

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 17, 2023 at 2:38 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)
Sen. Brad Molnar (R)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Kathy Kelker (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 296 02/13/2023

SB 300 02/13/2023

Executive Action:

SR 15 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

AS AMENDED

HB 286

SR 50 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

HEARING ON SB 296 - Revise nursing home and/or assisted living funding

Opening Statement:

14:38:44 Sen. Becky Beard (R), SD 40, opened the hearing on SB 296, Revise nursing home and/or assisted living funding.

Proponent Testimony:

14:41:54 Rose Hughes, Montana Health Care Association (MHCA)

[EXHIBIT\(230217PHSa1\)](#)

14:44:26 Sen. Steve Hinebauch left the meeting.

14:51:10 David Trost, St. John's United

14:52:54 Wes Thompson, Valley View Nursing Home

[EXHIBIT\(230217PHSa2\)](#)

14:55:53 Joette Woods, Liberty County Commission, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

14:57:20 Darryl Toewes, Valley View Nursing Home

15:00:02 Margaret MacDonald, Big Sky 55 Plus

[EXHIBIT\(230217PHSa3\)](#)

15:03:55 Claire Marshall, Alzheimer's Association

15:04:48 Duane Preshinger, Montana Hospital Association

15:05:32 Jill Sark, Montana Health Care Association (MHCA)

[EXHIBIT\(230217PHSa4\)](#)

15:11:28 Jason Cronk, Immanuel Lutheran Communities

15:16:05 Chelsea Culpon, self

15:16:38 Zach Brown, Gallatin County Commission

15:18:41 Sean Hill, Powder River Health

15:21:13 Michael Coe, self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:23:13 Barbara Smith, Department of Public Health and Human Services
(DPHHS)

Questions from Committee:

15:24:00 Sen. Tom McGillvray
15:24:32 David Trost, St. John's United
15:24:59 Sen. Dennis Lenz
15:25:40 Sen. Becky Beard-R
15:26:39 Rose Hughes, MHCA
15:30:43 Sen. Susan Webber
15:31:42 Sen. Becky Beard-R
15:32:11 Rose Hughes, MHCA
15:33:16 Sen. Tom McGillvray
15:34:03 Duane Preshinger, Montana Hospital Association
15:36:56 David Trost, St. John's United
15:37:33 Sen. Tom McGillvray
15:38:04 David Trost, St. John's United
15:38:42 Sen. Carl Glimm
15:39:21 Rose Hughes, MHCA
15:39:52 Sen. Tom McGillvray
15:40:03 Rose Hughes, MHCA
15:40:55 Sen. Tom McGillvray

Closing Statement:

15:41:13 Sen. Becky Beard (R), SD 40, closed the hearing on SB 296.

HEARING ON SB 300 - Revise speech pathologist and audiologist licensing laws

Opening Statement:

15:46:42 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), SD 38, opened the hearing on SB 300, Revise speech pathologist and audiologist licensing laws.

Proponent Testimony:

15:50:43 Shelby Midboe, Montana Speech-Language Hearing Association

[EXHIBIT\(230217PHSa5\)](#)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:55:42 Eric Strouss, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

15:55:56 Robin Turner

Questions from Committee:

None

Closing Statement:

15:56:34 Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), SD 38, closed the hearing on SB 300.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 15 - Confirm governor's appointees for the board of alternative health care

16:07:17 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **SR 15 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

16:07:37 Sen. Tom McGillvray

16:08:04 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **SR 15 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:08:32 Sen. Tom McGillvray

16:08:04 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

- 16:10:02 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **SR 15 MOVE TO REQUEST A COMMITTEE RESOLUTION FOR NICHOLAS BECKSTROM TO BE CONSIDERED BY SEPARATE RESOLUTION.**
- 16:10:02 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
- 16:10:15 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **SR 15 RESOLUTION ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**
- 16:10:15 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 286 - Allow use of HEART funds for youth suicide prevention efforts

- 16:11:07 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **HB 286 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- Discussion:**
- 16:11:26 Sen. Carl Glimm
- 16:11:55 Sen. Dennis Lenz
- 16:12:16 Sen. Tom McGillvray
- 16:12:27 Sen. Carl Glimm
- 16:13:21 Sen. Becky Beard
- 16:13:52 Sen. Carl Glimm
- 16:14:59 Sen. Becky Beard
- 16:15:10 Sen. Carl Glimm
- 16:16:02 Sen. Dennis Lenz
- 16:17:11 Sen. Becky Beard
- 16:17:34 Sen. Carl Glimm
- 16:11:07 **Vote:** Motion failed unanimously by roll call vote.
- 16:17:59 **Substitute Motion:** Sen. Carl Glimm moved that **HB 286 TO TABLE.**
- 16:17:59 **Vote:** Substitute Motion failed 5 - 4 by voice vote with Sen. Beard, Sen. Glimm, Sen. Hinebauch, Sen. Lenz, voting yes.
Sen. Hinebauch, By Proxy
- 16:18:00 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **HB 286 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- 16:18:00 **Vote:** Motion carried 5 - 4 by voice vote with Sen. Beard, Sen. Glimm, Sen. Hinebauch, Sen. Lenz, voting no.
Sen. Hinebauch, By Proxy
- 16:18:00 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Jen Gross

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 50 - Confirm governor's appointee for director of DPHHS

16:19:45 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **SR 50 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

16:20:01 Sen. Carl Glimm

16:20:43 Sen. Susan Webber

16:21:21 Sen. Dennis Lenz

16:22:18 Sen. Tom McGillvray

16:19:45 **Vote:** Motion carried 5 - 4 by voice vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. Kelker, Sen. Molnar, Sen. Webber, voting no.
Sen. Gross, Sen. Kelker, By Proxy

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:24:20

Trudy Burke, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230217PHSaad\)](#)