

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

Call to Order: Chair Tom McGillvray-R, on April 12, 2023 at 3:13 PM, in 317

ROLL CALL

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

Members Excused: Sen. Carl Glimm (R)
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 822 04/07/2023
HB 872 04/07/2023

Executive Action:

HB 45 BE CONCURRED IN
HB 740 TO TABLE
HB 544 BE CONCURRED IN
HB 862 BE CONCURRED IN

HEARING ON HB 872 - Provide funding for behavioral health system for future generations

Opening Statement:

15:15:27 Rep. Bob Keenan (R), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 872, Provide funding for behavioral health system for future generations.

Discussion:

15:17:08 Sen. Carl Glimm joined the meeting.

Proponent Testimony:

15:22:15 Ryan Evans, Governor's Budget Office

15:23:41 Sen. John Esp, Senate District 30

15:30:53 Director Charlie Brereton, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

15:40:45 Rachel Green, Governor's Health Policy Office

15:42:04 Pat Noonan, Behavioral Health Alliance of Montana (BHAM)

15:43:12 Patrick Maddison, Montana Association of Community Disability Services (MACDS)

15:44:36 Matt Kuntz, National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) Montana

15:46:02 Tom Livers, Shodair Children's Hospital

15:47:20 Craig Lambert, Logan Health

15:47:57 Stacy Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association (MPCA)

15:49:04 Jeff Folsom, Center for Children and Families

15:50:19 Duane Preshinger, Montana Hospital Association

15:50:49 Angela Kimball, Inseparable

Opponent Testimony:

15:53:05 Tal Goldin, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)

15:59:05 Sen. Susan Webber left the meeting.

15:59:25 Maggie Bornstein, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Montana

16:00:15 Sen. Carl Glimm left the meeting.

16:00:21 Kathleen Wedemeyer, Citizens Commission on Human Rights

Informational Witness Testimony:

16:03:40 Russ Katherman, Montana State Architecture and Engineering Division

16:03:53 Kim Aiken, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

16:04:30 William Evo, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

16:04:59 Sen. Susan Webber joined the meeting.

Questions from Committee:

16:05:15 Sen. Jen Gross

16:05:45 Rep. Bob Keenan-R

16:05:59 Sen. John Esp

16:08:36 Sen. Jen Gross

16:09:24 Sen. John Esp

16:10:05 Sen. Brad Molnar

16:12:30 Rep. Bob Keenan-R

16:13:10 Director Charlie Brereton, DPHHS

16:13:35 Sen. Brad Molnar

16:14:14 Director Charlie Brereton, DPHHS

16:14:51 Sen. Susan Webber

16:15:28 Rep. Bob Keenan-R

16:15:38 Sen. Becky Beard

16:18:27 Director Charlie Brereton, DPHHS

16:19:14 Sen. Jen Gross

16:20:02 Sen. John Esp

16:23:40	Sen. Jen Gross
16:24:09	Rep. Bob Keenan- R
16:24:45	Sen. Susan Webber
16:25:13	Rep. Bob Keenan-R
16:26:00	Director Charlie Brereton, DPHHS
16:27:06	Sen. Becky Beard
16:27:37	Rep. Bob Keenan-R
16:27:45	Director Charlie Brereton, DPHHS
16:28:27	Vice Chair Dennis Lenz
16:29:54	Sen. John Esp
16:30:53	Chair Tom McGillvray
16:34:06	Director Charlie Brereton, DPHHS
16:34:58	Chair Tom McGillvray
16:35:18	Tal Goldin, DRM
16:35:36	Director Charlie Brereton, DPHHS
16:35:55	Sen. Jen Gross
16:36:16	Director Charlie Brereton, DPHHS
16:36:46	Sen. Jen Gross
16:37:52	Rep. Bob Keenan-R
16:38:31	Sen. Jen Gross
16:38:36	Rep. Bob Keenan-R
16:39:04	Sen. Steve Hinebauch
16:39:26	Rep. Bob Keenan-R
16:39:45	Sen. Brad Molnar

16:44:09 Director Charlie Brereton, DPHHS

16:45:27 Sen. Jen Gross

16:46:15 Matt Kuntz, NAMI Montana

Closing Statement:

16:47:40 Rep. Bob Keenan (R), HD 5, closed the hearing on HB 872.

