

**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 20, 2023 at 3:01 PM, in 317

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Sen. Tom McGillvray, Chair (R)  
Sen. Dennis Lenz, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Becky Beard (R)  
Sen. Jen Gross (D)  
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)  
Sen. Brad Molnar (R)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Carl Glimm (R)  
Sen. Kathy Kelker (D)  
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 328 02/17/2023  
SB 329 02/17/2023  
SB 339 02/17/2023

Executive Action:

SB 329 TO TABLE  
SB 300 DO PASS

16:03:20

**Committee Discussion:**

15:47:07	Sen. Tom McGillvray
15:48:28	Sen. Jen Gross
15:49:09	Sen. Tom McGillvray
15:49:22	Sen. Brad Molnar
15:49:30	Sen. Tom McGillvray
15:49:57	Sen. Jen Gross
15:50:24	Sen. Tom McGillvray
15:50:28	Sen. Brad Molnar
15:51:04	Sen. Dennis Lenz
15:51:37	Sen. Glimm
15:51:51	Sen. Jen Gross
15:52:45	Sen. Tom McGillvray

**HEARING ON SB 329 - Provide for a statutory adjustment to nursing home reimbursement rates**

**Opening Statement:**

15:02:19 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, opened the hearing on SB 329, Provide for a statutory adjustment to nursing home reimbursement rates.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:03:48 Margaret Morgan, St. John's United

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

15:06:48 Barbara Smith, Department of Public Health and Human Services  
(DPHHS)

**Questions from Committee:**

15:07:20 Sen. Jen Gross

15:07:24 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

**Closing Statement:**

15:07:54 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, closed the hearing on SB 329.

**HEARING ON SB 328 - Apply ICWA concepts to all child protective services cases**

**Opening Statement:**

15:08:08 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, opened the hearing on SB 328, Apply  
ICWA concepts to all child protective services cases.

**Proponent Testimony:**

15:12:35 Nikki Grossberg, Department of Public Health and Human Services  
(DPHHS)

15:13:42 Denise Johnson, Montana Child Protection Alliance

15:16:58 Lauren Wilson, Montana Chapter of American Association of Pediatrics

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:18:08 Sen. Jen Gross

15:21:16 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

15:22:03 Sen. Tom McGillvray

15:22:31 Sen. Dennis Lenz-R

**Closing Statement:**

15:23:59 Sen. Dennis Lenz (R), SD 53, closed the hearing on SB 328.

**HEARING ON SB 339 - Establish reasonable childhood independence laws**

**Opening Statement:**

15:25:26 Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R), SD 19, opened the hearing on SB 339, Establish reasonable childhood independence laws.

**Proponent Testimony:**

None

**Opponent Testimony:**

None

**Informational Witness Testimony:**

None

**Questions from Committee:**

15:27:59 Sen. Jen Gross  
15:32:04 Sen. Kenneth Bogner-R  
15:32:34 Sen. Tom McGillvray  
15:32:46 Sen. Kenneth Bogner-R  
15:32:50 Sen. Dennis Lenz  
15:32:55 Sen. Carl Glimm joined the meeting.  
15:33:01 Sen. Kenneth Bogner-R  
15:33:14 Sen. Jen Gross  
15:33:41 Madelyn Krezowski

**Closing Statement:**

15:33:50 Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R), SD 19, closed the hearing on SB 339.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 329 - Provide for a statutory adjustment to nursing home reimbursement rates**

15:44:59 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **SB 329 TO TABLE.**

15:44:59 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 300 - Revise speech pathologist and audiologist licensing laws**

15:45:47 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **SB 300 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

15:37:05 Recessed

15:44:44 Reconvened

15:46:11 Sen. Tom McGillvray

16:03:20

15:45:47 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 15:53:39

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Trudy Burke, Secretary

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