

MINUTES
MONTANA SENATE
68th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION
COMMITTEE ON (S) BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Jason Small-R, on March 22, 2023 at 8:02 AM, in 422

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Jason Small, Chair (R)
Sen. Willis Curdy, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Mark Noland, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mike Fox (D)
Sen. Bruce Gillespie (R)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)
Sen. Walt Sales (R)
Sen. Terry Vermeire (R)

Members Excused: Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)

Staff Present: Lynnette Sena, Secretary
Erin Sullivan, 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 302 03/16/2023
HB 499 03/16/2023
HB 665 03/16/2023
HB 710 03/16/2023
HB 777 03/16/2023
HB 349 03/16/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 777 - Adopt the interstate counseling compact

Opening Statement:

08:03:08 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, opened the hearing on HB 777, Adopt the interstate counseling compact.

Proponent Testimony:

08:06:52 Jenna Eisenhart, Shodair Childrens' Hospital

08:10:37 Heather O'Hara, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

08:11:50 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:25:17 Eric Strauss, Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI)

Questions from Committee:

08:13:31 Chair Jason Small

08:14:36 Eric Strauss, DOLI

08:14:48 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

08:15:33 Eric Strauss, DOLI

08:15:51 Sen. Christopher Pope

08:17:05 Eric Strauss, DOLI

08:17:49 Chair Jason Small

08:19:37 Jenna Eisenhart, Shodair

08:19:46 Vice Chair Mark Noland

08:21:10 Jenna Eisenhart, Shodair

08:21:25 Rep. Edward Buttrey-R
08:21:55 Sen. Christopher Pope
08:24:27 Jenna Eisenhart, Shodair
08:24:52 Chair Jason Small

Closing Statement:

08:25:10 Rep. Edward Buttrey (R), HD 21, closed the hearing on HB 777.

HEARING ON HB 499 - Revise laws relating to social worker pertaining to work experience

Opening Statement:

08:26:57 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D), HD 49, opened the hearing on HB 499, Revise laws relating to social worker pertaining to work experience.

Proponent Testimony:

08:27:41 Stacy Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)
08:28:35 Jennifer Hensley, County of Missoula
08:29:17 Jenna Eisenhart, Shodair Children's Hospital
08:30:04 Nathan Stahley, National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

08:32:00 Eric Strauss, Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI)

Questions from Committee:

08:32:22 Chair Jason Small
08:32:31 Eric Strauss, DOLI
08:32:41 Chair Jason Small
08:32:49 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter-D

08:33:07 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

08:33:41 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter-D

Closing Statement:

08:35:29 Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D), HD 49, closed the hearing on HB 499.

HEARING ON HB 349 - Establish obscenity filter requirements for electronic devices

Opening Statement:

08:37:02 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R), HD 22, opened the hearing on HB 349, Establish obscenity filter requirements for electronic devices.

Discussion:

[EXHIBIT\(230322BUSa1\)](#)

Proponent Testimony:

08:42:09 Erin Walker, Project Stand

[EXHIBIT\(230322BUSa2\)](#)

08:46:02 Terry Moore, self

08:47:27 Stephanie Baucus, Human Trafficking Task Force

08:50:20 Tami Hochhalter, Life Guard Group

08:54:59 Benjamin Bull, self

08:58:38 Tiffany Helfrich-Leeper, self

09:04:55 Chris McKenna, Protect Young Eyes

09:08:45 Brittany Homer, Project Stand

09:11:45 Kate Freedman, Project Stand

09:13:51 Matthew Brower, Montana Catholic Conference

Opponent Testimony:

09:15:39 Carl Szabo, NetChoice

09:21:26 Henry Kriegel, Americans For Prosperity (AFP)
09:24:06 Khara Boender, Computer and Communications Industry Association (CCIA)
09:26:58 Edward Longe, James Madison Institution (JMI)
09:28:46 Gerry Keegan, Cellular Telephone Industries Association (CTIA)
09:30:17 Ashley Sutton, TechNet

