

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

Call to Order: Chair Tom McGillvray-R, on March 27, 2023 at 3:25 PM, in 317

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Tom McGillvray, Chair (R)
Sen. Dennis Lenz, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Becky Beard (R)
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Carl Glimm (R)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Kathy Kelker (D)
Sen. Brad Molnar (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 303 03/21/2023
HB 582 03/20/2023
HB 610 03/20/2023
HB 616 03/20/2023
HB 619 03/20/2023
HB 567 03/22/2023

Executive Action:

HEARING ON HB 619 - Generally language assessment laws for deaf and hard of hearing children

Opening Statement:

15:26:39 Rep. Connie Keogh (D), HD 91, opened the hearing on HB 619, Generally language assessment laws for deaf and hard of hearing children.

Discussion:

15:27:17 Sen. Brad Molnar joined the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

15:32:07 Katie James, self

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15:32:46 Sen. Jen Gross joined the meeting.

15:36:06 Shawn Tulloch, self

15:40:03 Brandy Reinhardt, self

15:43:51 Cam Tulloch, Montana Association for the Deaf

15:46:28 Vena Dagnall, self

15:48:40 Robin Turner, Montana Speech Hearing Association (MSHA)

15:51:22 Jean Branscum, American Academy of Pediatricians- Montana Chapter

15:52:21 Rita Brandbord, self

15:56:17 Cecily Whitworth, self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:59:25 Paul Furthmyre, Montana School of Deaf and Blind

15:59:59 Tracy Moseman, Department of Public Health of Human Services

16:00:37 Kayla Lee, Additional Proponent Testimony

16:03:32 Ken Bailey, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee:

16:04:23 Chair Tom McGillvray

16:04:44 Katie James

16:05:30 Chair Tom McGillvray

16:05:39 Rep. Connie Keogh-D

Closing Statement:

16:06:16 Rep. Connie Keogh (D), HD 91, closed the hearing on HB 619.

HEARING ON HB 303 - Implement Medical Ethics and Diversity Act

Opening Statement:

16:08:34 Rep. Amy Regier (R), HD 6, opened the hearing on HB 303, Implement Medical Ethics and Diversity Act.

Proponent Testimony:

16:11:44 Robin Sertell, self

16:12:55 Dr. Craig Teptow, self

16:16:35 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation (MFF)

16:18:48 Dr. Albert Olszewski, self

16:20:43 Jessie Browning, self

16:23:37 Alva Pimentel, self

16:25:20 Dr. David Ingram, self

16:27:36 Ann Ingram, self

16:30:07 Stephanie Nichols, Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF)

16:32:50 Matthew Brower, Montana Catholic Conference

Opponent Testimony:

16:33:48 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfoot Tribe

16:37:22 Joseph Carver, self

16:40:56 Robert Filipovich, self

16:43:49 Heather O'Hara, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

16:46:48 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association

16:49:13 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

16:51:13 Eric Anderson, Montana Nurses Association (MNA)

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16:53:18 Robin Turner, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence

16:53:51 Sen. Carl Glimm joined the meeting.

16:55:31 Keegan Medrano, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Montana

16:57:57 Quinn Leighton, Planned Parenthood Montana

17:00:32 Nicole Smith, Blue Mountain Clinic

17:02:56 Robyn Morrison, League of Women Voters

17:05:10 Danielle Vazquez, Montana Women Vote

17:06:40 Cherilyn DeVries, self

17:08:32 Catherine Parke, self

17:10:42 Nathan Stein, Bridgercare

17:11:31 Sarah Wiggins, self

17:12:57 Izzy Milch, Forward Montana

17:13:59 Lauren Wilson, American Academy of Pediatrics- Montana Chapter

17:16:34 Nathan Allen, Billings Clinic

17:18:58 Hillary-Anne Crosby, self

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

17:20:21 Sen. Carl Glimm
17:20:46 Stephanie Nichols, ADF
17:21:39 Sen. Jen Gross
17:23:36 Rep. Amy Regier-R
17:25:07 Sen. Jen Gross
17:25:49 Stacey Anderson, MPCA
17:26:59 Sen. Jen Gross
17:29:41 Robin Turner, MSHA
17:30:53 Sen. Jen Gross
17:31:30 Nathan Allen, Billings Clinic

Closing Statement:

17:32:31 Rep. Amy Regier (R), HD 6, closed the hearing on HB 303.

HEARING ON HB 610 - Allowing ECPs to provide patient care in a health care facility

Opening Statement:

17:33:34 Rep. Steve Gist (R), HD 25, opened the hearing on HB 610, Allowing ECPs to provide patient care in a health care facility.

Proponent Testimony:

17:36:16 Ken Threet, self
17:37:36 Shari Graham, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
17:39:42 Heather O'Hara, Montana Hospital Association (MHA)
17:41:01 Jean Branscum, Montana Medical Association (MMA)
17:41:55 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

17:42:40 Eric Strauss, Department of Labor and Industry (DLI)

Questions from Committee:

17:43:21 Vice Chair Dennis Lenz

17:43:26 Rep. Steve Gist-R

Closing Statement:

17:44:30 Rep. Steve Gist (R), HD 25, closed the hearing on HB 610.

HEARING ON HB 567 - Revise health insurance navigator training requirements

Opening Statement:

17:46:02 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 81, opened the hearing on HB 567, Revise health insurance navigator training requirements.

Proponent Testimony:

17:46:52 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

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17:50:30 Frank Cote, Commissioner of Securities and Insurance (CSI)

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

17:51:53 Sen. Susan Webber

17:52:10 Stacey Anderson, MPCA

17:52:50 Sen. Carl Glimm

17:53:49 Rep. Mary Caferro-D

17:54:18 Chair Tom McGillvray

17:54:58 Frank Cote, CSI

17:55:23 Stacey Anderson, MPCA
17:56:06 Sen. Becky Beard
17:56:55 Frank Cote, CSI
17:58:00 Sen. Jen Gross left the meeting.

Closing Statement:

17:59:09 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 81, closed the hearing on HB 567.

HEARING ON HB 582 - Extend sunset date for community health aide program

Opening Statement:

18:00:24 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, opened the hearing on HB 582, Extend sunset date for community health aide program.

Proponent Testimony:

18:03:56 Mary LeMieux, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
18:05:26 Patrick Yawakie, Blackfeet Tribe
18:06:24 Charles Denough, Rocky Boy Health Center
18:07:25 Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)
18:08:04 Keegan Medrano, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)- Montana
18:08:36 Ta'jin Perez, Western Native Voice

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

18:09:26 Chair Tom McGillvray
18:09:28 Stacey Anderson, MPCA

Closing Statement:

18:09:51 Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D), HD 32, closed the hearing on HB 582.

HEARING ON HB 616 - Generally revise public-private contracting of services

Opening Statement:

18:10:59 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 81, opened the hearing on HB 616, Generally revise public-private contracting of services.

Proponent Testimony:

None

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

18:16:17 Kim Aiken, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee:

18:16:53 Sen. Susan Webber

18:19:02 Rep. Mary Caferro-D

18:19:37 Sen. Carl Glimm

18:20:55 Kim Aiken, DPHHS

18:21:10 Sen. Brad Molnar

18:24:08 Kim Aiken, DPHHS

Closing Statement:

18:24:35 Rep. Mary Caferro (D), HD 81, closed the hearing on HB 616.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 18:27:50

Trudy Burke, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230327PHSaad\)](#)