

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

Call to Order: Chair Tom McGillvray-R, on March 20, 2023 at 3:03 PM, in 317

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Tom McGillvray, 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)
Sen. Dennis Lenz (R)

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 392 03/14/2023
HB 417 03/14/2023
HB 422 03/14/2023
HB 556 03/15/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 556 - Revise definitions related to day-care facilities and family day-care homes

Opening Statement:

15:05:03 Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, opened the hearing on HB 556, Revise definitions related to day-care facilities and family day-care homes.

Proponent Testimony:

15:07:34 Hannah Allen, self

15:08:53 Rep. Terry Falk, self

Opponent Testimony:

15:11:20 Brandi Thomas, self

15:13:42 Caitlin Jensen, Zero to Five Montana

15:16:25 Patty Butler, self

15:20:02 Ella Smith, Montana Advocates for Children (MAFC)

15:21:12 Tori Sproles, Child Care Connections (CCC)

15:23:48 Tamara Christofferson, self

[EXHIBIT\(230320PHSa1\)](#)

15:26:37 Meghan Ballenger, Raise Montana

15:29:11 Sheryl Hutzenbiler, Munchkin Land

15:31:38 BriAnne Moline, Wild Wonders Early Learning, and Montana Association for the Education of Young Children (MTAEYC)

15:34:37 Sara Schreiner, Sunshine Academy

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:37:17 Jody Lehman, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

15:37:29 Erica Johnston, Department of Public Health and Human Services
(DPHHS)

Questions from Committee:

15:38:07 Sen. Susan Webber
15:38:43 Rep. Terry Falk
15:39:16 Sen. Susan Webber
15:43:20 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R
15:43:53 Sen. Jen Gross
15:44:27 Jody Lehman, DPHHS
15:45:10 Sen. Jen Gross
15:45:35 Erica Johnston, DPHHS
15:47:12 Sen. Jen Gross
15:47:24 Erica Johnston, DPHHS
15:47:44 Sen. Jen Gross
15:48:02 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R
15:51:02 Sen. Jen Gross
15:51:34 Rep. Jennifer Carlson-R
15:51:41 Sen. Becky Beard
15:53:39 Erica Johnston, DPHHS
15:54:07 Sen. Susan Webber
15:54:42 Erica Johnston, DPHHS

Closing Statement:

15:55:14 Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R), HD 69, closed the hearing on HB 556.

16:24:25 Sen. Glimm has left

16:37:35 Sen. Webber has left

HEARING ON HB 392 - Generally revise midwifery laws

Opening Statement:

16:03:36 Rep. Jodee Etchart (R), HD 48, opened the hearing on HB 392, Generally revise midwifery laws.

Proponent Testimony:

16:05:23 Amanda Osborne, Montana Midwifery Association (MMA)

[EXHIBIT\(230320PHSa2\)](#)

16:11:44 Stephanie Wuerffel, self

16:14:29 Melissa Gaspar, self

16:16:38 Tiffany Robinson, self

16:19:01 Joanna Miller, self

16:20:51 Hannah Allen, Americans for Prosperity (AFP)

16:23:53 Kyndall Hinkle, self

16:25:31 Caley Brown, Montana Midwifery Association (MMA)

16:28:32 Mikelann Caywood-Baerg, self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:32:51 Marcie Bough, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee:

16:33:49 Chair Tom McGillvray

16:37:11 Amanda Osborne, MMA

Closing Statement:

16:37:59 Rep. Jodee Etchart (R), HD 48, closed the hearing on HB 392.

HEARING ON HB 417 - Require consent for sensitive health exams

Opening Statement:

16:39:45 Rep. Jill Cohenour (D), HD 42, opened the hearing on HB 417, Require consent for sensitive health exams.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230320PHSa3\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

16:43:38 Joe Cohenour, self

[EXHIBIT\(230320PHSa4\)](#)

16:46:18 Heather O'Hara, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

16:47:23 Bill Warden, St. Peter's Health

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

16:48:17 Sen. Jen Gross

16:48:21 Rep. Jill Cohenour-D

16:48:26 Heather O'Hara, MHA

Closing Statement:

16:48:59 Rep. Jill Cohenour (D), HD 42, closed the hearing on HB 417.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230320PHSa5\)](#)

17:15:09 Sen. Hinebauch has left

17:19:29 Vice Chair Lenz has arrived

HEARING ON HB 422 - Revise child to staff child care ratios

Opening Statement:

16:50:04 Rep. Terry Falk (R), HD 8, opened the hearing on HB 422, Revise child to staff child care ratios.

Proponent Testimony:

16:55:22 Corrine Kuntz, self

Opponent Testimony:

17:01:06 Meghan Ballenger, Raise Montana

17:03:07 BriAne Moline, Montana Association for the Education of Young Children (MTAEYC)

17:07:42 Ella Smith, Montana Advocates for Children (MAFC)

17:10:23 Brandi Thomas, Child Care Connections (CCC)

Questions from Committee:

17:09:42 Chair Tom McGillvray

17:09:48 Ella Smith, MAFC

Informational Witness Testimony:

17:12:31 Erica Johnston, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

17:12:53 Jody Lehman, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee:

17:13:11 Sen. Jen Gross

17:14:38 Erica Johnston, DPHHS

17:15:38 Sen. Jen Gross

17:15:48 Sen. Brad Molnar

17:17:29 Rep. Terry Falk-R

17:17:43 Corrine Kuntz

Closing Statement:

17:19:51 Rep. Terry Falk (R), HD 8, closed the hearing on HB 422.

17:23:22 Sen. Beard has left

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 17:24:35

Trudy Burke, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230320PHSaad\)](#)