

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

Call to Order: Chair Tom McGillvray-R, on April 07, 2023 at 2:43 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. Brad Molnar (R)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)
Sen. Kathy Kelker (D)

Staff Present: Trudy Burke, Secretary
Madelyn Krezowski, Attorney

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

HB 862 04/05/2023

Executive Action:

HB 317 BE CONCURRED IN AS
AMENDED
HB 706 BE CONCURRED IN
HB 559 TO TABLE
HB 715 BE CONCURRED IN

HEARING ON HB 862 - Prohibit use of public funds for abortion and exceptions

Opening Statement:

14:45:11 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, opened the hearing on HB 862, Prohibit use of public funds for abortion and exceptions.

Proponent Testimony:

14:46:34 Matt Brower, Montana Catholic Conference (MCC)

15:06:27 Jeff Laszloffy, Montana Family Foundation

Opponent Testimony:

14:48:59 Anne Angus, self

14:50:56 Stephanie McDowell, Bridger Care

14:52:31 Nicole Smith, Blue Mountain Clinic

14:54:51 Sean Reagor, Montana Human Rights Network (MHRN)

14:55:31 Sen. Carl Glimm left the meeting.

14:55:47 Leah Shea, Susan Wicklund Fund

14:57:06 Robin Turner, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Montana

14:59:13 Hillary-Anne Crosby, self

15:00:17 Seely Davidson, self and on behalf of Blue Mountain Clinic

15:01:11 Quinn Leighton, Planned Parenthood Montana

15:03:13 Keegan Nashan, self

15:08:08 Catherine Parke, Montana Democratic Socialists of Montana

Informational Witness Testimony:

15:10:28 Paula Stannard, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

15:10:43 Mary LeMieux, Department of Public Health and Human Services
(DPHHS)

Questions from Committee:

15:11:38 Sen. Jen Gross
15:12:29 Rep. Mike Hopkins-R
15:15:05 Sen. Jen Gross
15:15:21 Chair Tom McGillvray
15:15:33 Sen. Jen Gross
15:16:24 Keegan Nashan
15:18:23 Sen. Jen Gross
15:18:35 Sen. Brad Molnar
15:19:15 Rep. Mike Hopkins-R
15:19:53 Sen. Brad Molnar
15:19:58 Paula Stannard, DPHHS
15:21:28 Sen. Jen Gross

Closing Statement:

15:22:11 Rep. Mike Hopkins (R), HD 92, closed the hearing on HB 862.
15:23:48 **Recessed**
15:34:30 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 317 - Provide for the Montana Indian Child Welfare Act

15:36:25 **Motion:** Vice Chair Dennis Lenz moved that **HB 317 BE CONCURRED IN.**
15:36:38 **Motion:** Vice Chair Dennis Lenz moved that **HB 317 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:37:04 Madelyn Krezowski
15:36:38 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

15:38:28 **Motion:** Vice Chair Dennis Lenz moved that **HB 317 BE AMENDED.**

Discussion:

15:38:51 Vice Chair Dennis Lenz

15:49:20 Sen. Susan Webber

16:01:35 Chair Tom McGillvray

16:01:51 Sen. Becky Beard

16:02:50 Sen. Brad Molnar

16:05:33 Sen. Carl Glimm joined the meeting.

15:38:28 **Vote:** Motion carried 8 - 1 by voice vote with Sen. Glimm, voting no.

16:06:11 **Motion:** Vice Chair Dennis Lenz moved that **HB 317 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

16:07:11 Sen. Susan Webber

16:06:11 **Vote:** Motion carried 7 - 2 by voice vote with Sen. Glimm, Sen. Hinebauch, voting no.
Sen. Hinebauch, By Proxy

16:06:11 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Susan Webber

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 706 - Generally revise laws related to protection of medical speech and practice

16:09:30 **Motion:** Vice Chair Dennis Lenz moved that **HB 706 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:12:49 Vice Chair Dennis Lenz

16:09:30 **Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. Kelker, Sen. Webber, voting no.
Sen. Kelker, By Proxy

16:09:30 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Becky Beard

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 559 - License prospective adoptive parents as foster parents

16:09:51 **Motion:** Vice Chair Dennis Lenz moved that **HB 559 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

16:10:07 Sen. Becky Beard

- 16:10:29 Sen. Susan Webber
- 16:11:06 Chair Tom McGillvray
- 16:11:23 **Motion:** Sen. Jen Gross moved that **HB 559 TO TABLE.**
- 16:11:23 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 715 - Revise school immunization laws

- 16:14:08 **Motion:** Vice Chair Dennis Lenz moved that **HB 715 BE CONCURRED IN.**
- Discussion:**
- 16:14:21 Sen. Susan Webber
- 16:14:58 Chair Tom McGillvray
- 16:15:25 Sen. Becky Beard
- 16:14:08 **Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. Kelker, Sen. Webber, voting no.
Sen. Kelker, By Proxy
- 16:14:08 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Tom McGillvray

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:17:04

Trudy Burke, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230407PHSaad\)](#)