

MINUTES

**MONTANA SENATE
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: VICE CHAIRMAN TERRY MURPHY, on January 23, 2009
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 317-A Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Roy Brown, Chairman (R)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Joan Linkenbach, Committee Secretary
Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 82, 1/16/2009; SB 119, 1/16/2009

Executive Action: SB 79, SB 82, SB 119, SB 226

HEARING ON SB 119

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:09 **SEN. JOHN ESP (R), SD 31**, opened the hearing on **SB 119**, Medicaid buy-in option for individuals with disabilities.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:25 Hank Hudson, Montana Public Health and Human Services (MPHHS)

00:05:11 Rita Charles, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

EXHIBIT (phs16a01)

00:07:20 Travis Hoffman, Montana Independent Living Centers (MILC)

EXHIBIT (phs16a02)

00:10:38 Doug Amsden, Living Independently For Today and Tomorrow (LIFTT)

EXHIBIT (phs16a03)

00:12:29 Jim Brown, Disabled Citizen

EXHIBIT (phs16a04)

00:16:37 Theresa Gardner, Disabled Citizen

EXHIBIT (phs16a05)

00:17:56 Michael Beers, Disabled Citizen

00:22:36 Shyla Patera, North Central Independent Living Services, Inc. (NCILSI)

EXHIBIT (phs16a06)

00:25:45 Mark Sanders, NCILSI

00:27:28 Harold Eyre, LIFTT

EXHIBIT (phs16a07)

00:28:55 Amanda Edwards, Big Fork, Summit Independent Living Centers (SILC)

EXHIBIT (phs16a08)

00:32:11 Margaret Keener, Project Director, NCILSI

EXHIBIT (phs16a09)

00:34:04 Mike Mayer, Director, SILC

00:41:28 Jan Cahill, Director, Montana Association of Community Disabled Services (MACDS)

00:41:58 Anita Rassmann, Disability Rights of Montana (DROM)

00:36:58 Darren Larson, Disabled Citizen

EXHIBIT (phs16a10)

00:39:08 Doug Zander, Consumer

00:43:34 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association (MMA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:13 Sen Schmidt

00:44:54 Mr. Beers

00:45:03 Sen. Schmidt

00:45:13 Sen. Juneau

00:45:31 Mr. Hudson, MPHHS

00:46:48 Sen. Juneau

00:47:01 Mr. Hudson, MPHHS

00:47:27 Sen. Larsen

00:47:50 Mr. Hudson, MPHHS

00:49:39 Sen. Larsen

00:50:03 Mr. Hudson

00:50:33 Sen. Schmidt

00:50:51 Mr. Hudson, MPHHS

00:51:12 Sen. Schmidt

00:51:27 Mr. Hudson, MPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

00:52:13 Sen. Esp

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 119

01:02:58 **Motion:** SEN. SCHMIDT moved that **SB 119 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:03:15 Sen. Juneau

01:03:29 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Lewis and Sen. Brown voted by proxy.

01:04:21 Sen. Murphy

HEARING ON SB 82

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:04:39 **SEN. DONALD STEINBEISSER (R), SD 19,** opened the hearing on **SB 82,** Clarify Medicaid third party liability.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:07:35 Jeff Buska, Administrator, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

01:19:22 Steve Yeakel, Montana Independent Bankers (MIB)

01:20:06 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers Association (MBA)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:21:01 Sen. Juneau

01:21:46 Mr. Buska, DPHHS

01:22:29 Sen. Schmidt

01:22:41 Mr. Buska, DPHHS

01:23:34 Sen. Juneau

01:23:48 Mr. Buska, DPHHS

01:24:18 Sen. Juneau

01:24:49 Mr. Buska, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

01:25:09 Sen. Steinbeisser

01:26:05 Chairman Brown returned and assumed the chair.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 226

01:27:37 **Motion:** SEN. SCHMIDT moved that **SB 226 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:27:54 Sen. Hinkle

01:29:24 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 79

01:30:06 **Motion:** SEN. JUNEAU moved that **SB 79 DO PASS.**

01:30:18 **Motion:** SEN. JUNEAU moved that **SB 79 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT (phs16a11)

Discussion:

01:30:55 Lisa Jackson

01:32:01 Chairman Brown

01:32:39 Sen. Juneau

01:33:23 Sen. Brown

01:33:47 Sen. Juneau

01:35:27 Sen. Schmidt

01:35:49 Sen. Juneau

01:36:48 Sen. Murphy

01:38:07 Sen. Hinkle

01:38:37 Sen. Juneau

01:39:01 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:39:32 **Motion:** Sen. Juneau moved that **SB 79 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:39:51 Sen. Schmidt

01:40:43 Chairman Brown

01:41:01 Sen. Juneau

01:41:56 Sen. Schmidt

01:42:16 Sen. Murphy

01:43:47 Sen. Schmidt

01:44:28 Sen. Hinkle

01:45:51 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

01:46:03 Chairman Brown

01:46:26 Sen. Larsen

01:46:36 Chairman Brown

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 82

01:47:24 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. JUNEAU moved that **SB 82 DO PASS.**
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:20 P.M.

JOAN LINKENBACH, Secretary

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Additional Exhibit:

[EXHIBIT \(phs16a12\)](#)

Additional Documents:

[EXHIBIT \(phs16aad.pdf\)](#)