

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 10, 2023 at 3:08 PM, in 317

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Kathy Kelker, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Dennis Lenz, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Becky Beard (R)
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)
Sen. Brad Molnar (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Carl Glimm (R)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Tom McGillvray (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 198 01/26/2023

Executive Action:

15:12:19 Sen. Gross has arrived

HEARING ON SB 198 - Revise laws related to behavioral health peer support specialists

Opening Statement:

15:12:42 Sen. Jen Gross (D), SD 25, opened the hearing on SB 198, Revise laws related to behavioral health peer support specialists.

Proponent Testimony:

15:17:53 Zac Cannada, self

15:26:02 Erica Duram, self

15:28:12 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic

15:28:49 Bill Deavel, self

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15:30:55 April Seat, self

15:33:38 Thomas Risberg, Alliance for Youth (AFY)

15:35:58 Nikki Russell, self

15:38:32 Jessica Colton, self

15:39:46 Phillip Quinn, Intermountain

15:40:45 Kelly Gifford, self

Opponent Testimony:

15:43:19 Henry Kriegel, Americans for Prosperity-Montana

15:45:50 Andrea Foran, Montana Association for Marriage and Family Therapy

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:47:13 Eric Strauss, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee:

15:47:50 Sen. Kathy Kelker
15:53:55 Zack Cannada
15:54:45 Sen. Brad Molnar
15:55:40 Sen. Jen Gross-D
15:58:11 Sen. Dennis Lenz
15:58:48 Sen. Jen Gross
15:59:37 Sen. Brad Molnar
16:00:13 Sen. Jen Gross
16:01:50 Sen. Kathy Kelker

Closing Statement:

16:03:26 Sen. Jen Gross (D), SD 25, closed the hearing on SB 198.

Discussion:

15:12:19 Sen. Gross has arrived

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:05:30

Trudy Burke, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230210PHSaad\)](#)

