

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 63rd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

**Call to Order:** Chair Tom Berry, on February 4, 2013 at 11:00 A.M., in Room 172  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Tom Berry, Chair (R)  
Rep. Carlie Boland, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Daniel R. Salomon, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Christy Clark (R)  
Rep. Amanda Curtis (D)  
Rep. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Rep. Edward Greef (R)  
Rep. Chuck Hunter (D)  
Rep. Mike Lang (R)  
Rep. Jonathan McNiven (R)  
Rep. David (Doc) Moore (R)  
Rep. Reilly Neill (D)  
Rep. Rae Peppers (D)  
Rep. Gordon Pierson Jr (D)  
Rep. Scott Reichner (R)  
Rep. Cary Smith (R)  
Rep. Tom Steenberg (D)  
Rep. Jeffrey W. Welborn (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Roger A. Hagan (R)  
Rep. Carolyn Squires (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Ellen Bush, Committee Secretary  
Bart Campbell, 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 87, 2/1/2013; HB 280, 2/1/2013

00:17:00 Chair Berry

### **HEARING ON HB 87**

#### **Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:17:22 Rep. Jeffrey Welborn (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 87, Provide state insurance commissioner with health insurance rate review authority.

#### **Proponents' Testimony:**

00:18:56 Jesse Laslovich, Chief Legal Counsel, State Auditor Office (SAO)

**EXHIBIT(buh24a01)**

**EXHIBIT(buh24a02)**

00:32:57 Dennis Erickson, Bozeman Businessman

00:37:51 Frank Cote, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Montana (BCBS)

00:40:24 Bill Warden, National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA)

00:40:56 Bruce Spencer, America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP)

00:41:37 Aimee Grmoljez, New West Health Insurance

00:42:03 Bob Biskupiak, Executive Director, Independent Insurance Agents of Montana

00:42:41 Olivia Riutta, Co-Director, Montana Women Vote

00:44:29 Glen Oppel, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:44:46 Claudia Clifford, Advocacy Director, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP)

00:45:20 Todd Lovshin, Pacific Source Health Plans

00:46:19 Jim Ahrens, American Cancer Society and American Cancer Network

00:46:35 Sheena Rice, Montana Organizing Project and Montana Small Business Alliance

#### **Opponents' Testimony:**

00:47:48 John Barrows, Montana Newspaper Association (MNA)

**Informational Testimony:** None

#### **Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:50:08 Rep. Smith

00:51:24 Mr. Cote, BCBS

00:55:10 Rep. Smith

00:56:08 Mr. Cote, BCBS

00:57:42 Rep. Smith

00:58:07 Mr. Cote, BCBS

00:58:19 Rep. Smith

00:58:24 Mr. Cote, BCBS

01:00:39 Rep. Smith

01:00:50 Rep. Hunter

01:01:39 Mr. Lazlovich, SAO

01:02:53 Rep. Hunter

01:03:14 Mr. Lazlovich, SAO

#### **Closing by Sponsor:**

01:03:48 Rep. Welborn

**HEARING ON HB 280****Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:05:24 Rep. Cary Smith (R), HD 55, opened the hearing on HB 280, Authorize choice for out-of-state health care insurance.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:13:20 Mr. Cote, BCBS

01:17:49 Don Judge, Montana Nurses Association

**Informational Testimony:**

01:23:53 Christina Goe, SAO

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:24:25 Rep. Hunter

01:25:00 Mr. Cote, BCBS

01:25:06 Rep. Hunter

01:25:25 Mr. Cote, BCBS

01:28:35 Rep. Hunter

01:29:24 Mr. Cote, BCBS

01:31:27 Chair Berry

01:31:34 Mr. Cote

01:31:43 Rep. Hunter

01:32:35 Ms. Goe, SAO

01:33:24 Rep. Hunter

01:33:47 Ms. Goe, SAO

01:34:34 Rep. Hunter

01:34:41 Rep. Curtis

01:35:36 Ms. Goe, SAO

01:36:46 Rep. Lang

01:37:00 Rep. Smith

01:38:10 Rep. Lang

01:38:40 Rep. Smith

01:39:32 Rep. Salomon

01:40:06 Rep. Smith

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:41:23 Rep. Smith

01:44:02 Chair Berry

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:44:35

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Ellen Bush, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([buh24aad.pdf](#))**