

MINUTES

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

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chairman Roy Brown, on March 9, 2009 at 3:00 P.M.,
in Room 317-A Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Roy Brown, Chairman (R)
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)
Sen. Carol C. Juneau (D)
Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
Sen. Trudi Schmidt (D)

Members Excused:

Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)

Members Absent: None

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

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 72, 2/20/2009; HB 157,
2/21/2009; HB 243, 3/3/2009

Executive Action: HB 72

HEARING ON HB 157

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:06 Rep. Chuck Hunter (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 157, Implement healthy kids initiative.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:51 Jackie Forba, Bureau Chief, Chip Program, Department of Public Health and Human Services, (DPHHS)
00:06:22 Rep. Bill Jones, Dentist, Montana Catholic Conference, (MCC)
00:07:15 Eve Franklin, Health Advisor to Governor Schweitzer
00:09:15 Steve Yeakel, Montana Council for Maternal and Child Health; Montana Advocates for Children, (MAFC)
00:12:11 Jamee Greer, Montana Human Rights Network
00:14:14 Linda Gryczan, Montana Women's Lobby
00:15:07 Virginia Summey, Montana State Auditor's Office
00:15:35 Frank Cote, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Montana (BCBS)
00:16:16 Mary Frideres, Montana Primary Care Association
00:17:21 Claudia Clifford, AARP Montana
00:17:57 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings Clinic
00:18:17 Pat Melby, Montana Medical Association
00:18:56 Sheena Rice, Montana Public Research Group
00:19:21 Robert Allen, Executive Director, Montana Nurses Association
00:20:04 Kurt Bushnell, President, Montana Fireman's Association, Bozeman firefighter and emergency responder
00:20:58 Bob Runkel, Office of Public Instruction
00:22:09 Sen. Carol Williams, SD 46

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:25:03 Sen. Schmidt
00:25:35 Rep. Hunter
00:26:28 Sen. Schmidt
00:26:36 Rep. Hunter
00:27:03 Sen. Larsen
00:27:30 Rep. Hunter
00:28:00 Sen. Larsen
00:28:11 Rep. Hunter
00:29:01 Sen. Hinkle

00:29:22 Rep. Hunter
00:29:26 Sen. Hinkle
00:29:55 Rep. Hunter
00:30:55 Sen. Juneau
00:31:36 Rep. Hunter
00:32:29 Sen. Juneau
00:33:19 Rep. Hunter
00:33:47 Sen. Schmidt
00:34:16 Rep. Hunter
00:35:02 Sen. Schmidt
00:35:10 Rep. Hunter
00:35:34 Sen. Schmidt
00:35:39 Rep. Hunter
00:35:50 Chairman Brown
00:36:01 Rep. Hunter
00:36:06 Chairman Brown
00:36:09 Rep. Hunter
00:36:42 Chairman Brown
00:36:53 Rep. Hunter
00:37:00 Chairman Brown
00:37:09 Rep. Hunter
00:38:09 Chairman Brown
00:38:25 Rep. Hunter
00:38:45 Chairman Brown
00:38:50 Rep. Hunter
00:38:55 Chairman Brown
00:38:59 Rep. Hunter
00:39:20 Chairman Brown
00:39:33 Rep. Hunter
00:40:22 Sen. Juneau
00:41:18 Mr. Cote, BCBS
00:41:47 Sen. Juneau
00:42:08 Mr. Cote, BCBS
00:42:28 Chairman Brown
00:43:03 Rep. Hunter
00:43:36 Chairman Brown
00:43:57 Rep. Hunter
00:44:48 Sen. Hinkle
00:45:04 Rep. Hunter
00:45:12 Sen. Hinkle
00:45:39 Rep. Hunter
00:46:01 Sen. Hinkle
00:46:09 Sen. Schmidt
00:46:26 Mr. Cote, BCBS
00:47:16 Sen. Schmidt
00:47:23 Mr. Cote, BCBS
00:47:51 Sen. Larsen
00:48:29 Mr. Yeakel, MAFC
00:49:10 Sen. Larsen
00:49:28 Ms. Forba, DPHHS

00:49:54 Sen. Larsen
00:50:13 Ms. Forba, DPHHS
00:50:48 Sen. Juneau
00:51:20 Rep. Jones, MCC
00:51:53 Sen. Juneau
00:52:08 Rep. Jones, MCC
00:53:30 Sen. Schmidt
00:54:48 Rep. Hunter
00:56:11 Sen. Schmidt
00:56:34 Rep. Hunter
00:57:24 Sen. Schmidt
00:57:40 Rep. Hunter
00:58:01 Chairman Brown
00:58:25 Rep. Hunter
00:58:57 Sen. Hinkle
00:59:11 Rep. Hunter

Closing by Sponsor:

00:59:42 Rep. Hunter

HEARING ON HB 243

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:01:21 Rep. Chuck Hunter (D), HD 79, opened the hearing on HB 243, Require a report and recommendations on the children's system of care.

01:03:58 Sen. Lewis present

01:07:13 Sen. Lewis left the room.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:10:22 John Wilkinson, Executive Director, National Association of Social Workers

01:11:32 Steve Nelson, Montana Children's Association

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01:16:43 Melanie Martin-Pent, Parents of Children with Mental Illness

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

01:20:01 Bonnie Adee, Bureau Chief, Children's Mental Health Bureau, Department of Public Health and Human Services, (DPHHS)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:20:46 Sen. Schmidt
01:21:06 Rep. Hunter
01:22:09 Sen. Schmidt
01:22:15 Rep. Hunter
01:22:48 Sen. Schmidt
01:23:00 Chairman Brown
01:23:15 Rep. Hunter
01:23:29 Sen. Schmidt
01:23:47 Ms. Adee, DPHHS
01:23:55 Sen. Schmidt
01:24:04 Ms. Adee, DPHHS
01:24:36 Sen. Juneau
01:25:41 Ms. Adee, DPHHS
01:26:24 Sen. Juneau
01:26:41 Ms. Adee, DPHHS

Closing by Sponsor:

01:27:22 Rep. Hunter
01:29:43 Chairman Brown

HEARING ON HB 72

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:30:27 Sen. Juneau represented Rep. Diane Sands (D), HD 95, and opened the hearing on HB 72, Clarify duration of caretaker relative educational authorization affidavit.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

01:32:12 Sen. Juneau

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 72

01:32:48 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Larsen moved that **HB 72 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote, present and voting. Sen. Juneau will carry the bill in the Senate.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:30 P.M.

Joan Linkenbach, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([phs52aad.pdf](#))