

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY

Call to Order: Chair Jason Priest, on February 18, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 317-C
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jason Priest, Chair (R)
Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Rowlie Hutton (R)
Sen. Dave Lewis (R)
Sen. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Jeff Essmann (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Julianne Burkhardt, Legislative Branch
Liane Taylor, Committee Secretary

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:	SB 351	Executive Action:	SB 351
	SB 362		HJ 5
	SB 366		
	SB 370		
	HJ 5		

HEARING ON SB 351

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:12 Sen. Rick Ripley (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 351, Revise laws governing managed care.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:39 Robert Olsen, representing Montana Hospital Association (MHA)

EXHIBIT(phs40a01)

00:10:29 Doug Davenport, Chief Financial Officer, Benefis Health System (BHS)

EXHIBIT(phs40a02)

00:14:10 Bill Warden, representing St. Pete's and Bozeman Deaconess Hospitals

00:14:40 Charlie Briggs, representing Easter Seals/Goodwill

00:18:53 Mike Foster, representing Catholic Hospitals of Montana (CHM)

00:19:35 Rose Hughes, representing Montana Health Care Association (MHCA)

00:22:51 Travis Hoffman, representing Centers for Independent Living (CIL)

00:25:02 Matt Kuntz, representing National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI)

00:25:30 Dennis Taylor, Montana Children's Initiative (MCI)

EXHIBIT(phs40a03)

EXHIBIT(phs40a04)

00:27:34 Claudia Clifford, AARP

00:26:54 Dan Aune, Mental Health America (MHA)

00:28:25 Mona Jamison, Shodair Children's Hospital (SCH)

00:30:34 Aimee Grmoljez, Billings clinic

00:31:26 Erin MacLean, representing Montana Medical Association (MMA)

00:32:08 Beth Brenneman, representing Disability Rights Montana (DRM)

00:32:33 Steve Yeakel, representing Montana Council for Maternal and Child Health (MCMCH)

00:33:22 Jan Cahill, representing Montana Community Disability Services (MCDS)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:34:46 Sen. Gillan

00:36:21 Sen. Ripley

00:36:31 Robert Olsen, (MHA)

00:37:57 Sen. Gillan

00:38:30 Robert Olsen

00:39:30 Sen. Gillan

00:40:01 Robert Olsen

00:41:01 Sen. Gillan

00:41:56 Robert Olsen

00:42:50 Sen. Gillan

00:42:56 Sen. Caferro

00:43:28 Doug Davenport, BHS

00:43:40 Sen. Caferro
00:43:47 Doug Davenport
00:43:50 Sen. Caferro
00:44:11 Doug Davenport

Closing by Sponsor:

00:44:20 Sen. Ripley

EXHIBIT(phs40a05)

HEARING ON SB 366

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:46:46 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 366, Generally revise welfare laws.

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony:

00:49:30 Linda Snedigar, Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS)
00:50:32 Kelsen Young, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
(MCADSV)
00:53:02 Olivia Riutta, Montana Women Vote (MWV)
00:55:42 Beth Brenneman, representing Disability Rights Montana (DRM)

Informational Testimony:

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:57:26 Sen. Caferro
00:58:27 Linda Snedigar, DPHHS
01:01:04 Sen. Caferro
01:01:25 Linda Snedigar

Closing by Sponsor:

01:01:44 Sen. Vincent
01:03:42 Committee in Recess

HEARING ON SB 370

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:12:22 Sen. Jason Priest (R), SD 30, opened the hearing on SB 370, Require cost-benefit analysis of mandated health insurance coverage of service.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:13:36 Jon Bennion, representing Montana Chamber of Commerce (MCC)
01:16:17 Dennis Lopach, representing Americas Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)
01:16:39 Richard Miltonburger, Mountain West Benefits (MSB)
01:19:01 Susan Witee, General Counsel, Allegiance Life and Health Insurance Co. (ALHI)
01:20:05 Tanya Ask, representing New West Health Service (NWHS)
01:21:11 Frank Cote, Blue Cross and Blue Shield (BCBS)

Opponents' Testimony:

01:21:56 Jim Aherns, representing American Cancer Society (ACS)
01:26:36 Russ Hill, Administrator, State Employees Health Plan, Department of Administration (DOA)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:30:39 Sen. Van Dyk
01:31:19 Sen. Priest
01:31:22 Sen. Van Dyk
01:31:53 Sen. Priest
01:32:11 Sen. Van Dyk
01:32:35 Sen. Priest
01:32:38 Sen. Lewis
01:32:58 Sen. Van Dyk
01:33:23 Russ Hill, DOA
01:33:43 Sen. Van Dyk
01:33:48 Sen. Gillan
01:34:49 Sen. Priest
01:39:18 Sen. Gillan
01:40:06 Sen. Priest

Closing by Sponsor:

01:41:07 Sen. Priest

HEARING ON HJ 5

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:43:14 Rep. Keith Regier (R), HD 5, opened the hearing on HJ 5, Establish Montanan's with Developmental Disabilities Appreciation Week.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:47:04 Kyler Morrison, self

01:47:51 Kent Morrison, self

01:50:55 Bob Norbie, Chief Executive Officer, Special Olympics of Montana

01:54:24 Steve York, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)

EXHIBIT(phs40a06)

01:55:09 Dr. Sam Herbert, self

02:01:05 Beth Brenneman, Disability Rights Montana (DRM)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses: None

02:01:57 Sen. Gillan

02:02:44 Rep. Regier

Closing by Sponsor:

02:02:53 Rep. Regier

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HJ 5

02:03:55 Sen. Gillan moved that **HJ 5 DO CONCUR.**

Discussion:

02:04:30 Sen. Caferro

02:04:34 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote with Sens. Murphy and Essmann voting by proxy.

HEARING ON SB 362

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:13:32 Sen. Alan Olson (R), SD 23, opened the hearing on SB 362, Requiring health insurance rates be filed with insurance commissioner for review.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:15:31 Frank Cote, Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS)
02:17:08 Dennis Lopach, representing Americas Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)
02:17:33 Susan Witee, General Counsel, Allegiance Life and Health Insurance Co. (ALHI)
02:18:42 Tanya Ask, New West Health Services (NWHS)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:20:04 Sen. Van Dyk
02:20:21 Sen. Olson
02:21:41 Sen. Van Dyk
02:22:05 Sen. Olson
02:22:18 Sen. Priest
02:22:46 Susan Witee, ALHI
02:22:55 Sen. Priest
02:23:22 Susan Witee
02:24:07 Sen. Priest
02:25:08 Tanya Ask, NWHS
02:27:30 Sen. Priest
02:27:38 Tanya Ask

Closing by Sponsor:

02:29:21 Sen. Olson

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 351

02:32:46 **Motion:** Sen. Hutton moved that **SB 351 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

02:33:00 Sen. Gillan
02:36:30 Sen. Lewis
02:37:33 Sen. Gillan
02:39:18 Sen. Hutton

02:39:34 Sen. Van Dyk
02:40:08 Sen. Priest
02:42:03 Sen. Gillan
02:43:21 Sen. Hutton
02:43:36 Sen. Gillan
02:44:25 Sen. Priest

02:44:31 **Vote:** Motion carried 7-1 with Sen. Gillan voting no and Sen. Essmann voting by proxy.

ADJOURNMENT

02:51:09 Adjournment:

Liane Taylor, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([phs40aad.pdf](#))