

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

Call to Order: Chair Tom McGillvray-R, on March 17, 2023 at 2:09 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. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)
Sen. Brad Molnar (R)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused: 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:

HB 227 03/13/2023
HB 310 03/13/2023
HB 311 03/14/2023

Executive Action:

HB 116 BE CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED
HB 147 BE CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED
HB 310 BE CONCURRED IN
HB 311 BE CONCURRED IN

HEARING ON HB 310 - Require report on the use of HEART funds

Opening Statement:

14:10:43 Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 310, Require report on the use of HEART funds.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

14:12:23 Rebecca DeCamara, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee:

14:12:58 Sen. Carl Glimm

14:13:03 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R

14:14:12 Sen. Carl Glimm

14:14:44 Rebecca DeCamara, DPHHS

Closing Statement:

14:15:00 Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, closed the hearing on HB 310.

HEARING ON HB 311 - Establish a chemical dependency treatment voucher program

Opening Statement:

14:15:38 Rep. Michael Yakawich (R), HD 51, opened the hearing on HB 311, Establish a chemical dependency treatment voucher program.

Proponent Testimony:

14:19:51 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe

14:20:33 Terri Todd, self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

14:22:52 Rebecca DeCamara, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee:

14:23:15 Sen. Jen Gross

14:23:31 Rep. Michael Yakawich-R

14:24:11 Sen. Jen Gross

14:24:33 Rep. Michael Yakawich-R

14:24:38 Rebecca DeCamara, DPHHS

Closing Statement:

14:27:51 Rep. Michael Yakawich (R), HD 51, closed the hearing on HB 311.

HEARING ON HB 227 - Revise laws related to contributions from parents/guardians

Opening Statement:

14:28:51 Rep. Terry Moore (R), HD 54, opened the hearing on HB 227, Revise laws related to contributions from parents/guardians.

Proponent Testimony:

14:31:57 Denise Johnson, Montana Child Protection Alliance (MCPA)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

14:35:11 Erica Johnston, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee:

14:35:44 Sen. Carl Glimm

14:36:33 Rep. Terry Moore-R

14:38:06 Erica Johnson, DPHHS

14:39:38 Sen. Carl Glimm

14:40:01 Erica Johnston, DPHHS

Closing Statement:

14:41:53 Rep. Terry Moore (R), HD 54, closed the hearing on HB 227.

14:43:16 **Recessed**

14:51:44 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 116 - Strengthen qualified provider pool statute for children's mental health services

14:52:59 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **HB 116 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

14:53:18 Chair Tom McGillvray

14:53:32 **Motion:** Sen. Steve Hinebauch moved that **HB 116 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

14:53:45 Sen. Steve Hinebauch

14:54:20 Sen. Jen Gross

14:54:29 Vice Chair Dennis Lenz

14:55:10 Sen. Jen Gross

14:55:38 Vice Chair Dennis Lenz

14:56:05 Sen. Steve Hinebauch

14:56:29 Sen. Carl Glimm

14:53:32 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

14:57:51 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **HB 116 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

14:57:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

14:57:51 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Jen Gross

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 147 - Enhance Medicaid rates for certain children's mental health services

14:59:07 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **HB 147 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

14:59:28 Vice Chair Dennis Lenz

14:59:58 Sen. Jen Gross

14:59:07 **Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. Kelker, Sen. Webber, voting no.
Sen. Kelker, By Proxy

15:01:18 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **HB 147 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:01:26 Vice Chair Dennis Lenz

15:02:17 Chair Tom McGillvray

15:02:30 Sen. Brad Molnar

15:02:59 Vice Chair Dennis Lenz

15:03:08 Sen. Brad Molnar

15:01:18 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:01:18 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Dennis Lenz

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 310 - Require report on the use of HEART funds

15:04:17 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **HB 310 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

15:04:33 Chair Tom McGillvray

15:04:40 Sen. Jen Gross

15:04:17 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:04:17 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Carl Glimm

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 311 - Establish a chemical dependency treatment voucher program

15:05:44 **Motion:** Sen. Dennis Lenz moved that **HB 311 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

15:06:18 Sen. Jen Gross

15:06:22 Vice Chair Dennis Lenz

15:05:44 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:05:44 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Jen Gross

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:07:37

Trudy Burke, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230317PHSaad\)](#)