

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TAXATION COMMITTEE
ROLL CALL

DATE: 2.8.05

NAME	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
Chairman, Karl Waitschies	✓		
Vice Chair, Rep. Bob Lake	✓		
Vice Chair, Rep. Gary Branae	✓		
Rep. John Balyeat	✓		
Rep. Norma Bixby	✓		
Rep. Ed Butcher	✓		
Rep. Margaret Campbell		✓	
Rep. Jill Cohenour	✓		
Rep. Tom Facey	✓		
Rep. Wanda Grinde	✓		
Rep. George Groesbeck	✓		
Rep. Dennis Himmelberger	✓		
Rep. Carol Lambert	✓		
Rep. Dave McAlpin	✓		
Rep. Jim Peterson	✓		
Rep. Holly Raser	✓		
Rep. Jack Ross	✓		
Rep. Scott Sales	✓		
Rep. Bill Warden	✓		
Rep. Brady Wiseman	✓		

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TABLED BILL

The HOUSE TAXATION COMMITTEE TABLED HB 495, by motion, on Tuesday, February 8, 2005.


(For the Committee)


(Chief Clerk of the House)

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(Time) (Date)

February 8, 2005

Debra L. Polhemus, Secretary

Phone: 4788



HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

February 8, 2005

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Mr. Speaker:

We, your committee on **Taxation** recommend that **House Bill 439** (first reading copy -- white) do pass as amended.

Signed:

Karl L. Waitschies
Representative Karl Waitschies, Chair

And, that such amendments read:

1. Title, page 1, line 5.

Strike: "DEDUCTION OR"

2. Page 1, line 25.

Strike: "deduction or"

- END -

Committee Vote:
Yes 20, No 0.

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COMMITTEE PROXY

DATE 2/8/05

I request to be excused from the Taxation
 Committee meeting this date because of other commitments. I desire to leave my proxy vote
 with Rep Gary Branae

Indicate Bill number and your vote Aye or No. If there are amendments, list them by name and
 number under the bill and indicate a separate vote for each amendment.

HOUSE BILL/ AMENDMENT AYE NO SENATE BILL/AMENDMENT AYE NO

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HB 439 Amend	X	
HB 439	X	
HB 495 Table	X	

Rep. B. Wiseman
B. Wiseman (Signature)

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Montana

House of Representatives TAXATION COMMITTEE

Date: February 8, 2005 Bill Number: HB 513

Sponsor: Rep. H. Raser

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Name	Representing	Support	Oppose	Informational
Cris Volinkay	DD-Child + Family	✓		
Matt Begui	DRHS - DSD			x
Jude Dean	Parents	✓		
Clark Hood	Parents/Child + Family	✓		
Susan Serungard	Parents	✓		
Gordon Serungard	myself	✓		
Kade Serungard	myself	✓		
Kelly J. Newman	myself/son	✓		

Please leave prepared testimony with Committee Secretary. Witness Statement forms are available if you care to submit written testimony.

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House of Representatives TAXATION COMMITTEE

Date: February 8, 2005 Bill Number: HB 535

Sponsor: Rep. L. Jones

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Name	Representing	Support	Oppose	Informational
David M. Montalban	N.M.O.R.A.	X		
Scott Boggy	DNHS/DSD			X
Van Charlton	DOR			X
GAIL Abercrombie	MT Petroleum Assn	X		
Tom Richmond	MT Board of Post			X
Leis M. Het	Hawley Design ^{INC}	X		
Arthur				
CATHERINE FINLAYSON	HAWLEY-DESIGN ^{INC}	X		
Rick Rice	Phoenix Energy Inc	X		
KEITH E. TYNER	PAMEET OIL LLC	X		
KAREN FARSONS	LAWRANCE CO INC	X		
CHARLES FARSONS	LAWRANCE CO INC	X		
Walter Duffield	WIAC MC	X		

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Mr. Chairman
~~Chairman Mendenhall~~ and members of the committee,
my name is Susan Serungard. I reside at 908
Wilder Avenue in Helena, and have been a Montana
resident for 10½ years. With me today are my
two youngest sons: Jordan, who is 4½, and Kade,
who will turn 3 on Friday.

My sons are the reason that I am here this morning
speaking to all of you. You see, Jordan and Kade
are autistic. As infants and toddlers, they were not
reaching their developmental milestones and, in fact, were
far behind their peers. I knew in my heart that
something was terribly wrong, but having a pediatric
neurologist confirm those fears was devastating. I
can tell you that, as a mother, it was the most painful
and heartbreaking moment in my life. From that day
on, I have worried about how my sons would function
in and be accepted by society, and I have grieved
for the future that I dreamt they might have had.
Most of all, I have worried about how to give them
their best possible chance at a productive and
healthy life.

Without a doubt, contacting Family Outreach was the
most important step I have taken for my sons and our
family since ~~the~~ the diagnosis. They have provided us
with emotional support, education, training, etc.

Jordan was placed on Part C services and was also
placed on the waiting list for the Intensive Program.
When he turned 3, he lost his Part C services and
was placed on the General Fund. After being on

the waiting list for two years, Jordan received a slot in the Intensive Program in November 2004. He now receives habilitation training, much needed therapy equipment, respite care is available, and I receive training as well.

Kade was also placed on Part C services and is on the waiting list for the Intensive Program. Unfortunately, he will be losing his services in three days on his 3rd birthday. He will not have the option of relying on the general fund for the training and equipment he so desperately needs. The waiting list is long and there are not enough funds to provide for more intensive slots.

Time is not a luxury my son and other children like him have. Right now is what is so vitally important. Research has proven that early intervention is crucial to helping children with autism make gains in function, without it, they will only lag further behind.

I am not asking for everything to be handed to my children. I work very hard every single day to give my sons the best care and support possible. However, raising two little boys with special needs goes way beyond what is needed to raise the average child. I am asking for your help in giving them ^{the} best chance possible ~~to~~ at a good and productive life.

My family and I would like to thank you ^{so very much} for the ^{much needed} ~~services~~ services that we are receiving at present and ^{we ask} that you ^{provide} ~~provide~~ ~~funding for~~ ^{more options for ways to fund} additional slots in the Intensive Program so that Kade and other children can continue in those services

