

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

Call to Order: Chair Tom McGillvray-R, on April 19, 2023 at 3:29 PM, in 317

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Sen. Tom McGillvray, Chair (R)
Sen. Dennis Lenz, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Carl Glimm (R)
Sen. Steve Hinebauch (R)
Sen. Brad Molnar (R)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Becky Beard (R)
Sen. Jen Gross (D)
Sen. Kathy Kelker (D)

Staff Present: Trudy Burke, Secretary
Madelyn Krezowski, Attorney

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

SJ 23 04/17/2023

SJ 25 04/17/2023

Executive Action:

SJ 23 TO TABLE

SJ 25 RESOLUTION ADOPTED

15:31:09 Sen. Beard has arrived

HEARING ON SJ 23 - Interim study of Montana's long-term care system

Opening Statement:

15:30:49 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SJ 23, Interim study of Montana's long-term care system.

Proponent Testimony:

15:33:53 Margaret MacDonald, Big Sky 55+ and on behalf of the Alzheimer's Association

15:36:11 Rose Hughes, Montana Healthcare Association

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:39:50 Chair Tom McGillvray

15:40:25 Rose Hughes, Montana Healthcare Association

15:40:52 Chair Tom McGillvray

15:41:15 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell-D

15:41:59 Chair Tom McGillvray

15:42:33 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell-D

Closing Statement:

15:43:59 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), SD 42, closed the hearing on SJ 23.

HEARING ON SJ 25 - Interim study of ways to increase inclusion of disabled Montanans in government

Opening Statement:

15:44:23 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), SD 42, opened the hearing on SJ 25, Interim study of ways to increase inclusion of disabled Montanans in government.

Proponent Testimony:

15:47:36 Sean Conroe, Ability Montana

15:49:20 Jack Racicot, self

15:51:12 Jaelene Johnson, self

Opponent Testimony:

None

Informational Witness Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee:

15:54:53 Sen. Brad Molnar

15:55:36 Jack Racicot

15:55:54 Jaelene Johnson

15:56:33 Sen. Becky Beard

15:58:49 Sean Conroe, Ability Montana

15:59:30 Vice Chair Dennis Lenz

16:00:22 Sean Conroe, Ability Montana

Closing Statement:

16:01:39 Sen. Mary Ann Dunwell (D), SD 42, closed the hearing on SJ 25.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 23 - Interim study of Montana's long-term care system

16:04:04 **Motion:** Vice Chair Dennis Lenz moved that **SJ 23 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

16:04:32 Sen. Susan Webber

- 16:05:27 Sen. Becky Beard
- 16:06:22 Vice Chair Dennis Lenz
- 16:07:08 Sen. Brad Molnar
- 16:04:04 **Vote:** Motion failed 5 - 4 by roll call vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. Kelker, Sen. Molnar, Sen. Webber, voting yes.
Sen. Gross, Sen. Kelker, By Proxy
- 16:08:50 **Motion:** Vice Chair Dennis Lenz moved that **SJ 23 TO TABLE.**
- 16:08:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 5 - 4 by voice vote with Sen. Gross, Sen. Kelker, Sen. Molnar, Sen. Webber, voting no.
Sen. Gross, Sen. Kelker, By Proxy

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 25 - Interim study of ways to increase inclusion of disabled Montanans in government

- 16:09:02 **Motion:** Vice Chair Dennis Lenz moved that **SJ 25 RESOLUTION ADOPTED.**

Discussion:

- 16:09:20 Sen. Brad Molnar
- 16:09:57 Vice Chair Dennis Lenz
- 16:11:55 Sen. Susan Webber
- 16:13:19 Vice Chair Dennis Lenz
- 16:13:30 Chair Tom McGillvray
- 16:13:41 Sen. Susan Webber
- 16:15:01 Sen. Carl Glimm
- 16:15:29 Chair Tom McGillvray
- 16:16:36 Vice Chair Dennis Lenz
- 16:16:53 Sen. Becky Beard
- 16:09:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 8 - 1 by roll call vote with Sen. Lenz, voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 16:20:03

Trudy Burke, Secretary

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