

HEARING ON SB 196 - Require payment parity in insurance coverage of telehealth services

Opening Statement:

15:29:55 Sen. Walt Sales (R), SD 69, opened the hearing on SB 196, Require payment parity in insurance coverage of telehealth services.

Proponent Testimony:

15:32:52 Bill Warden, Bozeman Health

15:38:46 Dani Pipinich, NAMI Montana

15:40:12 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

15:43:47 Rachel Prevost, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

15:44:30 John Doran, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Montana (BCBSMt)

15:48:26 Jennifer Hensley, Montana Academy of Physicians Assistants (MAPA)

15:51:11 Adrienna Hines, Benefis Health System

15:51:56 Amy Merison, Pacific Source

Opponent Testimony:

15:53:31 Bruce Spencer, Cigna

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15:54:36 Greg VanHorsen, Teladoc

[EXHIBIT\(230125PHSa3\)](#)

15:54:37 Greg VanHorsen, Teladoc

[EXHIBIT\(230125PHSa4\)](#)

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:58:09 Sen. Jen Gross

15:58:18 John Doran, BCBSMt

15:58:37 Sen. Tom McGillvray

15:59:35 John Doran, BCBSMt

Closing Statement:

15:59:56 Sen. Walt Sales (R), SD 69, closed the hearing on SB 196.

16:01:38 Recessed

16:07:39 Reconvened

16:05:06 Sen. Hinebauch has arrived

16:07:26 Sen. Webber has arrived

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 163 - Establish volunteer program in child protective services

16:07:47 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **SB 163 DO PASS.**

16:07:59 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **SB 163 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:08:50 Sen. Dennis Lenz

16:09:31 Sen. Jen Gross

16:07:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

16:11:07 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **SB 163 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

16:11:07 **Vote:** Motion carried 8 - 1 by voice vote with Sen. Beard, voting no.

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

16:11:50 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **SB 180 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:12:38 Sen. Dennis Lenz

16:17:07 Sen. Jen Gross

16:17:41 Sen. Susan Webber

16:20:52 Sen. Dennis Lenz

16:21:35 Sen. Jen Gross

16:21:40 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **SB 180 WITHDRAW DO PASS MOTION.**

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

16:22:12 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **SB 181 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

16:22:41 Sen. Dennis Lenz

16:23:50 Sen. Jen Gross

16:26:25 Sen. Susan Webber

16:22:12 **Vote:** Motion carried 8 - 1 by voice vote with Sen. Kelker, voting no.
Sen. Kelker, By Proxy

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:28:44

Trudy Burke, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230125PHSaad\)](#)