

Montana State Legislature

2013 Session

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BUSINESS REPORT

**MONTANA SENATE
63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

SENATE PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, March 18, 2013
Place: Capitol

Time: 3:00 PM
Room: 317-A

BILLS and RESOLUTIONS HEARD:

HB 473 - Revise medical lien laws - Rep. Scott Reichner
HB 544 - Revising insurance provisions related to provider networks - Rep. Scott Reichner
SR 21 - Confirm Governor's appointment for director of DPHHS - Sen. Jason Priest

EXECUTIVE ACTION TAKEN:

SR 21 - Be Adopted

Comments:



SEN. Jason Priest, Chair

MONTANA STATE SENATE

Roll Call

PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

DATE: March 18, 2013

<u>NAME</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT/ EXCUSED</u>
CHAIRMAN JASON PRIEST	X	
VICE CHAIRMAN TERRY MURPHY	X	
SENATOR MARY CAFERRO	X	
SENATOR GREG JERGESON		X
SENATOR FRED THOMAS		X
SENATOR DAVE WANZENRIED	X	
SENATOR ART WITTICH		X



SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

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Mr. President:

We, your committee on **Public Health, Welfare and Safety** recommend that **Senate Resolution 21** (first reading copy -- white) **be adopted.**

Signed: _____

Jason Murphy
Senator Jason Priest, Chair

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Committee Vote:

Yes 5, No 0

Fiscal Note Required

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Monday, March 18, 2013

HB 473 - Revise Medical Lien Laws

Sponsor: Rep. Scott Reichner

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Name	Representing	Support	Oppose	Info
Al Smith	MTLA		X	
Roger Meblen	ALPS		AMPA	
MARK BAKER	KRH	X		
Gary Sprath	Optim Trist RadiTrist	X		
Kelly Klein	Mont Med Assoc	X		
Erik Tveson	Private Attorneys, Clients		X	
JAMIE CAREY	MTLA		X	
Jessie Luther	MHA	X		
Bruce Spencer	PCI		X	
Chris van Loosan	State Farm		X	
Jacob Conroy	AIA		X	
Donald Miller	Community Medical Ct	X		
Tom Ebzery	Catholic Hospital	X		
Anne E. Gomez	Billings Clinic	X		
Jessie Luther	MHA	X		

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

March 18, 2013

The Honorable Jason Priest, Chairman
Senate Public Health, Welfare and Safety Committee
Montana State Senate
PO Box 200500
Helena, MT 59620-0500

RE: Support for SR 21 – Confirm Governor’s appointment for director of DPHHS

Dear Chairman Priest and Members of the Senate Public Health, Welfare and Safety Committee:

On behalf of RiverStone Health, Yellowstone County’s public health organization, I am pleased to submit this letter in support of Richard Opper’s confirmation as the director of the Department of Public Health and Human Services as provided for in SR 21.

Our organization worked with Mr. Opper in his previous position as the director of the Department of Environmental Quality. In July of 2011 an oil pipeline broke under the Yellowstone River near Billings and throughout the incident, from assessment to recovery, Mr. Opper skillfully coordinated DEQ’s response with local, state, and federal governmental officials as well as individuals in the private industry. In a time of emergency and on a day-to-day basis, we found Mr. Opper to be very responsive and thorough in his actions.

In recent months, we have had the pleasure of working with Mr. Opper throughout DPHHS’s legislative budgeting process. His attention to detail and his understanding of the complexities of the department are impressive at this early stage in his tenure with DPHHS. Over the course of his appointment, we expect to see the department thrive under Mr. Opper’s leadership.

Thank you for your consideration in support of Mr. Opper’s confirmation as director of DPHHS. We look forward continuing to work with Mr. Opper and the staff at DPHHS to improve the life, health and safety of all Montanans.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Schneeman, Director
Communication & Advocacy

Cc: Senators Terry Murphy, Mary Caferro, Greg Jergeson, Fred Thomas, Dave Wanzenried, Art Wittich