HEARING ON HB 822 - Generally revise school-based mental health services

Opening Statement:

16:48:13 Rep. Bob Keenan (R), HD 5, opened the hearing on HB 822, Generally revise school-based mental health services.

Proponent Testimony:

16:58:39 Meghan Peel, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

17:03:36 Jeff Fulsom, Center for Children and Families

17:06:59 Rob Watson, School Administrators of Montana and on behalf of the Coalition of Advocates for Montana Public Schools

17:11:33 Tom Silvers, Shodair Children's Hospital

17:12:13 Tal Goldin, Disability Rights Montana

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17:16:25 Colleen Rahn, National Association on Mental Illness (NAMI)- Montana

17:16:59 Maggie Bornstein, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)- Montana

17:17:38 Stacy Anderson, Primary Care Association

17:18:25 Angela Kimball, Inseparable

Opponent Testimony:

17:20:36 Kathleen Wedemeyer, Citizens Commission on Human Rights

Informational Witness Testimony:

17:22:56 Becky Belling, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

Questions from Committee:

17:23:42 Sen. Jen Gross
17:24:18 Rep. Bob Keenan-R
17:24:44 Meghan Peel, DPHHS
17:25:37 Sen. Becky Beard
17:26:02 Rep. Bob Keenan-R
17:26:14 Meghan Peel, DPHHS
17:27:10 Sen. Brad Molnar
17:29:03 Meghan Peel, DPHHS
17:29:40 Sen. Susan Webber
17:30:32 Becky Belling, OPI
17:30:43 Meghan Peel, DPHHS
17:31:39 Vice Chair Dennis Lenz
17:34:35 Meghan Peel, DPHHS
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18:09:16 **Recessed**
18:21:45 **Reconvened**

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 45 - Provide oversight and standard for community benefits/charity care

18:21:53 **Motion:** Vice Chair Dennis Lenz moved that **HB 45 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

17:36:21 Additional comment on HB 45 and amendments.
18:22:11 Vice Chair Dennis Lenz
18:22:34 Sen. Steve Hinebauch
18:22:39 Sen. Jen Gross
18:21:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.
18:21:53 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Jen Gross

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 740 - Revise laws relating to out-of-state placement of youth with mental health needs

18:23:16 **Motion:** Vice Chair Dennis Lenz moved that **HB 740 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

18:23:33 Sen. Jen Gross

18:23:52 Vice Chair Dennis Lenz

18:24:02 **Motion:** Sen. Carl Glimm moved that **HB 740 TO TABLE.**

18:24:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. Kelker, Sen. Webber, voting no.
Sen. Kelker, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 544 - Provide requirements for coverage of abortion under Medicaid and CHIP

18:24:47 **Motion:** Vice Chair Dennis Lenz moved that **HB 544 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

18:25:03 Chair Tom McGillvray

18:25:13 Sen. Jen Gross

18:24:47 **Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. Kelker, Sen. Webber, voting no.
Sen. Kelker, By Proxy

18:24:47 **Carrier Assigned:** Sen. Becky Beard

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

18:26:33 **Motion:** Vice Chair Dennis Lenz moved that **HB 862 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

18:26:47 Chair Tom McGillvray

18:27:03 Sen. Jen Gross

18:27:52 Sen. Carl Glimm

18:26:33 **Vote:** Motion carried 6 - 3 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. Kelker, Sen. Webber, voting no.
Sen. Kelker, By Proxy

18:26:33

Carrier Assigned: Sen. Carl Glimm

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 18:29:40

Trudy Burke, Secretary

Additional Documents: [EXHIBIT\(230412PHSaad\)](#)