



TRANSITION REVIEW COMMITTEE 69th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES LOG

June 13, 2025
Room 102
Helena, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Jennifer Carlson, Chair (R)
Sen. Christopher Pope, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Dennis Lenz (R)
Mike Lahr, Public Member
Shawna Karjala, Public Member
Melanie Williams, Public Member

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Ann Geiger, Public Member
Dr. Reza Ghomi, Public Member
Sara Hanson-Baiamonte, Public Member
Heather O'Hara, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Milly Allen, Research Analyst
Julia Hamilton, Fiscal Analyst
Allison Dunbar, Secretary

AGENDA ([Attachment 1](#))

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

09:02:17 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

REVIEW OF DRAFT COMMITTEE REPORT AND DUTIES PRESCRIBED BY HOUSE BILL 29

09:03:27 Milly Allen, Lead Staff, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
[Exhibit 1](#)
[Exhibit 2](#)

Committee Questions / Discussion

09:08:55 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson

Public Comment

09:11:37 Sean Conroe, Executive Director, Board of Visitors

COMMUNITY FACILITIES UPDATE

09:13:14 Rose Hughes, Executive Director, Montana Health Care Association (MHCA)
[Exhibit 3](#)

Committee Questions / Discussion

09:34:04 Vice Presiding Officer Christopher Pope
09:40:43 Shawna Karjala, Complex Care Coordinator
09:41:43 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
09:43:37 Rose Hughes, MHCA
09:44:19 Shawna Karjala

09:51:00 **Recess**

09:51:17 **Reconvene**

Committee Questions / Discussion - Continued

09:52:57 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
09:53:11 Sean Conroe, Executive Director, Board of Visitors
09:56:10 Mike Lahr
09:57:45 Chad Parker, Acting Chief Legal Counsel, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
10:00:13 Lindsey Carter, Division Administrator, Senior and Long-Term Care Division

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (DPHHS) REPORTS AND UPDATES:

House Bill 29 Statutory Data Report

10:03:27 Carrie Albro, Chief Information Officer, DPHHS
[Exhibit 4](#)

10:07:23 **Recess**

10:15:03 **Reconvened**

House Bill 29 Statutory Data Report - Continued

10:15:15 Carrie Albro, DPHHS

Committee Questions / Discussion

10:18:26 Vice Presiding Officer Christopher Pope

10:18:30 Carrie Albro

Montana State Hospital and Department Work

10:22:40 Dr. Douglas Harrington, Executive Director, State Medical Officer, Acting Health Care Facilities
(see Exhibit 4)

Committee Questions / Discussion

10:25:32 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson

10:28:55 Sara Hansen-Baiamonte

10:29:33 Mike Lahr

Montana State Hospital and Department Work - Continued

10:41:21 Lindsey Carter, Administrator, Senior and Long-Term Care Division
(see Exhibit 4)
[Exhibit 5](#)

Committee Questions / Discussion

10:48:55 Sen. Dennis Lenz

10:52:39 Mike Lahr

11:01:44 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson

11:17:29 Shawna Karjala

11:19:17 Vice Presiding Officer Christopher Pope

11:25:30 Chad Parker, Acting Legal Chief Counsel, DPHHS

11:29:02 Sara Hansen-Baiamonte

Civil Commitment Issue

11:35:50 Chad Parker, Acting Legal Chief Counsel, DPHHS
(see Exhibit 4)

Committee Questions / Discussion

11:56:02 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson

12:08:48 Mike Lahr
12:12:46 Dr. Douglas Harrington, Acting Health Care Facilities
12:16:46 Lindsey Carter, Senior and Long-Term Care Division

12:25:04 **Recess**

13:34:35 **Reconvened**

WORK SESSION

13:34:42 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
(see Exhibit 2)

Committee Questions / Discussion

13:42:34 Shawna Karjala
13:42:56 Julia Hamilton, Fiscal Analyst, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
13:49:31 Vice Presiding Officer Christopher Pope
13:50:48 Sara Hansen-Baiamonte
13:56:55 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson
14:02:39 Milly Allen, Lead Staff, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
14:02:47 Melanie Williams
14:05:42 Sen. Dennis Lenz

Motion

14:57:28 Presiding Officer Jennifer Carlson moved to approve and adopt the Committee Report if other committee members do not approve on time by email.

Vote

14:58:33 Carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 14:59:32