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

09:32:00 Vice Chair Willis Curdy
09:32:51 Carl Szabo, NetChoice
09:34:17 Chair Jason Small
09:37:28 Carl Szabo, NetChoice
09:38:39 Sen. Bruce Gillespie
09:39:24 Tiffany Helfrich-Leeper,*
09:42:22 Sen. Bruce Gillespie
09:42:32 Chair Jason Small
09:44:31 Tiffany Helfrich-Leeper,*
09:45:39 Vice Chair Mark Noland
09:46:18 Carl Szabo, NetChoice
09:46:26 Sen. Christopher Pope
09:49:51 Carl Szabo, NetChoice
09:51:04 Sen. Christopher Pope
09:53:28 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway-R
09:53:47 Erin Walker, Project Stand

09:54:36 Vice Chair Willis Curdy

09:55:01 Carl Szabo, NetChoice

Closing Statement:

09:55:44 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R), HD 22, closed the hearing on HB 349.

HEARING ON HB 302 - Insurance coverage for 12-month supply of birth control

Opening Statement:

09:59:25 Rep. Alice Buckley (D), HD 63, opened the hearing on HB 302, Insurance coverage for 12-month supply of birth control.

Proponent Testimony:

10:01:48 Gene Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

10:03:19 Stuart Doggett, Montana Pharmacy Association (MPA)

10:03:52 Brad Griffen, Montana Retail Association (MRA)

10:04:23 Jenna Martin, self

10:05:15 Stephanie McDowell, self

Opponent Testimony:

10:07:55 John Doran, Blue Cross Blue Shield

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

10:09:21 Chair Jason Small

10:10:07 John Doran, Blue Cross Blue Shield

10:10:40 Sen. Christopher Pope

10:10:54 Rep. Alice Buckley-D

Closing Statement:

10:11:16 Rep. Alice Buckley (D), HD 63, closed the hearing on HB 302.

HEARING ON HB 710 - Revise pharmacist laws relating to immunization

Opening Statement:

10:12:33 Rep. Casey Knudsen (R), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 710, Revise pharmacist laws relating to immunization.

Proponent Testimony:

10:14:05 Brad Griffin, Montana Retail Association (MRA)

10:15:08 Stuart Doggett, Montana Pharmacy Association (MPA)

10:16:57 Rob Geddes, Albertsons

10:18:28 Kori Miller, self

10:20:02 Jeff Nikolaisen, Walgreens

10:22:17 Patricia Bross, self

10:23:12 Bob Gardipee, Albertsons and Safeway

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

10:25:06 Marcie Bough, Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI)

Questions from Committee:

10:25:34 Sen. Bruce Gillespie

10:27:35 Marcie Bough, DOLI

10:28:11 Chair Jason Small

10:28:55 Jean Branscum, MMA

Closing Statement:

10:29:25 Rep. Casey Knudsen (R), HD 33, closed the hearing on HB 710.

HEARING ON HB 665 - Revise laws related to insurance coverage of breast examinations

Opening Statement:

10:31:46 Rep. Jodee Etchart (R), HD 48, opened the hearing on HB 665, Revise laws related to insurance coverage of breast examinations.

Discussion:

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Proponent Testimony:

10:33:54 Heather O'Hara, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)
10:35:12 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)
10:36:18 Stacy Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (PCA)
10:37:51 Aimee Grmoljez, Billing Clinic
10:38:31 Becky Franks, Cancer Support Community Montana
10:40:02 Shelley Emslie, self
10:43:01 Bobbie Will, Susan G. Komen
10:45:46 Emily Feller, self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

10:47:53 John Doran, Blue Cross Blue Shield

Questions from Committee:

10:48:14 Sen. Bruce Gillespie
10:48:51 John Doran, Blue Cross Blue Shield
10:49:16 Sen. Bruce Gillespie
10:49:43 Heather O'Hera MHA
10:50:28 Sen. Bruce Gillespie
10:50:39 Heather O'Hera MHA

Closing Statement:

10:51:04 Rep. Jodee Etchart (R), HD 48, closed the hearing on HB 665.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:54:00

Lynnette Sena, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230322BUSaad\)](#)