

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

**Call to Order:** Chairman David Howard, on January 12, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 152  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. David Howard, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Cary Smith, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Liz Bangerter (R)  
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Rep. Timothy Furey (D)  
Rep. Ellie Boldman Hill (D)  
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)  
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)  
Rep. Dan Kennedy (R)  
Rep. Michael (Mike) More (R)  
Rep. Pat Noonan (D)  
Rep. Carolyn Pease-Lopez (D)  
Rep. Joe Read (R)  
Rep. Dan Skattum (R)  
Rep. Max Yates (R)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Miranda Keaster, Committee Secretary  
Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 36, 1/7/2011; HB 139, 1/7/2011

**HEARING ON HB 36****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:19 Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D), HD 22, opened the hearing on HB 36, Clarify commitment laws relating to people with developmental disabilities.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:06 Anita Roessmann, Disability Rights Montana

**EXHIBIT(huh09a01)**

00:20:27 Candace Payne, Montana Psychiatric Association

00:21:41 Paulette Kohlman, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:26:58 Larry Epstein, Montana County Attorney Association (MCAA)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:29:47 Rep. Kennedy

00:30:26 Larry Epstein, MCAA

00:30:35 Rep. Kennedy

00:31:04 Larry Epstein, MCAA

00:31:13 Rep. Kennedy

00:31:29 Larry Epstein, MCAA

00:32:21 Rep. Kennedy

00:32:36 Larry Epstein, MCAA

00:33:39 Rep. More

00:34:38 Anita Roessmann, Disability Rights Montana

00:35:12 Rep. More

00:35:20 Rep. Ingraham

00:36:12 Anita Roessmann, Disability Rights Montana

00:37:46 Rep. Ingraham

00:39:02 Anita Roessmann, Disability Rights Montana

00:40:12 Rep. Fitzpatrick

00:40:45 Larry Epstein, MCAA

00:41:38 Rep. Kennedy

00:42:15 Anita Roessman, Disability Rights Montana

00:43:54 Rep. Kennedy

00:44:10 Anita Roessmann, Disability Rights Montana

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:45:43 Rep. Schmidt

00:47:10 Recess

00:54:36 Reconvene

**HEARING ON HB 139****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:54:57 Rep. Jerry O'Neil (R), HD 3, opened the hearing on HB 139, Repeal provider rate commission.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:59:24 Hank Hudson, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) Economics Branch Manager

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:03:49 Sen. Kaufmann

01:11:19 Rep. Furey

**EXHIBIT(huh09a02)**

01:19:20 Jan Cahill, Montana Association of Disability Services

01:23:53 Dennis Taylor, Montana Children's Initiative (MCI)

**EXHIBIT(huh09a03)**

01:26:07 Laura Cowee, Director of Operations at Intermountain

**EXHIBIT(huh09a04)**

01:29:51 Janie McCall, Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch

01:37:53 Jim McVeigh, Montana Children's Institute/Acadia Montana

01:38:57 Anita Roessmann, Disability Rights Montana

01:40:45 John Wilkinson, Executive Director National Association of Social Workers Montana

01:42:31 Rep. Hunter

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:43:00 Rep. Noonan

01:43:25 Rep. O'Neil

01:43:58 Rep. Noonan

01:44:07 Hank Hudson, DPHHS

01:44:53 Rep. Noonan

01:45:26 Hank Hudson, DPHHS

01:46:09 Rep. Ingraham

01:47:11 Hank Hudson, DPHHS

01:48:19 Rep. Ingraham

01:49:19 Rep. Kaufmann

01:51:04 Rep. Furey

01:51:54 Hank Hudson, DPHHS

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:52:48 Rep. O'Neil

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:54:20

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Miranda Keaster, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([huh09aad.pdf](#))**