

**MINUTES**  
**MONTANA SENATE**  
**68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**  
**COMMITTEE ON (S) PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY**

**Call to Order:** Chair Sen. Tom McGillvray-R, on February 08, 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. Steve Hinebauch (R)  
Sen. Brad Molnar (R)

**Members Excused:** 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 238 02/01/2023  
SB 266 02/05/2023  
SR 13 01/27/2023  
SR 16 01/27/2023  
SR 50 02/07/2023

Executive Action:

SR 25 RESOLUTION ADOPTED  
SR 46 RESOLUTION ADOPTED  
SR 48 RESOLUTION ADOPTED  
SB 239 TO TABLE

17:51:08 Recessed

17:54:16 Reconvened

**HEARING ON SB 238 - Require dental insurance to include an assignability clause**

**Opening Statement:**

15:01:45 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, opened the hearing on SB 238, Require dental insurance to include an assignability clause.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:03:38 Webb Brown, Montana Dental Association (MDA)

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[EXHIBIT\(230208PHSa2\)](#)

15:09:01 Robin Hogan, self

15:11:30 Cory Hollern, self

15:13:48 Tammie Hodge, Northern Montana Oral Surgery

**Opponent Testimony:**

15:16:25 John Doran, Blue Cross Blue Shield Montana (BCBS MT)

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:22:34 Sen. Kathy Kelker

15:26:05 Webb Brown, MDA

15:26:25 Sen. Becky Beard

15:26:45 Sen. Keith Regier-R

15:26:54 Sen. Carl Glimm

15:27:28 Webb Brown, MDA  
15:27:53 Sen. Tom McGillvray  
15:28:14 John Doran, BCBS MT

**Closing Statement:**

15:28:58 Sen. Keith Regier (R), SD 3, closed the hearing on SB 238.

**HEARING ON SB 266 - Generally revise child abuse and neglect laws**

**Opening Statement:**

15:29:49 Sen. Theresa Manzella (R), SD 85, opened the hearing on SB 266, Generally revise child abuse and neglect laws.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:40:32 David Kesler  
[EXHIBIT\(230208PHSa3\)](#)  
15:46:24 Kathy Eakin  
15:48:05 Jacob Handy  
15:49:52 Denise Johnson, Montana Child Protection Alliance (MCPA)  
15:57:00 Bob Leach, self  
15:58:06 Zilah Handy, self

**Opponent Testimony:**

15:59:10 Quint Nyman, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)  
16:00:48 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic  
16:02:55 Lauren Wilson, Montana Medical Association, American Academy of Pediatrics

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

16:06:09 Nikki Grossberg, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

**Questions from Committee:**

16:06:50 Sen. Kathy Kelker  
16:08:24 Quint Nyman, MFPE  
16:09:31 Sen. Becky Beard  
16:10:20 David Kesler  
16:11:01 Sen. Brad Molnar  
16:13:38 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic  
16:15:10 Sen. Carl Glimm  
16:15:47 Quint Nyman, MFPE  
16:16:10 Sen. Tom McGillvray  
16:16:27 Quint Nyman, MFPE

**Closing Statement:**

16:17:07 Sen. Theresa Manzella (R), SD 85, closed the hearing on SB 266.

**Discussion:**

[EXHIBIT\(230208PHSa4\)](#)

**HEARING ON SR 13 - Confirm governor's appointees for the board of medical examiners**

**Opening Statement:**

16:21:16 Sen. Tom McGillvray (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SR 13, Confirm governor's appointees for the board of medical examiners.

**Discussion:**

[EXHIBIT\(230208PHSa5\)](#)

**Proponent Testimony:**

16:22:41 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office  
16:25:16 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

16:28:27 Jim Guyer, self  
16:29:39 Carley Robertson, self  
16:30:57 Connie Wethern, self

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

16:32:19 Sam Hunthausen, Board of Medical Examiners

**Questions from Committee:**

16:32:52 Sen. Becky Beard  
16:33:04 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office

**Closing Statement:**

16:33:37 Sen. Tom McGilvray (R), SD 23, closed the hearing on SR 13.

**HEARING ON SR 16 - Confirm governor's appointees for the board of behavioral health**

**Opening Statement:**

16:34:01 Sen. Tom McGilvray (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SR 16, Confirm governor's appointees for the board of behavioral health.

**Discussion:**

[EXHIBIT\(230208PHSa6\)](#)

**Proponent Testimony:**

16:35:30 Hannah Slusser, Governor's Office

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

None

**Closing Statement:**

16:38:24 Sen. Tom McGillvray (R), SD 23, closed the hearing on SR 16.

**HEARING ON SR 50 - Confirm governor's appointee for director of DPHHS**

**Opening Statement:**

16:38:45 Sen. Tom McGillvray (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SR 50, Confirm governor's appointee for director of DPHHS.

**Discussion:**

[EXHIBIT\(230208PHSa7\)](#)

**Proponent Testimony:**

16:39:54 Kristen Juras, Governor's Office

[EXHIBIT\(230208PHSa8\)](#)

16:42:16 Charlie Brereton, self

16:59:37 Joel Peden, self

17:01:55 Misty Kuhl, Governor's Office of Indian Affairs

17:04:07 Craig Aasved, Shodair Children's Hospital

17:05:16 Mike Foster, self

17:10:53 Pat Noonan, Behavioral Health Alliance of Montana

17:11:25 Jim Duncan, Billings Clinic

17:12:51 Craig Lambrecht, Logan Health of Kalispell

17:13:49 Steve Wade, Providence

17:14:35 Mark Taylor, self

17:15:53 Mary Windecker, Behavioral Health Alliance of Montana

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

17:17:28 Sen. Kathy Kelker  
17:18:44 Charlie Brereton  
17:22:32 Sen. Becky Beard  
17:29:24 Charlie Brereton  
17:30:05 Sen. Jen Gross  
17:38:54 Charlie Brereton  
17:39:30 Sen. Dennis Lenz  
17:40:06 Sen. Jen Gross  
17:40:21 Charlie Brereton  
17:41:02 Sen. Brad Molnar  
17:44:59 Charlie Brereton  
17:46:19 Sen. Brad Molnar  
17:46:32 Sen. Dennis Lenz  
17:49:58 Charlie Brereton

**Closing Statement:**

17:50:18 Sen. Tom McGillvray (R), SD 23, closed the hearing on SR 50.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 25 - Confirm governor's appointee for the board of speech-language pathologists**

17:56:10 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **SR 25 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

17:56:10 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 46 - Confirm governor's appointees for the board of sanitarians**

17:57:30 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **SR 46 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

17:57:30 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 48 - Confirm governor's appointees for the board of nursing**

17:58:06 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **SR 48 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

17:58:06 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 239 - Revise pharmacist administration of immunization laws**

17:58:45 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **SB 239 TO TABLE.**

17:58:45 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 18:00:30

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Trudy Burke, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230208PHSaad\)](#)