



CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES GROUP 69th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES LOG

August 28, 2024
Room 137 & Zoom
Helena, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Dennis Lenz, Presiding Officer (R)
Rep. Jennifer Carlson (R)
Kelly Driscoll, Public Member
Nikki Grossberg, Public Member
Lt. Jon Kadner, Public Member
S. Chase Rosario, Public Member
Heather Webster, Public Member

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Rep. SJ Howell, Vice Presiding Officer (D)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Milly Allen, Research Analyst
Maddie Krezowski, Attorney
Ania Alduenda, Secretary

AGENDA ([Attachment 1](#))

VISITORS' LIST ([Attachment 2](#))

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

09:01:38 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

LEGISLATION: CPS 2.1, REPEAL TEMPORARY INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITY

09:03:11 Milly Allen, Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

[EXHIBIT 1](#)

09:06:08 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz

Public Comment

09:06:35 Matt Furlong, President, Montana Child Protection Alliance (MCPA)

Committee Questions / Discussion

09:09:17 Rep. Jennifer Carlson

09:09:45 Kelly Driscoll

09:12:20 Heather Webster

09:14:10 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz

09:15:05 Kelly Driscoll

09:15:35 Nikki Grossberg

09:17:00 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz

09:17:33 Rep. Jennifer Carlson

09:19:08 Kelly Driscoll

09:21:27 Heather Webster

09:23:37 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz

09:23:52 Kelly Driscoll

09:24:30 Nikki Grossberg

09:24:54 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz

09:25:47 Rep. Jennifer Carlson

09:28:31 Nikki Grossberg

09:29:22 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz

09:30:17 Kelly Driscoll

09:30:40 Nikki Grossberg

09:30:49 Kelly Driscoll

09:31:06 Heather Webster

09:33:17 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz

09:33:35 Heather Webster

09:35:03 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz

09:35:45 Milly Allen

09:36:21 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz

09:37:33 Nikki Grossberg

09:37:58 Rep. Jennifer Carlson

09:39:43 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz

09:40:05 **Recessed**

09:44:36 **Reconvened**

LEGISLATION: CPS 2.1, REPEAL TEMPORARY INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITY - Continued

09:44:38 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz

09:44:45 Kelly Driscoll

09:45:38 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz

09:45:48 Milly Allen

09:46:17 Kelly Driscoll

09:46:36 Milly Allen

09:47:12 Rep. Jennifer Carlson

09:48:08 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz

09:48:30 Matt Furlong

09:49:31 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz

09:52:17 Heather Webster

09:53:11 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz

09:53:32 Kelly Driscoll

09:53:59 Milly Allen

09:54:40 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz

09:54:48 Kelly Driscoll

09:55:00 Milly Allen

09:55:06 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz

MINOR GUARDIANSHIP: PARENTAL VISITATION, DISSOLUTION OF GUARDIANSHIPS, & OTHER ISSUES

09:56:35 Jill Yordy, Senior Policy Specialist, National Conference of State Legislatures
[EXHIBIT 2](#)

Committee Questions / Discussion

10:22:53 Rep. Jennifer Carlson

10:23:45 Jill Yordy

10:25:44 Heather Webster

10:26:30 Jill Yordy

10:28:38 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz

10:29:05 Heather Webster

Public Comment

10:32:32 Matt Furlong

Committee Questions / Discussion

10:33:25 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz

10:33:41 Nikki Grossberg

10:35:52 Jill Yordy
10:38:02 Kelly Driscoll
10:41:33 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz
10:41:44 Rep. Jennifer Carlson
10:44:13 S. Chase Rosario
10:47:36 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz
10:48:13 Heather Webster
10:50:41 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz

10:53:15 **Recessed**

11:00:13 **Reconvened**

LEGISLATION: SENATE BILL 469 (2023), CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT REGISTRY

11:00:30 Milly Allen
[EXHIBIT 3](#)
[EXHIBIT 4](#)

Committee Questions / Discussion

11:05:49 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz
11:07:52 Nikki Grossberg
11:09:54 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz
11:10:42 Rep. Jennifer Carlson
11:11:24 Milly Allen
11:14:20 Rep. Jennifer Carlson
11:14:37 Nikki Grossberg
11:23:08 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz
11:23:47 Nikki Grossberg
11:24:07 Rep. Jennifer Carlson
11:24:42 Nikki Grossberg
11:25:32 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz
11:25:42 Nikki Grossberg

Public Comment

11:26:47 Matt Furlong
11:32:13 Denise Johnson, Director of Communications, MCPA
(See Exhibit 3)

Committee Questions / Discussion

11:39:47 Kelly Driscoll
(See Exhibit 3)
11:43:15 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz
11:45:09 Nikki Grossberg
11:46:12 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz
11:47:16 Milly Allen

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11:47:44 Kelly Driscoll
11:48:47 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz
11:49:34 Heather Webster
11:50:48 Rep. Jennifer Carlson
11:52:21 Nikki Grossberg
11:58:31 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz

11:58:57 **Recessed**
13:02:37 **Reconvened**

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY TOPIC WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CPS WORK GROUP

13:02:55 None

WORK SESSION

13:03:31 Milly Allen
[EXHIBIT 5](#)
[EXHIBIT 6](#)
13:06:05 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz
13:09:32 S. Chase Rosario
13:09:44 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz
13:10:35 Milly Allen
13:11:22 Nikki Grossberg
13:11:47 Kelly Driscoll
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13:16:23 S. Chase Rosario
13:17:14 Heather Webster
13:19:52 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz
13:19:58 Rep. Jennifer Carlson
13:20:16 Kelly Driscoll
13:20:37 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz
13:20:53 Rep. Jennifer Carlson

Motion

13:22:35 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz moved to present provisional drafts CPSWG 1.2 and CPSWG 2.2 to the Children, Family, Health, and Human Services Committee.

Discussion on the Motion

13:23:14 Milly Allen
13:23:32 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz

13:24:10 S. Chase Rosario
(See Exhibit 5)
13:34:43 Kelly Driscoll
13:36:26 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz
13:37:11 Heather Webster
13:37:27 S. Chase Rosario
13:38:03 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz

13:38:37 **Recessed**
13:40:06 **Reconvened**

Discussion on the Motion - Continued

13:40:07 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz
13:40:33 Kelly Driscoll
13:40:54 Rep. Jennifer Carlson
13:45:09 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz
13:48:30 Milly Allen
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13:53:00 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz
13:53:42 Heather Webster

Vote

13:54:35 Carried unanimously by voice vote.

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14:11:23 Presiding Officer Dennis Lenz
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 14:16:25